**2 Samuel 11** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+11/)

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**David and Bathsheba**

11 In the spring of the year,

the time when kings go out to battle,

David sent Joab,

and

his servants with him,

and

all Israel.

And

they ravaged the Ammonites

and

besieged Rabbah.

But

David remained at Jerusalem.

2 It happened,

late one afternoon,

when David arose from his couch

and

was walking on the roof of the king's house,

(NIV: One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace.

中文和合本: 一日，太陽平西，大衛從床上起來，在王宮的平頂上遊行，

Direct translation from Hebrew Bible: 一日，太陽平西，大衛從他的床上起來，在王宮的平頂上走來走去, (04904: 名詞，單陽 + 3 單陽詞尾, bed 34, bedchamber + 02315 4, couch 1, misc 7; 46; https://bkbible.fhl.net/NUI/#/bible/2Sa/11/2))

that he saw from the roof a woman bathing;

and

the woman was very beautiful.

3 And

David sent

and

inquired about the woman.

And

one said,

“Is not this Bathsheba,

the daughter of Eliam,

the wife of Uriah the Hittite?”

4 So David sent messengers

and

took her,

and

she came to him,

and

he lay with her.

(Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.)

Then she returned to her house.

5 And

the woman conceived,

and

she sent

and

told David,

“I am pregnant.”

6 So David sent word to Joab,

“Send me Uriah the Hittite.”

And

Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 When Uriah came to him,

David asked how Joab was doing

and

how the people were doing

and

how the war was going.

8 Then David said to Uriah,

“Go down to your house

and

wash your feet.”

And

Uriah went out of the king's house,

and

there followed him a present from the king.

9 But

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.

10 When they told David,

“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?”

11 Uriah said to David,

“The ark

and

Israel

and

Judah dwell in booths,

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?

As you live,

and

as your soul lives,

I will not do this thing.”

12 Then David said to Uriah,

“Remain here today also,

and tomorrow

I will send you back.”

So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day

and

the next.

13 And

David invited him,

and

he ate in his presence

and

drank,

so that he made him drunk.

And

in the evening

he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord,

but

he did not go down to his house.

14 In the morning

David wrote a letter to Joab

and

sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 In the letter

he wrote,

“Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting,

and then

draw back from him,

that he may be struck down,

and

die.”

16 And

as Joab was besieging the city,

he assigned Uriah to the place

where he knew

there were valiant men.

17 And

the men of the city came out

and

fought with Joab,

and

some of the servants of David among the people fell.

Uriah the Hittite also died.

18 Then Joab sent

and

told David all the news about the fighting.

19 And

he instructed the messenger,

“ When you have finished telling all the news about the fighting to the king,

20 then,

if the king's anger rises,

and

if he says to you,

‘Why did you go so near the city to fight?

Did you not know

that they would shoot from the wall?

21 Who killed Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth?

Did not a woman cast 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.’”

22 So the messenger went

and

came

and

told David

all that Joab had sent him to tell.

23 The messenger said to David,

“The men gained an advantage over us

and

came out against us in the field,

but

we drove them back to the entrance of the gate.

24 Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall.

Some of the king's servants are dead,

and

your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.”

25 David said to the messenger,

“Thus shall you say to Joab,

‘Do not let this matter displease you,

for the sword devours now one

and

now another.

Strengthen your attack against the city

and

overthrow it.’

And

encourage him.”

26 When the wife of Uriah heard

that Uriah her husband was dead,

she lamented over her husband.

27 And

when the mourning was over,

David sent

and

brought her to his house,

and

she became his wife

and

bore him a son.

But

the thing

that David had done

displeased the Lord.