

David's men were all away from home fighting in the war. David remained at home.

Late one afternoon he got up from his couch and strolled along the roof of his house. As he looked across the courtyard he saw a beautiful woman having a bath.

"Who is she?" David asked. "I want her," he said, even after he found out she was Bathsheba, the wife of brave Uriah, one of his soldiers.

He brought her to his palace that evening.

Sometime later Bathsheba sent word to David. "I am expecting a baby."

In a panic David tried to cover up his sin. He arranged for Uriah to get some home leave. But Uriah would not go home to his wife while his comrades were fighting. David tried to get Uriah drunk but still he refused to go to his wife. David wrote a letter to Joab the captain. Uriah carried it himself. "Put Uriah in the hottest, fiercest fighting."

Uriah died in the battle just as David had planned.



