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### **BATHSHEBA'S STORY**

This Christmas we are studying the story behind the story of the messianic mothers listed in (Matt.1:1-17).

It often surprises Christians to learn that God used Gentile messianic mothers as well as Jewish mothers in the lineage of Jesus Christ. It also surprises them to learn that God used Gentile messianic mothers during the Jewish Age as recorded in (Matt.1:1-5).

In a [previous](#) Christmas lesson, we studied the three Gentile messianic mothers listed in (Matt.1:3-5): Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth.

**This lesson will study four aspects of the first of two Jewish messianic mothers listed in Matt.1:1-17, Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah**

Notice that her proper name is not given (Matt.1:6). She is referred to as the “mother of Solomon and Uriah’s wife” in Matt.1:6.

The **gap between** “mother of Solomon” and “Uriah’s wife” is “the story behind the story” of Bathsheba getting into the messianic lineage of Jesus Christ.

#### **1. Matthew’s math of 14 generations includes Abraham and David (Matt.1:17; 1:1-6).**

(Matt.1:6b) “And to David was Solomon by her (who had been the wife) of Uriah.” (Nestle Greek text)

We know that her name was Bathsheba (2 Sam.11-12). We also know that she was raised in a prominent military family.

Her father, Eliam, was a decorated military officer awarded the equivalent of our metal of honor. He was promoted to the elite “Mighty Thirty.” This was a special military unit created by David to be his personal body guard in combat conditions (2 Sam.23:23, 34).

Her grandfather, Ahithophel, was the highest ranking advisor to King David (2 Sam.16:23; 23:34).

Bathsheba truly came from a great patriotic family.

#### **2. Bathsheba was married to a highly decorated combat officer. Uriah was also a recipient of the metal of honor and was also promoted into the “Mighty Thirty.”**

While David remained at home during the Ammonite war, Uriah was leading a combat battalion in battle. (2 Sam.11:1, 6-13). Having been informed of Bathsheba’s pregnancy David recalled Uriah and asked him why he stayed with the King and didn’t go home to his wife? **Uriah said,**

(2 Sam.11:11) “The ark and Israel and Judah are straying in temporary shelters, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house and lie with my wife? By your life and the life of your soul, I will not do this thing.”

**Uriah’s** name in Hebrew means “My light is the Lord.” This event reflected the best of Uriah and the worst of David.

**3. Bathsheba in Hebrew means generally “daughter of oath.” But literally Bathsheba means “bound by seven things.”**

She was probably given this name by Eliam based on some connection to the honor code within the “Mighty Thirty.”

She was raised to be a woman of great character, nobility, patriotic, and an officer’s wife. Her life was suddenly and dramatically changed without warning. She was invited to have an audience with the famous King whom her grandfather, father and husband all serve with great honor and love.

Who could have ever imagined what David would demand of her at this meeting? This was the beloved David that her nation sang songs about, “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.” (1 Sam.18:7, 16)

**4. Yet David demanded adulterous sex of her. When you think things couldn’t get worst, she learned she was pregnant with David’s child.**

Just when you think things couldn’t get worst, David arranged to have her decorated military husband to be killed in combat (2 Sam.12:7-12).

- Following the funeral of her beloved husband, she was taken by David into a polygamist marriage.
- Seven days after his birth, her first born son died; and she attended her second funeral.
- Her family was devastated by all of what has happened. Her beloved grandfather resigned from David’s cabinet and joined a conspiracy against King David (2 Sam.15:31).
- Then Bathsheba attended her third family funeral, that of her grandfather who committed suicide (2 Sam.17:23).

**It is in times like these when it can become difficult to “know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.” (Rom.8:28)**

(Ps.55:22) “Cast your burdens upon the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.” (1 Pet.5:8; 1 Cor.10:13)

**God has given the spiritually advancing believer the spiritual compass to get through the darkest forest.**

(Ps.119:105) “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

(Ps.119:107) “I am exceedingly afflicted; revive me, O Lord, according to Your word.”

(Ps.119:133) “Establish my footsteps in Your word, and do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.”