

# David Commits Murder

*(Conclusion based on 2 Samuel 11 & 12)*

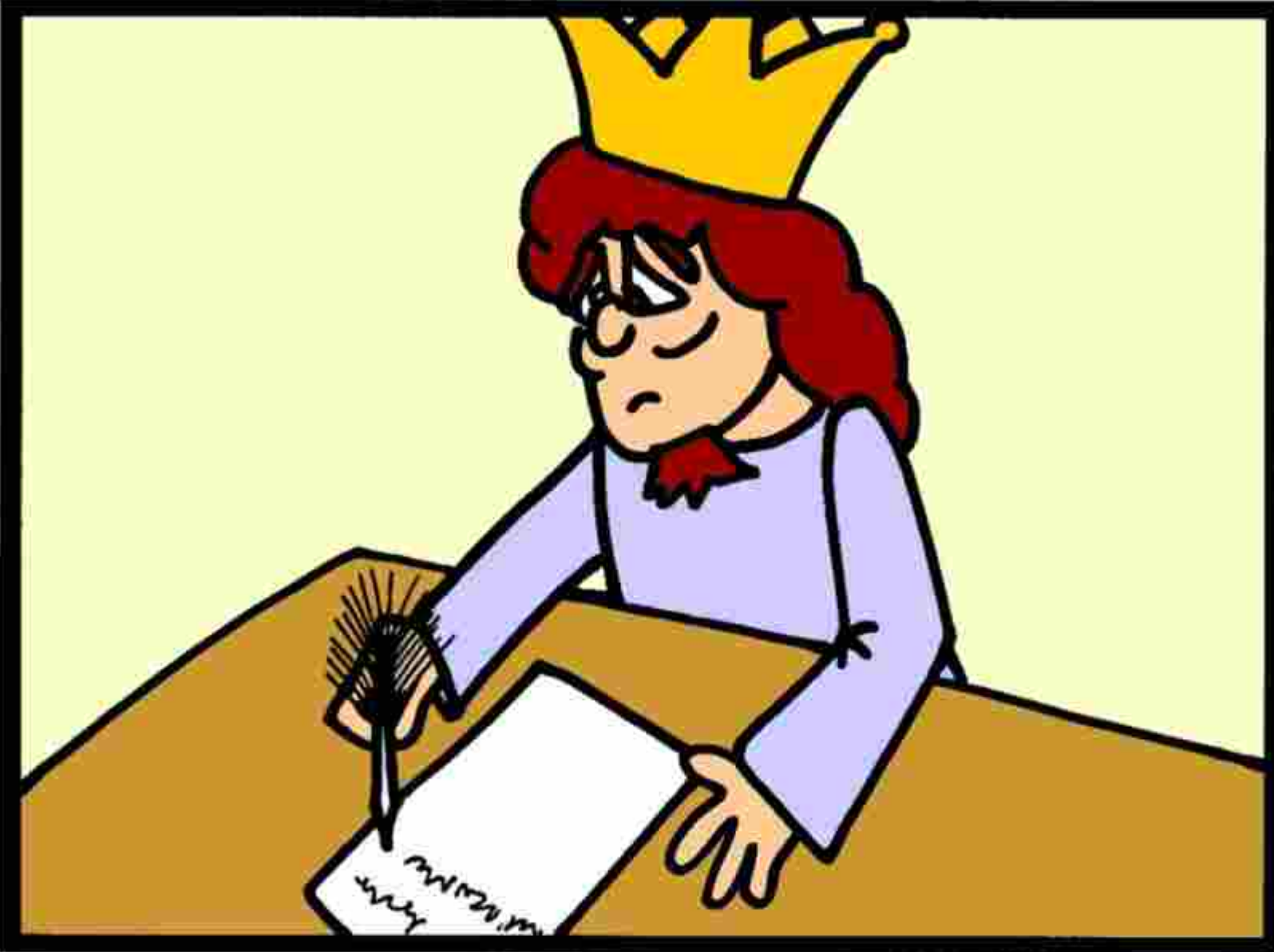
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King David had committed adultery with a lady named Bathsheba. Bathsheba was married to a man named Uriah who happened to be away at that time, fighting in the war.



Bathsheba was pregnant with King David's baby and no matter how hard King David tried, he could not trick Uriah to go home and be with his wife so that everyone would think that Uriah was the daddy. David was afraid that everyone would find out about the bad thing he had done, so he came up with a most sinister plan.



While Uriah slept, David wrote a letter to his commander at the war. "Put Uriah into the worst battle, then you and all your men back away from him. Don't help him and let him be killed by the enemy."



The next morning David handed the letter to Uriah to deliver to Commander Joab. Uriah faithfully delivered the letter to his commander and he never even peeked at the letter once.





Commander Joab obeyed the King's letter and put Uriah into the worst battle. Then they just let him be killed. They didn't help him.



As soon as Bathsheba heard that her husband was dead, she was very sad. King David brought her to his house and she became his wife but the thing that David had done displeased the Lord so he sent the prophet Nathan to talk to King David.



“There were 2 men. The rich man had many flocks of sheep and herds of cows, but the poor man had nothing except one little lamb. The little lamb would eat the food off the poor man's plate and the poor man let the lamb drink out of his cup. In fact this little lamb was like a precious daughter to the poor man.”





One day a traveler came to visit the rich man. Rather than take a sheep from one of his flocks to cook for supper, the rich man took the poor man's lamb, killed it and cooked it for supper.



“The man who did this thing is gonna die!” shouted David very angrily. “And he will have to pay him back four times as much for the lamb he took!”



"You're the man!" said Nathan. "God says, 'I let you be the boss over all Israel. If that had been too little for you, I would have given you much more! Why did you not keep the commandment of the Lord? You have killed Uriah and you have taken his wife! I will raise up an enemy against you from your own house and the baby that will be born will die!'"



In time Bathsheba had the baby. He was a boy and he became very sick and died. King David and Bathsheba had another son whom they named Solomon and the Lord loved him. But from that day David had a lot of troubles in his family.



Lord, help me to always come to you immediately if I do something bad. I cannot hide anything from you anyway. Thank you that there is forgiveness with you.