

THE RISE AND FALL OF A NATION



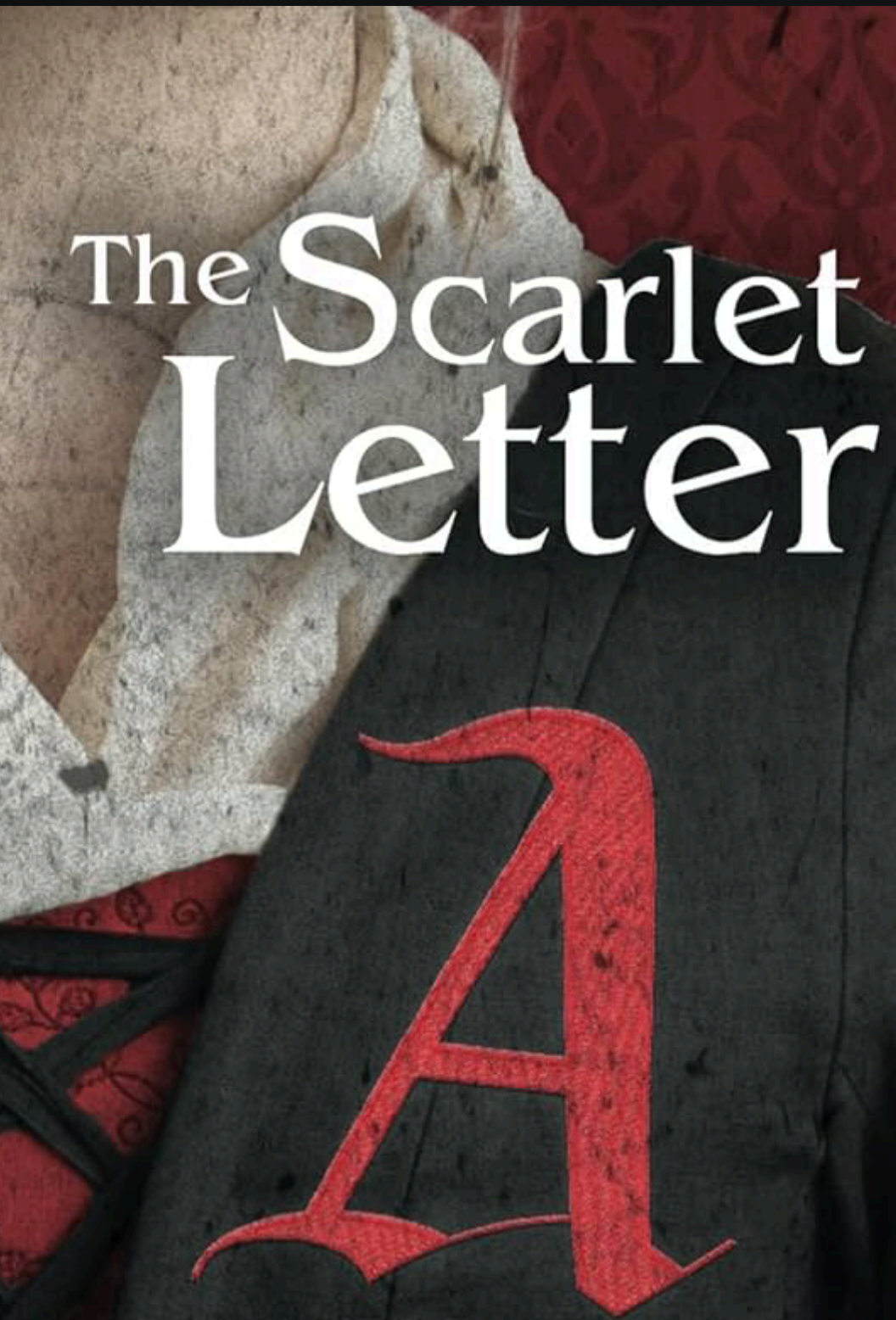
Lessons from Israel's First Kings

Bathsheba

And the God of Second Chances



How is Bathsheba mostly remembered?



- As a women with little discretion
- As an adulterer
- As a sinner

Her Story is filled with Brokenness

2 Samuel 11: 26 “When Uriah’s wife (Bathsheba) heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. 27 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.”



2 Samuel 12:13 “Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. 14 But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the Lord, the son born to you will die.” 15 After Nathan had gone home, the Lord struck the child that Uriah’s wife had borne to David, and he became ill.

18 On the seventh day the child died...



Bathsheba's Life was Broken

- She experienced abuse
- She was labeled by her sin (Adultery)
- She experienced grief after losing her husband (Uriah)
- She felt the pain of losing a child
- She carried guilt, shame, regret, and disappointment
- Maybe some of you can relate to her story?



The Lord met her, along with David,
in the brokenness.

(He wants to meet us too)

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves
those who are crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18



He gives her a new identity and purpose

(Take off those old labels)

“Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord.

“Though your **sins** are like **scarlet**, they shall be as white as snow ”

Isaiah 1:18

Your story might include brokenness, but that's not
the end of the story...



Kintsugi is pronounced Keen-soo-gee

When something has value, you don't throw it away, you have it repaired to tell the story.



24 Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and made love to her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The Lord loved him; 25 and because the Lord loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.”



Bathsheba became a Godly woman full of
humility, strength, and influence.

1 Kings 1: 1 “When King David was very old, he could not keep warm even when they put covers over him. 2 So his attendants said to him, “Let us look for a young virgin to serve the king and take care of him. She can lie beside him so that our Lord the king may keep warm.” 3 Then they searched throughout Israel for a beautiful young woman and found Abishag, a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4 The woman was very beautiful; she took care of the king and waited on him, but the king had no sexual relations with her. 5 Now **Adonijah**, whose mother was Haggith, put himself forward and said, “**I will be king.**” So he got chariots and horses ready, with fifty men to run ahead of him.”



King David 	Son	Mother
	1 Amnon	Ahinoam
	2 Daniel (Chileab)	Abigail
	3 Absalom	Maacah
	4 Adonijah	Haggith
	5 Shephatiah	Abital
	6 Ithream	Eglah
	7 Shimea	Bathsheba
	8 Shobab	Bathsheba
	9 Nathan	Bathsheba
	10 Solomon 	Bathsheba
	Nine other sons	Concubines



11 Then the Prophet Nathan asked Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, "Have you not heard that Adonijah, the son of Haggith, has become king, and our Lord David knows nothing about it? 12 Now then, let me advise you how you can save your own life and the life of your son Solomon. 13 Go in to King David and say to him, 'My Lord the king, did you not swear to me your servant: "Surely Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne"? Why then has Adonijah become king?"



15 So Bathsheba went to see the aged king in his room, where Abishag the Shunammite was attending him. 16 Bathsheba bowed down, prostrating herself before the king. “What is it you want?” the king asked. 17 She said to him, “My Lord, you yourself swore to me your servant by the Lord your God: ‘Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne.’ 18 But now Adonijah has become king, and you, my Lord the king, do not know about it.”



29 The king then took an oath: “As surely as the Lord lives, who has delivered me out of every trouble, 30 I will surely carry out this very day what I swore to you by the Lord, the God of Israel: Solomon your son shall be king after me, and he will sit on my throne in my place.”



King Solomon honored his
mother, Bathsheba.

1 Kings 2:19 “When Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, the king stood up to meet her, bowed down to her and sat down on his throne. He had a throne brought for the king’s mother, and she sat down at his right hand.”



Motherhood is not about being perfect,
it's about allowing God into our stories!