

# Bathsheba

**Bathsheba was the daughter of Eliam, [2 Samuel 11:3] who is listed among the “mighty men” of David [2 Samuel 23:34] and son of Ahithophel, the respected counsellor of David [2 Samuel 16:23] making Bathsheba his granddaughter.**

Bathsheba was married to Uriah the Hittite who was also one of David’s “mighty men” [2 Samuel 23:39].

**Bathsheba was the unlikely link between two most famous kings, David and Solomon.**

**Bathsheba was the lover of David and the mother of Solomon.**

**Bathsheba’s adultery with King David almost brought an end to the family through which God planned physically to enter the world of humans.**

Out of the ashes of sin, however, God brought good. Eventually Jesus Christ, who brought the salvation of humanity, was born to a descendent of David and Bathsheba.

**The account of the union of David and Bathsheba shows how that little wrong decisions often lead to big mistakes.**

**Neither David or Bathsheba were where they should have been, David should have been with his army and Bathsheba was rash in bathing where she could be overlooked.**

**Each decision led to a very sad series of events.**

**2 Samuel 11:1-5** [New King James] *“It happened in the spring of the year, 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 people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king’s house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, ‘Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?’ Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, ‘I am with child.’”*

David abandoned his job of leader of the nation by staying at home, focussed on his own desires. When temptation came in the form of a naked beautiful woman David looked into who she was instead of looking away.

Both Bathsheba and David committed the sin of adultery, then tried to cover up the fact of the result of that sinful union.

**2 Samuel 11:6-15** [New King James] *“Then David sent to Joab, saying, ‘Send me Uriah the Hittite.’ And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah had come to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people were doing, and how the war prospered. And David said to Uriah, ‘Go down to your house and wash your feet.’ So Uriah departed from the king’s house, and a gift of food from the king followed him. 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. So when they told David, saying, ‘Uriah did not go down to his house,’ David said to Uriah, ‘Did you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?’ And Uriah said to David, ‘The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.’ Then David said to Uriah, ‘Wait here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart.’ So Uriah remained in Jerusalem*

*that day and the next. Now when David called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.'*"

**One sin led to another, David could have chosen to stop and turn from evil at any stage along the way.**

**But once sin gets started, it is difficult to stop, [James 1:12-15].**

**The deeper the mess we have got into because of sin, the less we want to admit it, the best solution is to resist the temptation before it leads to a sinful act.**

Bathsheba must have been devastated by the chain of events that followed her decision to take a bath where she could be seen.

From Bathsheba's life we see that the little day-to-day choices we make are very important, for they prepare us to make right choices when big decisions come.

**The wisdom to make right choices in matters small and big is available from the Creator God in His Word, the Christian Bible.**

Although we are caught up in a chain of events, not all of our own making, we are still responsible for the way we participate in those events.

In the worst possible events and situations, the Creator God is still able to bring about good when we turn to Him for forgiveness and help.

**While we must live with the natural consequences of our sins, God's forgiveness of confessed and repented of sins is total.**

Read of David's confession and repentance in **Psalms 51** after it had been shown him by God's prophet Nathan, [**2 Samuel 12:1-24**].

Bathsheba became an influence in the life of David and his son Solomon becoming the king after David, [**1 Kings 1:28-35**].