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DAVID AND BATHSHEBA

Chapter 11 David Sins Grievously

Summary: David lies with and impregnates Bathsheba (1-5). He tries unsuccessfully to shift responsibility for the conception to her husband, Uriah (6-13). David orders and causes Uriah's death (14-25). He marries Bathsheba, who bears him a son. God's displeasure will be felt (26-27).

Lesson: *David will experience severe consequences for his sins. Paul writes in Rom. 6:23, " For the wages of sin is death [separation]". But he adds: "but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord".*

Chapter 12 David Repents And Is Restored

Summary: God sends Nathan to confront David for his sins (1-12). David confesses his sins (13a) and God forgives him (13b-14). God kills the child (15-23). But He grants the birth of Solomon, whom God loves (24-25). He also grants victory over Rabbah (26-31).

Lesson: *God's grace is evident in David's forgiveness, Solomon's birth, and Rabbah's defeat: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 Jn. 1:9)*