

2 Samuel 11-12 - David and Bathsheba

1. The story in **2 Samuel 11:1-12:31** is as intriguing as the plot of any soap opera on TV. Briefly identify each of the main characters in this drama:
 - A. David _____
 - B. Joab _____
 - C. Bathsheba _____
 - D. Uriah _____
 - E. Nathan _____
 - F. an unnamed baby _____
 - G. Jedidiah (a.k.a. _____) _____

2. David's sins in this incident were great. Describe how he became . . .
 - H. . . . an adulterer, _____

 - I. . . . and a murderer. _____

3. In Nathan's story about the rich man with many sheep, **2 Samuel 12:1-6**, who was:
 - J. the rich man? _____
 - K. the poor man? _____
 - L. the sheep? _____

4. According to **2 Samuel 12:7-13**, Nathan was brutally honest with David and called him on his sin. Yet even such enormous sins as adultery and murder can be forgiven. In your Bible color **2 Samuel 12:13** and copy the words . . .
 - J. . . . of David's Confession, _____

 - K. . . . of Nathan's Absolution. _____

5. The author of this book of the Bible could have left this story out, for it is a very unflattering picture of David. But he didn't. Why do you suppose he kept it in?