

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of May 11, 2025
"Bible Personalities: Queen Bathsheba"

DAVID'S ATTRACTION

SundayRead II Samuel 11:1-10

"And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon." When King David saw Bathsheba, he was attracted to her. The problem was that she was the wife of another man, but David yielded to a sinful act. That infatuation turned into an illicit relationship which resulted in Bathsheba becoming pregnant. To hide his sinful action, King David arranged for her husband Uriah, a soldier in the Israeli army, to come home from the battlefield to be with his wife. Uriah, however, did not go to his wife feeling that it was an unfair privilege while his fellow soldiers were at battle. When David's plan to hide the infidelity did not work, David arranged for Uriah to be placed in the front line of battle, and he was killed. His sin led to more wrongdoing.

URIAH'S WIFE

MondayRead II Samuel 11:1-3

"And David sent and enquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" King David's devious plan worked, and Bathsheba became a widow. Although the devil, God's enemy succeeded in causing David to do wrong, it did not stymie God's plan in using the nation of Israel to be a blessing as God had promised to Abraham. For Bathsheba, God had her become a queen. Truly God can make good out of what seems bad. That is the assurance of the truth we read in Genesis 50:20: *"But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."*

MOURNING

TuesdayRead II Samuel 11:21-27

"And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also." David's obvious plan to have Uriah killed worked and Bathsheba, his wife, went into mourning. Although believers have the hope of eternal life, and the death of a loved one is an entrance into heaven, believers do mourn the loss. Our Lord Himself demonstrated that at the loss of a friend as we read in John 11:35: *"Jesus wept."* The mourning for believers, however, is different from that of unbelievers, as we read in I Thessalonians 4:13-14: *"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so*

them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." True believers have the hope of eternal life!

DAVID'S WIFE

WednesdayRead II Samuel 11:27

"And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord." After the mourning for her husband Uriah was past, David entered into marriage with Bathsheba. The son that David had with Bathsheba became terminally ill. David prayed fervently for the baby boy, but the illness proved fatal. The servants of David tried hard to console David during his son's illness, but David was not in any way consoled. When the baby died, the servants of David were amazed and confronted David. His comfort was expressed this way, as mentioned in II Samuel 12:23: *"But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."*

SOLOMON'S MOTHER

Thursday Read II Samuel 12:20-25

"And David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his name Solomon: and the Lord loved him." After the death of David's first child, he and Bathsheba did have another baby. They named the child Solomon. It is worthy to note that as a result of David confessing his sin of adultery and planning for the killing of Bathsheba's husband, that God forgave him and restored him to a life of service! We are reminded of the truth of Romans 3:23: *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."* Because of God's love and the willingness of Jesus to be the sacrificial Lamb of God, God does forgive repentant sinners and empowers them to a meaningful life. Bathsheba became the mother of Solomon, who turned out to be one of the wisest rulers ever. Our God is merciful and has provided a way for forgiveness in Christ!

SOLOMON'S TRIBUTE

FridayRead Song of Solomon 3:10-13

"Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his espousals, and in the day of the gladness of his heart." It is good to notice that of all the great accomplishments of King Solomon, one that is worthy of note is his tribute to his mother Bathsheba, when the Holy Spirit inspired Solomon to write this book that would be in God's Holy Scriptures. He included this to mention the occasion that she placed the crown on the head of her son Solomon when he became king.

GENEALOGY OF JESUS

Saturday..... Read Matthew 1:16-17

"And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations." Bathsheba's greatest claim to fame may well be that she is indirectly referenced in the New Testament genealogy of Jesus. It is not a direct reference, but she was the wife of David mentioned in this passage in Matthew. It was to her husband King David that God established this eternal covenant in II Samuel 7:16: *"And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever."* Jesus will return one day to be the King of kings!