

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY IT'S TEMPTING!

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Based on 2 Samuel 11.

It was spring, and time for battle. This time, David didn't go with his men but instead sent Joab and his army while David stayed in Jerusalem. Scholars think David was about fifty years old and had been on the throne for about twenty years.

1. What picture do you get of David, back home in Jerusalem? (2 Samuel 5:12)

not fighting anymore, laid back

2. How was David neglecting some areas in his private life? (2 Samuel 5:13) What three instructions had God given for the king of Israel? (Deut. 17:14-17) Why would God have given these three things?

by leaving his children, horses, children and wives

3. Why is it easy to be "off guard" spiritually when things are going well?

when things are going well we might think we dont need God but we do.

4. How does 2 Samuel 11:2 describe the scene?

David doing something he shouldnt

5. Who was really at fault here—David or Bathsheba?

David he was king

6. What was David's initial response?

he sent someone to find more about her

7. What is interesting about the servant's response to David? (vs 3)

8. Write your thoughts in response to the following quote:

“When the temptation arose, David did not resist it, but descended from the palace with the determination to bring the evil thoughts of his heart into action. It was the tempter who had suggested the sin, and David should have turned him aside with a “Get thee behind me, Satan” (Mark 8:33). Instead, he listened to the seducer, and obeyed the voice of Satan instead of the voice of God. If David had paused for a moment, if he had turned his thoughts upward to heaven to pray, if he had allowed his mind to engage itself with the responsibilities of his kingly office or given himself to the conduct of the affairs of state, the spell of the enemy would have been broken.” —Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary, vol. 2, p. 647

that david was turning away from God in this moment.

9. David was a passionate man. Didn't he have enough women in his harem to satisfy him?

Yes more than enough, but at the same time while it being wrong the normal of the time for kings and kingdoms was possibly beyond that of what david had and so he might have felt wrongly to have more.

10. Who was Bathsheba? Why was this significant?

daughter of Elijah, wife of Uriah, connections were notable

11. What picture do you get here of David? Of Bathsheba?

that david is following the ways of most kings and going with doing what ever he wants because he feels he is

above all since he is king. while Bathsheba is just surviving a hiarchiry of a kingdom where david is at the top

12. When have you acted impulsively and done something you regret later? What were the consequences?

13. What was the punishment for adultery amongst the Israelites? (Lev. 20:10)

to be put to death

14. What did Bathsheba do next, and why was this significant?

she told david, because she is trying to avoid the death penalty

15. What two options did David have before him?

to not kill him and have the adultery be found out, or what actually happened

16. What does David's next plan of action tell you about sin?

it is harmful to everyone and nothing good comes from it.

17. What did David hope the outcome would be?

18. When have you tried to hide a sin? What was the outcome?

19. How do you think God felt about this whole situation?

20. What went wrong in David's plan?

21. David was desperate to correct the situation. What did he resort to next?

sends a letter with Uriah

22. Everything that David had tried to do to hide his sin hasn't worked. He is really desperate now. What final act did he plan?

avoid the consequence

23. Why do you think David was so desperate to go to such measures?

he didnt want to get caught

24. Why did Joab send a cryptic message back to David?

sent it because he told david that Uriah was dead.

25. Do you think it was right for Joab to arrange for Uriah's death, even though David ordered it?

no

26. As soon as Bathsheba had finished her mourning (which was usually about seven days), David sent for her, and she became his wife. What seems illogical about this?

building on his plan

27. What else does the Bible say after this? (vs 27)

gave birth to the son.