

The Book of Second Samuel: 2 Samuel 11 – 12

Sunday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 15

2 Samuel 11: Sunday, May 12

(1 – 5) Where was David while his army was deployed under the command of Joab? Who did David notice while walking on his roof, and how did he respond? As a result, what news did Bathsheba send to David?

(2 Samuel 23: 8; 39)

(6 – 10) Why did David summon Uriah from the battlefield? What was David's intention in sending Uriah to his house for the night, and what action did Uriah take instead? How did David respond?

(11 – 13) What explanation did Uriah provide to David for not going to his house for the night, and what did this indicate about Uriah's character? What action did David take in response, and what was the result?

(14 – 17) What instructions did David send to Joab (in a letter carried by Uriah)? What was the result of David's plan?

(18 – 21) What concern did Joab have regarding David's possible response to his message, and what historical event did Joab reference in articulating his concern? What instructions did he give to the messenger that he sent to David? *(Judges 9: 50 – 53)*

(22 – 25) What information did the messenger convey to David, and how did David respond? Subsequently, what message did David instruct the soldier to deliver to Joab?

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(26 – 27) How did Bathsheba respond to the news of Uriah's death? What action did David take, and what was God's perspective regarding these events? Consider how David's actions relate to his previous response to the murders of Abner and Ishbosheth. (*1 Samuel 13: 14; Acts 13: 22*)

2 Samuel 12: Wednesday, May 15

(1 – 6) Describe the story that God sent Nathan to tell to David. How did David initially respond to the story?

(7 – 12) What message from God did Nathan convey to David? What point was made regarding the blessings that God had given to David (and what additional blessings that God was willing to give him). Describe the consequences that God communicated to David as a result of his sin. (*1 Kings 15: 4 – 5*)

(13 – 18) What acknowledgment did David make, and what additional consequence did Nathan convey to David for his sinful actions? When his son became ill, what actions did David take? Why were David's servants afraid to tell him that the child had died?

(19 – 23) How did David respond to the death of his son? What question did David's servants have regarding his response to his son's death, and what explanation did David provide? (*Psalms 51: 1 – 4*)

(24 – 25) Who was born to David and Bathsheba, and how did God feel about the child?

(26 – 31) What was the result of the battles that the Israelites fought against the people of Ammon?