

THE RISE AND FALL OF  
**DAVID**



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**JAMES 1:14-15** <sup>NIV</sup>

...but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.



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Bathsheba may or may not have been a willing participant in this. There is no way of telling whether she was flattered by David's attention or felt coerced and unable to refuse the king's command. The writer makes no judgment about Bathsheba's guilt, but there is no doubt at all about David's.

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**2 SAMUEL 11:5** <sup>NIV</sup>

The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."



**2 SAMUEL 11:6-8** NIV

So David sent this word to Joab: “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” And Joab sent him to David.  
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## **2 SAMUEL 11:9-11** NIV

But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup> David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?" <sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, and my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"





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## **2 SAMUEL 11:12-15** NIV

Then David said to him, “Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. <sup>13</sup> At David’s invitation, he ate and drank with him, and **David made him drunk**. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master’s servants; he did not go home. <sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In it he wrote, “**Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die.**”



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**2 SAMUEL 11:16-18 NIV**

So while Joab had the city under siege, he put Uriah at a place where he knew the strongest defenders were. <sup>17</sup> When the men of the city came out and fought against Joab, some of the men in David's army fell; moreover, Uriah the Hittite died. <sup>18</sup> Joab sent David a full account of the battle.



## **2 SAMUEL 11:22-24** NIV

The messenger set out, and when he arrived he told David everything Joab had sent him to say. <sup>23</sup> The messenger said to David, “The men overpowered us and came out against us in the open, but we drove them back to the entrance of the city gate. <sup>24</sup> Then the archers shot arrows at your servants from the wall, and some of the king’s men died. Moreover, your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead.”



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After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. **But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.**



**SIN IS DESTRUCTIVE, DECEPTIVE,  
AND DISPLEASES GOD**





**SIN DISPLEASES GOD**



**1 JOHN 1:9** NIV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**1 JOHN 1:8** NIV

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

