

Blunder with Bathsheba

2 Samuel 11:1-29

- The Bad Days, Chapters 11-20
- This chapter illustrates God's ultimate plan being fulfilled > getting to Christ.
- Mathew 1: David (Bathsheba) > Solomon > Joseph (Mary) > Jesus
- Luke 3: David > Nathan > Joseph > Jesus
- Sin has its consequences.

1. The Sin – v. 1-5

- 1: victory at Medeba took place in autumn, winter coming on, Joab returned to Jerusalem; D should have gone to battle, not stayed home!
- 2: in the East, it was improper to look over to the inner court of the adjacent building; D had a harem of ~20 women, didn't need any more > had too many to start with!
- 3: also called Bethshua in 1C 3:5; Eliam is the son of Ahithopel, 2S 23:34; she is A's granddaughter; Uriah is the hero of the story; residence adjacent to palace indicates status
- 4: no record of unwillingness on B's part; uncleanness: after *time of the month* allowed conception to occur easily; shameful to lie with her!
- 5: both guilty of Lev. 20:10. B recognizes they are in grave trouble & alarmed.

2. The Coverup – v. 6-13 (9 Total)

- 1S 21:5: stern prohibition of sexual relations on the part of soldiers who were consecrated to warfare
- 6: 1 send me Uriah: hoping to make this child look legitimately Uriah's
- 7: 2 pure hypocrisy: deception on why he was called
- 8: 3 go to your house & wash your feet: well-known idiom, cf. v. 11.
- 9: D instructed servants to spy, possibly the same ones that brought B to D
- 10: shameful conduct probably becoming known
- 11: apparently Ark taken into battle, Absalom did such, 15:24
- 11: tents: possibly used for *Feast of Tabernacles* meaning 6 months have passed since the start of the siege; refusal shows D's efforts in vain.
- 12: 4 keeping Uriah in town

- 13: 5 making Uriah drunk, Habakkuk 2:15-16. Matthew Henry: “Robbing a man of his reason is worse than robbing him of his money.”

3. Removal of Evidence – v. 14-29

- 14: 6 letter to Joab: most despicable act of treachery; Uriah carried his death note!
- 16: 7 massacre of 18 men: *LXX* provides info on number. These men were murdered by direct command of king David.
- 18: 8 Joab’s letter: would’ve looked like everything was going normal on warfront; little speculation on this.
- 22-25: whole city of Jerusalem becoming aware of D’s sinful actions. No way to avoid consequences: B is pregnant with D’s child
- 26: 9 marriage: not long after the period of mourning passed, a “shotgun wedding.” *“Child would have been born 5 months early.”*
- 27: God displeased. A moment of tragic sorrow for D and all Israel.

Lessons:

1. Just because we see something we like doesn’t mean we can take it. D was under the command not to covet his neighbor’s wife” – Jesus instituted the same today.
2. People today try to coverup their sins. D tried 9 times and none of them worked. Too many try to cover up with #9: God knows, and people know. Admit sin, repent of sin, live faithful to God.
3. Uriah is the true hero in this chapter; he does his best to obey his commands and should be praised.

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