



PART 2: KINGS GONE WILD

Chapters 11 and 12 of 2 Samuel deal with David's affair with Bathsheba, the murder of her husband, Uriah, and then Nathan's confrontation of David with what he has done. These tragic events devastated not only the family of the greatest king of Israel but also the lives of the entire nation.

~ Nupanga Weanzana, *Africa Bible Commentary*

This is arguably the most famous event in David's life after his battle with Goliath.

~ David G. Firth, *Apollos Old Testament Commentary*

The story of David, Bathsheba, and Uriah is not only one of the most celebrated narratives in the Old Testament, it is also widely recognized as one of the greatest literary masterpieces ever written.

~ J. Robert Vannoy, *Cornerstone Biblical Commentary*

This is one of Israel's classic passages on the nature of sin and its consequences.

~ Bill T. Arnold, *The NIV Application Commentary*

These chapters describe more than we want to know about David and more than we can bear to understand about ourselves.

~ Walter Brueggemann, *First and Second Samuel*

David was not a callous man; but he was capable of falling into unsuspected depths of evil at a whim, so within one and the same person two people were struggling for supremacy.

~ Joyce G. Baldwin, *Tyndale Old Testament Commentaries*

All of us know the truth of David's failure because we have all lived it to one degree or another.

~ Bill T. Arnold, *The NIV Application Commentary*

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

~ King David, *Psalms 51*