

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of June 8, 2025

"Bible Personalities: Uriah

MILITARY VETERAN

SundayRead II Samuel 11:7-8

"And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded of him how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered ! We first learn of Uriah as a soldier in the Israeli army fighting the enemy. He is mentioned as an important character in an ugly chapter in Israel's history. But we also learn a great deal about a loving God who shows mercy and makes good out of bad. Uriah was the husband of Bathsheba, the woman with who King David had illicit relations. When she became pregnant, David tried to cover it up. He discovered that Uriah was her husband and at war so he called Uriah home from the battlefield hoping that it would appear that he was the father of Bathsheba's baby.

INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT

Monday Read Matthew 24:4-7

*"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." When we read of Uriah as a military man at war in which the nation of Israel was at battle against the Amorites. This was one of the many conflicts between nations throughout the centuries of history. Although there have been times of peace as per treaties signed by nations, wars seem to breakout. The truth is that Jesus mentioned "nations rising up against nations" as a sign of the last days. If not actual conflict, there would be "rumors of wars." A key conflict that indicates the nearing of the return of Jesus is when "all the nations" line-up against Israel, as mentioned in Zechariah 14:2: *"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city."**

SPIRITUAL WAR

Tuesday Read Ephesians 6:12-14

*"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." When we think of wars, we should be reminded of the greatest war ever: the war between Satan and God, the spiritual war. It began in the Garden of Eden when Satan attacked Adam and Eve. He convinced the first human couple to eat of the forbidden fruit resulting in all babies to be born with a dead spirit. The spiritual war continues today. It is vital to daily put on the armor of God mentioned in Ephesians 6:13: *"Wherefore take unto you the**

whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

VICTIM

WednesdayRead II Samuel 11:10-15

"And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die." When Uriah acted honorably with respect to his fellow soldiers who could not enjoy being with their families, David's plan did not work. David then resorted to another tactic: order Uriah to be placed on the front lines of battle where death seemed certain. David's plan worked; Uriah was killed. But the scandal was not hidden. God is not mocked, as we read in Galatians 6:7: *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."* Bathsheba had her baby, but the child was stricken with a terminal illness. David grieved and prayed and found consolation in his faith with this statement 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."*

SATANIC ATTACK

Thursday Read Matthew 4:1-4

"And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." The Christian life is not an easy life. It is warfare against the most formidable enemy in the world, as we are warned in I Peter 5:8: *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."* Believers, however, are assured of victory by faith in God and His Word. Jesus won the battle against Satan by responding to his attack by quoting Scripture. He proved the truth of Hebrews 4:12: *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."*

ETERNAL VICTORY

FridayRead Luke 16:21-25

"The beggar died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom, while the rich man also died and was buried." This teaching of Jesus gives us the truth about the death of a believer. The believer has eternal life as promised in Romans 6:23: *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* We are told that the rich man died and went to hades. While there, he was allowed by God to see the poor man in Abraham's bosom"

enjoying life. This tells us that humans are eternal beings with an eternal destination: heaven or hell. The way to heaven is faith in Jesus as personal Savior.

ETERNAL DEATH

Saturday Read Revelation 20:11-15

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." I think the greatest incentive for Christians to witness, is this truth mentioned in today's Bible reading. Can you imagine a neighbor or a friend having to face what we read in today's Bible reading? God does not want that for any one as we read in John 3:16: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*