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A Biographical Study of Bathsheba

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Bathsheba

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. Bathsheba and David
 - A. Her misconduct with David
 - 1. She was a very beautiful woman (2 Sam. 11:2).
 - 2. She slept with David and became pregnant by him (2 Sam. 11:4-5).
 - B. Her marriage to David—After the battlefield death of Uriah her husband, whom David had killed, she became David’s wife (2 Sam. 11:27).
- II. Bathsheba and Solomon
 - A. Seeking support for Solomon—She informed the dying David of an attempt by his oldest son Adonijah to steal the kingdom from Solomon (1 Kings 1:11-12).
 - B. Seeking support from Solomon—She was later tricked by Adonijah into asking Solomon if he (Adonijah) could marry Abishag, David’s final concubine (1 Kings 2:13-21).
 - C. Jewish tradition says she composed and recited Proverbs 31 as an admonition to her son Solomon. Bathsheba is one of four women referred to in the New Testament genealogy leading to Christ (Matt. 1:6).

STATISTICS

Father: Eliam (2 Sam. 11:3)

Spouses: Uriah and David (2 Sam. 11:3, 27)

Sons: Five sons, one unnamed (2 Sam. 11:27; 12:18). Four are named: Solomon, Nathan, Shammua, and Shobab (2 Sam. 12:24; 1 Chron. 3:5)

Significant ancestor: Her grandfather was Ahithophel (2 Sam. 11:3; 23:34)

First mention: 2 Samuel 11:3

Final mention: Matthew 1:6 (“wife of Urias”)

Meaning of her name: “Daughter of an oath”

Frequency of her name: Referred to 12 times

Biblical books mentioning her: Four books (2 Samuel, 1 Kings, Psalms, Matthew)

Important fact about her life: She was Solomon’s mother (2 Sam. 12:24).