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BATHSHEBA PART 1

Most have heard the story of David and Bathsheba. But who was she? We know that her husband was a soldier for David. He had fought many battles for him and loved him. Because of this, she was home alone a lot.

The story of Bathsheba is found in 2 Samuel 11. It happened during the times that kings went to battle. In 1 Samuel 1:1 we learn that David sent his Captain, Joab, his servants, and all of Israel into battle but he stayed home. We must remember that David was a warrior. He had fought many battles and won.

It was in the evening when David got out of his bed and walked on the roof of his house. He saw Bathsheba washing herself. Exactly what he saw we do not know, but she was doing what most of us do before bedtime, getting cleaned up. He saw that she was very beautiful and enquired as to who she was.

David had several wives, and he learned that she was the wife of his faithful soldier. Marriage was out of the question because she had a husband, but he lusted after her. He brought her into his home and committed adultery. Yes, he was the one that started the problems.

The story goes on that she gets pregnant by David and tells him. He calls her husband home to put that responsibility on him, but he would not go to his wife. He stayed at the door of David. David has a problem now. He puts Uriah (Bathsheba's faithful husband) on the front line of battle, and he is killed. This is a premeditated murder.

As the story goes David takes Bathsheba as his wife and the child is born. The prophet Nathan confronts his sin, and the child dies. How sad. From lust to adultery to murder to death of the innocent as the result of the sin. Yet, God still had a plan. We will learn more tomorrow.