

“OH WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE!”

(2 Samuel 11)

I. DAVID’S MOVE TO HEBRON (2 Samuel 1-4:12)

II. DAVID’S REIGN OVER ALL ISRAEL AT JERUSALEM (2 Samuel 5:1-10:19)

III. DAVID’S MANY TROUBLES (2 Samuel 11-20:26)

A. David’s great SIN against the Lord involving BATHSHEBA, the wife of Uriah (11:1-5)

1. The King seemed to be neglecting his duties as _____ in leading his army in the usual springtime _____ campaigns when the weather was more favorable.

2. From David’s high rooftop, he happened to notice a beautiful woman bathing, but he lingered _____; and as a result he broke the 10th Commandment—“*You shall not _____ your neighbor’s wife?*” (Exodus 20:17)

* According to the teachings of Jesus, what had David already done? (Matt. 5:28)

3. The King inquired about the woman and he was told, “*Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the _____ of _____ the Hittite?*”

4. All too often sins done in _____ are made public by their consequences; such was the case after David broke the 7th Commandment, Bathsheba sent word to the king that she was _____. (Exodus 20:14)

B. David’s great SIN against the Lord concerning URIAH, the husband of Bathsheba (11:6-25)

1. David set into motion a _____ plan; whereby he had his general Joab send Bathsheba’s _____ to Jerusalem from the battlefield with the Ammonites.

2. The king tried to _____ his sin of adultery by persuading Uriah to go home and spend some “_____” with his wife Bathsheba, so David broke the 9th Commandment. (Exodus 20:16)

* Why was Uriah unwilling to go home to his wife (v. 11)?

3. Despite David's insidious efforts, Uriah chose to _____ from relations with his wife while on leave, because he had a desire to remain _____ to the Lord, his comrades and his king.
4. In David's carnal mind, this left only one option; so he sent unsuspecting Uriah back to the battle front carrying his own _____ sentence in his hand; thus David broke the 6th Commandment—"You shall not _____." (Exodus 20:13)

* It is "par for the course" to involve other people in our sinful cover ups; who did David enlist to take part in his?

5. King David finally heard the news that he had been anxiously _____ for days, the messenger said, "*some of the king's servants are dead, and _____ Uriah the Hittite is dead also.*"

C. David MARRIES Bathsheba (11:26-27)

1. Bathsheba obviously _____ her husband, and she _____ his untimely death.
2. With Uriah out of the way, David _____ Bathsheba for his _____ wife.
3. The narrator lets the reader know that this whole adulterous _____, and the _____ of an innocent man did not go unnoticed, "*But the thing that David had done _____ the Lord.*"

* How can you personally apply this sobering chapter from David's life?