

M Introduction

The low point in king David's life.



Questions

- 1. How is what David does at the return of the year contrasted with what the rest of the nation is doing?
- 2. Where does Uriah sleep instead of going home to be with his wife?
- 3. How does David arrange for Uriah to die?



Summary Points

- v 1 to 5 David sees Bathsheba, Uriah the Hittite's beautiful wife, bathing and calls her to his house. He lies with her and she becomes pregnant. She tells David she is pregnant
- v 6 to 13 David calls for Uriah and tells him to go home. [David obviously hopes Uriah will sleep with his wife and then assume he is the father of his wife's child.] But Uriah refuses to go home
- v 14 and 15 David sends Uriah back to the army with a letter to Joab, the commander, telling him to put Uriah somewhere in the battle where he will be killed
- v 16 to 27 Joab does as he is asked and reports back to David. After Bathsheba has mourned the loss of her husband, David takes her as his wife. God is displeased (see theme) with what David has done

Timeline 1050 BC (see below)

Theme

Sin - a serious matter

The word sin means to miss the mark. We sin when we don't achieve what God would like us to do. A selection of verses showing the serious results of sin.

The apostle James tells us that we sin as a result of our own natural desires. He also points out the consequences:

James 1 verses 14 and 15

The apostle Paul tells his fellow Jews that they are no better than non-Jews because we are all sinners:

Romans 3 verses 9 and 10

He also spells out the serious consequences of sin:

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Romans 5 verse 12
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The book of Genesis tells us what God says when he passes sentence on the man through whom sin enters the world. The results are with us still:

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Genesis 3 verses 17 to 19
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The apostle John tells us that we are deceiving ourselves if we deny that we are sinners:

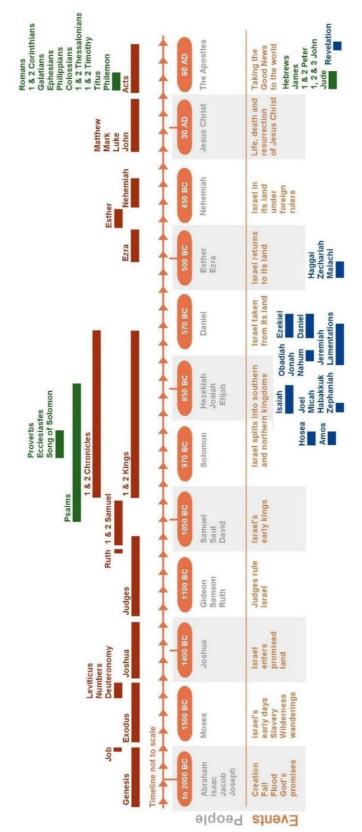
1 John 1 verse 8



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions: Q 1: v 1 and 2, Q 2: v 9, Q 3: v 14 and 15

Bible timeline



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