

2 Samuel 11: The Picture Falls

2 Samuel 10 Review:

- **Shame:** Jesus walked in our shoes, **Retribution:** Vengeance is God's alone; forgiveness is NOT optional, **Courage:** We must move on and let God judge rightly

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1Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out to battle, that **David sent Joab** and his servants with him and all Israel, and they **destroyed the sons of Ammon** and **besieged Rabbah**. But **David stayed at Jerusalem**.

- Joab and ALL Israel sent, destroying the sons of Ammon
- Besieged Rabbah, the Capital and would be there a while
- But David stayed
- David (flesh) begins to "set himself up"; devil and the world are happy to follow

2Now when **evening came** David **arose** from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a **woman bathing**; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance.

- **Insomnia:** Not doing what he knows is right; too much time
- If you look for an opportunity to sin, you will find it & David did
- Evening came: God cannot see; Self-deception
- **Omnipresent:** Everywhere all the time
- **Omnipotent:** All Powerful
- **Omniscient:** All seeing (rev.7 eyes or complete seeing everything)

Jeremiah 23:23 "Am I a God who is near," declares the LORD, "And not a God far off? 24"Can a man hide himself in hiding places So I do not see him?" declares the LORD "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?" declares the LORD.

- Woman bathing: Why "in sight"? Innocent? (Genealogy)

3So David sent and **inquired about the woman**. And one said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" 4David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, he lay with her;

- **Obsessed**; blinded by sin, not caring about the cost, which will be great
- **Lust and opportunity meet**, sin is birthed, then death

James 1:15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. [Spiritual and physical]

CNN: 3/11/2008 *First study of its kind shows nearly 3 million teen girls have an STD. HPV [human papillomavirus], which can cause cervical cancer, is the most prevalent.*

- 1 in 4 teenage girls has **at least 1 STD**
- **#1 HPV:** Cervical Cancer and **#2 Chlamydia:** Infertility
- Abortionists Planned Parenthood say abstinence teaching is useless
- Teens blame parents for not preparing them properly
- **Sowing and reaping:** Our sin affects us and others
- Who knows so far? Those inquired of; the messengers sent to "take her"
- **Family known:** Bathsheba...daughter of Eliam; husband of Uriah

5The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "**I am pregnant.**"

- Now in David's court: Penalty is Death

Deuteronomy: 22:22 " If a man is found lying with a married woman, then both of them shall die, the man who lay with the woman, and the woman; thus you shall purge the evil from Israel.

- How much adultery is in Saudi Arabia? Very little
- How many children openly rebelled in Israel 3-4000 years ago?

...and when she [Bathsheba] had **purified herself from her**

uncleanness, she returned to her house.

- **Meaning:** She was in the midst of a 7 day menstrual purification when she was with David
- Author makes clear it is not Uriah's baby, but David's
- Instead of focusing on God, David focuses on the phrase "**If a man** is found lying with a woman..."

6Then David sent to Joab, saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." So Joab sent Uriah to David. 7When Uriah came to him, David asked concerning the welfare of Joab and the people and the state of the war. 8Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and a present from the king was sent out after him.

- **David calls Uriah called back** from war and tells him to go home and sleep with his wife
- Present sent: Hebrew word for "food"

9But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

- Character revealed

10Now when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" 11Uriah said to David, "**The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in temporary shelters**, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? By your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing."

- **The Ark:** David must remember his concern for the Ark of the Lord and the presence of the LORD in his life

2 Samuel 7:2 "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains."

- How he wanted to bless the LORD but the LORD blessed him:

2 Samuel 7:12 "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom. 13" He shall build a

house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

- The very Son of God would be a humanly descended from David
- God will keep His promise...
- David will be again draw close to God...
- But for David, things will never seem the same until heaven
- The Arc is at the battle...why aren't you? David hardens his heart

12Then David said to Uriah, "Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you go." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. 13Now David called him, and he ate and drank before him, and he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his bed with his lord's servants, but he did not go down to his house.

- Uriah would not have pleasure while his brothers were fighting

14Now in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 He had written in the letter, saying, "Place Uriah in the front line of the fiercest battle and withdraw from him, so that he may be struck down and die." 16So it was as Joab kept watch on the city, that he put Uriah at the place where he knew there were valiant men. 17The men of the city went out and fought against Joab, and some of the people among David's servants fell; and Uriah the Hittite also died.

- Uriah carries his own death sentence, David once a defender of the humiliated...now humiliates
- David now uses Joab as an accomplice; in steeped in the process of breaking the 6th, 7th, 9th and 10th commandments
- Ammon comes out of the city and Uriah is killed

18Then Joab sent and reported to David all the events of the war. 19He charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling all the events of the war to the king, 20and if it happens that the king's wrath rises and he says to you, '**Why did you go so near to the city to fight? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?**' 21'Who struck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Did not a woman throw an upper millstone on him from the wall so that he died at Thebez? Why did you go so near the wall?'--then you

shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'"

- **Joab:** If David criticizes my strategy...just tell him Uriah is dead
- Abimelech son on Gideon was struck this way, why did you...

22So the messenger departed and came and reported to David all that Joab had sent him to tell. 23The messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us and came out against us in the field, but we pressed them as far as the entrance of the gate. 24"Moreover, the archers shot at your servants from the wall; so some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead."

- David, a man after God's own heart: Adulterer, murderer, coveter, and liar
- Who knows now: Joab his right hand man

25Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab, '**Do not let this thing displease you**, for the sword devours one as well as another; make your battle against the city stronger and overthrow it'; and so encourage him."

- Hypocrite: The "compassionate wise military strategist"

26Now when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. 27When the time of mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house and she became his wife; then she bore him a son But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the LORD.

- **Uriah:** A mighty man (2 Samuel 23:39)
- Also mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus

Matthew 1: 6 Jesse was the father of David the king. David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba **who had been the wife of Uriah.**

CONCLUSION: God's love and faithfulness never changed toward David. Never the less, David was never the same as He knew He had hurt the One who is so kind to him [Psalm 51]

- Previously David conquered the Ammonites as he defended the humiliated; perhaps he thought he was now able to indulge as a reward for being so kind

- Sin always has its roots in pride...self

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

- Yes we all sin and there is forgiveness
- Forgiveness does not eliminate consequences
- Years later God keeps his promise

1 Kings 15:1 (Read) Now in the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, Abijam became king over Judah. 2He reigned three years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. 3He walked in all the sins of his father which he had committed before him; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the LORD his God, like the heart of his father David. 4But for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to raise up his son after him and to establish Jerusalem; 5 because David did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, **except in the case of Uriah the Hittite.**

- **Deceit of Sin:** Only telling us the fun part
- Temporary pleasure: Lifetime of regret

Hebrews 11:24 (Read) By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to **enjoy the passing pleasures of sin**, 26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; **for he was looking to the reward.**

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