



# The Story of David

## ⑭ David and Bathsheba

**Narration** King David became increasingly powerful and at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. Whilst the Israelite army struggled to fight the enemy, King David remained in Jerusalem. Then one evening, whilst walking around on the roof of the palace, king David saw a woman bathing.

**David** (to himself) "What a beautiful woman! I wonder who she is.. You there, by chance do you know who that woman is under that blue roof?"

**Eunuch** Yes, the woman under the blue roof is Bathsheba, the wife of General Uriah who is currently in battle.

**David** Umm, I see.. you there, go and bring the woman quietly to me tonight, without anyone knowing.

**Eunuch** Yes, your highness... I will do as you command.

**Narration** General Uriah's wife Bathsheba was thus brought to king David who was completely taken aback by her beauty that in an instant he forgot about God's commandments and slept with her.

**Narration** Bathsheba conceived and sent word to king David that she was pregnant.

**David** What? Bathsheba is pregnant? Oh dear.. this is not good at all.

**Narration** King David was very distressed that things had not gone to plan.

**David** No! I cannot be caught out by what I have done! I must cover up and hide my sin!

**Narration** King David's heart was filled with the desire to hide his sin and at the same time take Bathsheba from Uriah.



**David** That's it. If Bathsheba's husband, General Uriah dies in battle then I can make Bathsheba my queen! Ha! Then I can hide my sin and also gain Bathsheba. Perfect! Yes!

**Narration** And so king David ordered that Bathsheba's husband, General Uriah be put in the front line where the fighting was fiercest.

**David** (whispers to his messenger) You there, quietly have General Uriah... whisper, whisper... the most dangerous... whisper, whisper... die... whisper, whisper...

**Narration** As ordered by David, General Uriah was put in the front line where the fighting was fiercest and there he perished.

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**Narration** After the death of General Uriah, David took Bathsheba as his wife and brought her to the royal palace. Even though General Uriah had died, David was relieved that his wrongdoing had not been detected. But the Lord, God of Israel, was angry at David for his evil deed. David's plan was very evil in the eyes of God.