



# Bathsheba

Bathsheba was a woman who appeared to have it all. She was beautiful. She lived a comfortable life near the king's palace. She was married to a well-thought-of mighty man of Israel, a military leader above reproach. Life tasted sweet.

Then one Spring day while her husband was away on business, Bathsheba was seen bathing by her husband's boss. And what her husband's boss wanted, he got...and he wanted the beautiful Bathsheba.

In one night, Bathsheba's sweet life turned sour. First, she became pregnant with an illegitimate child. Then, her valiant and respectable husband was killed by her scheming lover. Lastly, her baby became sick and died.

These would be hard moments to move past, events that could easily ensnare, trapping one in a time that they would prefer to forget. Not so with Bathsheba. She is a great example to those of us that are prone to obsess over our mistakes of not allowing ourselves to get stuck in those moments, but to instead move forward in repentance. She is a living example of "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead" by pressing "on toward the goal." (see Philippians 3:13-14)

1. List all the “facts” you know about Bathsheba from the passages you found for today’s Bible reading.

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Day 1

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Read

2 Samuel 11-12

1 Kings 1:1-37

1 Kings 2:10-25

1 Chronicles 3:5

Matthew 1

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2. Research and describe the world in which Bathsheba lived.

1. Write a character sketch of Bathsheba based on what is revealed about her life, her choices and her actions from today's readings. (Think: character qualities)

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Day 2

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Reread

2 Samuel 11-12

1 Kings 1:1-37

1 Kings 2:10-25

1 Chronicles 3:5

Matthew 1

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2. What can you infer about Bathsheba's thoughts or beliefs based on her actions described in today's readings?

1. What pivotal point(s) in Bathsheba's life do you see?  
What was her response to each?

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Day 3

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Reread

2 Samuel 11-12

1 Kings 1:1-37

1 Kings 2:10-25

1 Chronicles 3:5

Matthew 1

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2. What can we learn from Bathsheba's life or her example? Be specific.

1. How do you relate to Bathsheba or elements from her story?

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Day 4

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Reread

2 Samuel 11-12

1 Kings 1:1-37

1 Kings 2:10-25

1 Chronicles 3:5

Matthew 1

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2. What is God showing you through Bathsheba's testimony?

1. What overall theme(s) do you notice in Bathsheba's life?

2. From the above list, pick the one theme God is impressing upon you and research what His Word has to say on that specific topic.

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Day 5

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Reread

2 Samuel 11-12

1 Kings 1:1-37

1 Kings 2:10-25

1 Chronicles 3:5

Matthew 1

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3. Write a third person introduction to Bathsheba below based on your personal application(s) from today.