

## **21 – DAVID’S FALL (2 SAMUEL 11:1-12:25; 1 CHRONICLES 20:1-3)**

### I. David’s Sin (2 Samuel 11:1-5; 1 Chronicles 20:1)

#### A. The War Against Ammon (2 Samuel 11:1; 1 Chronicles 20:1)

- In the springtime, when it was normal for nations to go to war, Joab went against Ammon.
- David remained in Jerusalem as the Army of Israel lay siege to Rabbah.

#### B. The Occasion (2 Samuel 11:2)

- One evening, David arose from his bed and was walking on the roof of the palace.
- David saw a beautiful woman bathing.

#### C. The Sin (2 Samuel 11:3-4)

- David inquired as to the woman’s identity and he was told Bathsheba, Uriah the Hittite’s wife.
- David sent for her and then he took and had sex with her.

#### D. The Pregnancy (2 Samuel 11:5)

- Bathsheba sent word to David that she had conceived and was bearing his child.

### II. David’s Cover-up (2 Samuel 11:6-27)

#### A. The First Attempt (2 Samuel 11:6-12)

- Upon hearing the news, David sent word to Joab to send him Uriah the Hittite.
- When Uriah arrived, David asked him about all the news concerning the war with Ammon.
- He then sent Uriah to his house to be refreshed with a gift of food.
- Uriah slept in the door of the king’s house with the servants and did not go home.
- The next morning David asked Uriah why he did not go home since he had traveled far.
- Uriah felt that it was not right to go home while the Ark and the armies of Israel were in battle.
- David then told Uriah to wait until morning when he would send him back to the battle.

#### B. The Second Attempt (2 Samuel 11:13)

- That evening, David made Uriah drunk, hoping that he would go home to sleep.

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- Instead, Uriah went and slept with the servants of the king and did not go home.

## C. The Fatal Attempt (2 Samuel 11:14-25)

- The next morning, David wrote a letter to Joab and had Uriah deliver it.
- The letter commanded that Uriah be placed in hottest battle and be abandoned to death.
- Joab placed Uriah against some of the best troops in Ammon, where he died with others.
- Joab then sent a messenger to inform the king concerning news from the battle.
- He told the messenger that if the king objects to the death of some, tell him Uriah is also dead.
- The messenger relayed the news from the battle and that Uriah the Hittite was killed as well.
- David relayed that Joab should not be discouraged since this was the course of war.
- Joab was to strengthen his attack and overthrow the city.

## D. David Takes Bathsheba As His Wife (2 Samuel 11:26-27)

- When Bathsheba heard that her husband Uriah had died, she mourned for him.
- After the period of mourning, David sent for her and she became his wife.
- She then bore David a son and the Lord was greatly displeased by what David has done.

## III. David Confronted (2 Samuel 12:1-25)

### A. Nathan's Story (2 Samuel 12:1-4)

- The Lord sent Nathan to see David.
- Nathan tells David a story about two men, one who was rich and the other who was poor.
- The rich man had great wealth and large flocks, while the poor man had one little lamb.
- The poor man treated the lamb as if it were his own daughter.
- The rich man had a visitor and he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for a meal.

### B. David's Anger (2 Samuel 12:5-6)

- After hearing Nathan's story, David became very angry at the rich man, because he had no pity.
- David stated that the man deserved to die and he must make a four-fold restitution for the lamb.

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## C. Nathan's Confrontation of David (2 Samuel 12:7-12)

- Nathan proclaims that David is the man.
- He stated that the Lord anointed David to be king and delivered him from Saul.
- The Lord gave David all that his master had along with Israel and Judah.
- The Lord stated that if that had been too little, he would have given more to David.
- Nathan questions David as to why he was despising the Lord in doing this great evil.
- Nathan stated that David killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife.
- Nathan pronounced that the sword would never depart from his house.
- The Lord will raise up adversity against David.
- The Lord will take his wives and give them to a neighbor who will have sex with them.
- What David did in secret with happen will his wives in broad daylight.

## D. David's Confession (2 Samuel 12:13-14)

- David confessed to Nathan that he had sinned against the Lord.
- Nathan stated that the Lord had put David's sin away and that he would not die.
- However, because of the severity of this sin, the child born to him will die.

## E. The Child Dies (2 Samuel 12:15-23)

- After Nathan departed for his house, the Lord struck the child and it became ill.
- David pleaded with the Lord for the child as he fasted and laid down before the Lord.
- Elders went to David to raise him up, but he refused their pleas and food.
- On the seventh day, the child died and the servants were afraid to tell David.
- David perceived that the child was dead and asked the servants about the baby.
- Upon hearing the news, David washed and requested food.
- Servants asked why David was acting this way.
- David stated that he fasted and prayed because God could possibly spare the child in his mercy.

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- David states that he cannot bring the child back to him, but he can go to the child.

## F. The Birth of Solomon (2 Samuel 12:24-25)

- David comforted Bathsheba concerning the death of their child.
- She conceived and bore a son which they named Solomon.
- the Lord loved this child and sent word by the prophet Nathan concerning his love.

## VI. Ammon Defeated (2 Samuel 12:26-31; 1 Chronicles 1:2-3)

- Joab sent messengers to David saying that he had taken Rabbah's water supply.
- He told David to bring the rest of the army to take the city or he would.
- David gathered the remaining army and went and took the city of Rabbah.
- He took the crown of the Kings of Ammon from the Ammonite king.
- He took great spoil from the city and enslaved the people of Ammon as workers for Israel.
- He then returned to Jerusalem with the army of Israel.