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2 Samuel PART 5 (chs. 11-12)

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## 2 SAMUEL 11-12

David and Bathsheba

A story of amazing sin ... and amazing grace

It reminds and warns us of the blinding, ensnaring and entangling deceitfulness of sin

We need to approach it appropriately ...

We're looking at another believer's sins

Not self-righteously (1 Corinthians 10:12)

Not self-confidently (Galatians 6:1)

But with sober-mindedness (1 Corinthians 15:34)

**LESSON THEME:** You'll never come out of sin with what you go into sin to find

## The City of David

### Temptation

David's idleness made him ripe for temptation

He's where he shouldn't be

At a time when he shouldn't be there

He was vulnerable

The warrior had laid down his armor

He might have been bored

But he was most definitely alone

And so his look toward Bathsheba lingered

### Imagination

His imagination began to indulge in and ruminate on the sight in front of him

In spite of the facts that if he acts out his sin he will betray ... (11:3)

Uriah: she is this Mighty Man's wife (23:39)

Ahithophel: his counselor's granddaughter (23:34)

He doesn't want to think about God right now

He just wants to be happy

### Surrender

So David moves from imagination to action

He chooses to surrender his will to sin

He summons Bathsheba to the palace

He commits adultery with probably one of his good friends and most loyal soldier's wife

And then they go on about their business

Once sin gets moving it becomes *extremely difficult* to stop (James 1:14-15)

### Covering

Bathsheba learns she's pregnant (v. 5)

David, now entangled in sin's web, schemes to keep his sin hidden (vv. 6-13)

And when drink won't work he orders the execution of a better man (vv. 14-27)

Commandment 10: don't covet



Holy Land Model of Jerusalem (1:50 scale),  
Israel Museum

Commandment 7: don't commit adultery  
Commandment 8/9: don't steal/bear false witness  
Commandment 6: don't murder

## Revealing

David has persisted in hiding his sins for at least 6 months, maybe even 12  
Charles Spurgeon says, "God will not let his children sin successfully."  
God exposes David's secret sins through Nathan's story (vv. 1-7)  
"YOU are the man!"

## Sentencing

The reasons (vv. 7-9)  
David's forgetfulness of God's goodness  
David despised God's Word (above the law?)  
And David unknowingly declares his own punishment (12:5-6)  
A fourfold restitution by the sword (Ex 22:21): (1) the baby;  
(2) Amnon by Absalom; (3) Absalom by Joab;  
(4) Adonijah by Benaiah  
The sword never left David's house (v. 10)



"David's Mighty Men" by James Tissot

## Forgiving

David confesses his sin (v. 13a; Ps 51)  
God forgives him (v. 13b-14; 1 John 1:9)  
But consequences are irreversible (vv. 15-23)  
David is comforted not resigned  
God blesses them with another child  
Jedidiah ("Beloved of the Lord")  
God is keeping His promise (2 Samuel 7:12-13)  
He's putting their past behind and looking ahead



"David Sees Bathsheba Bathing" by James Tissot

## Restoring

There's still kingdom work to be done  
God is ready and willing to use David again ... in spite of his sins  
And gives him and the nation further victory over their enemies

**Application:** You'll never come out of sin  
with what you go into sin to find

## Application

Are you making yourself vulnerable?  
Idle, vulnerable, alone and without armor?  
Where might you be toying with sin rather than remembering James 1:14-15?  
Are you the man or the woman in need of confessing some sin or sinful pattern to God?  
If you've dealt with God regarding your sin, then He's ready and willing to use you again  
in spite of your sin. Are you ready?



"Nathan Reproaches David"  
by James Tissot

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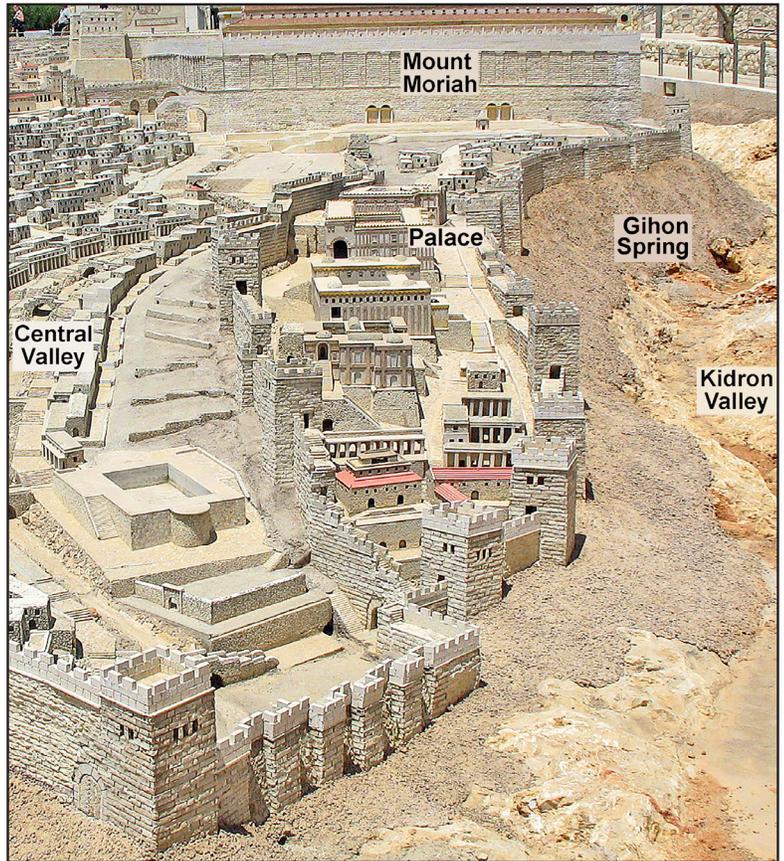
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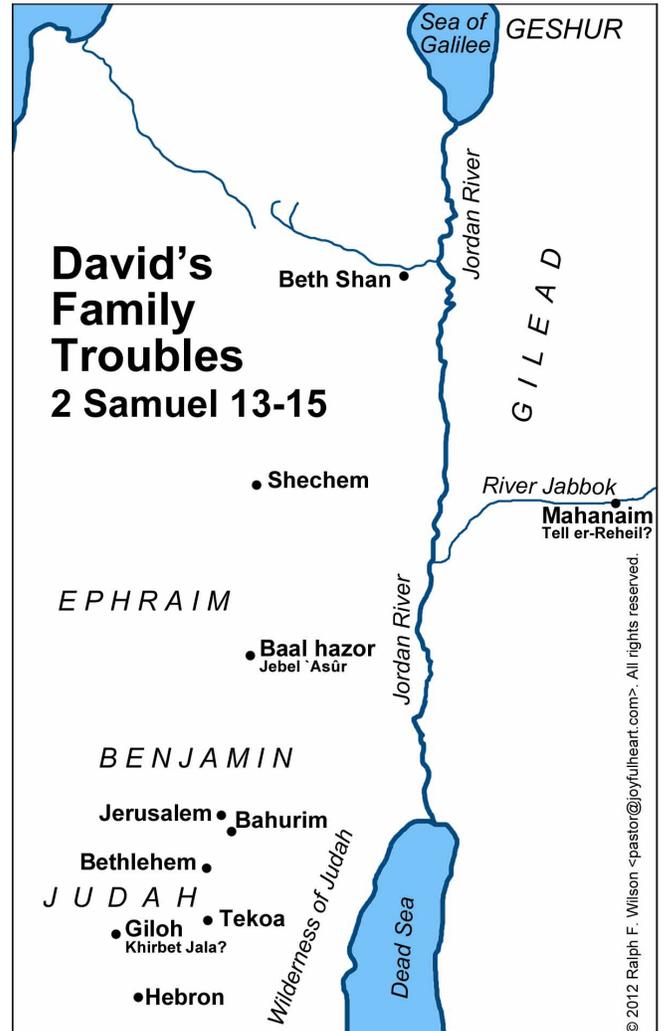
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DAVID'S FAMILY TROUBLES		
Wife	Children	What Happened
Michal (Saul's daughter)	She was childless	David gave her five nephews to the Gibeonites to be killed because of Saul's sins
Ahinoam (from Jezreel)	Amnon, David's first-born	He raped Tamar, his half-sister, and was later murdered by Absalom in revenge
Maacah (daughter of King Talmai of Geshur)	Absalom, third son Tamar, the only daughter mentioned by name	Absalom killed Amnon for raping Tamar and then fled to Geshur. Later he returned, only to rebel against David. He set up a tent on the roof and slept with 10 of his father's concubines there. His pride led to his death.
Hagith	Adonijah, fourth son. He was very handsome, but it is recorded that he was never disciplined	He set himself up as king before David's death. His plot was exposed, and David spared his life, but his half brother Solomon later had him executed
Bathsheba	Unnamed son	Died in fulfillment of God's punishment for David and Bathsheba's adultery
Bathsheba	Solomon	Became the next king of Israel. Ironically, Solomon's many wives caused his downfall

David's many wives caused him much grief. And as a result of David's sin with Bathsheba, God said that murder would be a constant threat in his family, his family would rebel, and someone else would sleep with his wives. All this happened as the prophet Nathan had predicted. The consequences of sin affect not only us but those we know and love.

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