

Old Testament Character Studies: Hiram / Uriah

Sunday, December 18 and Wednesday, December 21

Hiram, King of Tyre (Sunday, December 18)

- According to 2 Samuel 5: 11, what did Hiram, king of Tyre offer to send to David? Why would he make this offer at this particular time?
- What effect did Hiram's assistance have on David? What realization did David come to regarding his status as king of Israel, and what did he learn about God's attitude toward the people of Israel?
- In 1 Kings 5: 1, why did Hiram send his servants to Solomon? What do we learn about Hiram's attitude toward David?
- According to Solomon's message to Hiram in 1 Kings 5: 3 – 5, what project was Solomon about to begin? (*1 Chronicles 22: 6 – 10*)
- From 1 Kings 5: 6 – 7, what resources did Solomon request from Hiram, and how did Hiram respond to Solomon's request? (*1 Chronicles 22: 14*)
- How did Hiram intend to deliver the agreed-upon resources to Solomon, as recorded in 1 Kings 5: 8 – 9? What did Hiram ask in return?
- In 1 Kings 5: 10 – 11, what resources did Solomon provide to Hiram in exchange for the timber provided?
- From 1 Kings 5: 12, what was the long-term result of the arrangement made between Solomon and Hiram?
- 20 years later, as recorded in 1 Kings 9: 10 – 14, what gift did Solomon give to Hiram? What was Hiram's response?
- In 1 Kings 9: 26 – 28, what other assistance did Hiram provide to Solomon?

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Uriah the Hittite (Wednesday, December 21)

- From 2 Samuel 11: 1, what is the context of the events regarding David, Bathsheba and Uriah?
- What dilemma did David place himself in as a result of the events recorded in 2 Samuel 11: 2 – 5?
- From 2 Samuel 11: 6 – 8, how did David try to address the situation resulting from his adulterous relationship with Bathsheba? (*Proverbs 28: 13*)
- In 2 Samuel 11: 9 – 11, why did Uriah refuse to sleep in his house? What does his explanation indicate about his character?
- How did Uriah respond to a similar attempt from David, as recorded in 2 Samuel 11: 12 – 13?
- From 2 Samuel 11: 14 – 17, describe David's subsequent plan to deal with the situation regarding his adulterous relationship with Bathsheba. How had David's strategy changed, and what was the result of this plan?
- In 2 Samuel 11: 18 – 21, describe the message that Joab sends to David regarding the results of the battle (specifically addressing the fate of Uriah).
- In 2 Samuel 11: 26 – 27, how did Bathsheba respond to the news that her husband Uriah had been killed in battle? What action did David take, and what reaction did God have to these events?
- As recorded in 2 Samuel 12: 1 – 4, describe the parable that the prophet Nathan tells David. In 2 Samuel 12: 5 – 6, how did David initially respond to the parable? (*Proverbs 14: 8; Proverbs 21: 2*)
- Summarize the Lord's response (communicated by Nathan) as recorded in 2 Samuel 12: 7 – 12. What would be the outcome of David's sin?
- How did David respond in 2 Samuel 12: 13, and what did Nathan prophesy regarding the fate of David and Bathsheba's child?