



— LINEAGE OF THE KING —

**David was the father of Solomon
(whose mother was Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah)**

Matthew 1:6

Lesson 8

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Recall your study on David. What lesson did you glean from God's promises to him?
2. One of the most notorious characters in the lineage of Christ is *the wife of Uriah*. She is known by the husband she betrayed and deceived. Amazingly, this adulteress, Bathsheba, is given prominent mention in the lineage of Christ. Such a mention intentionally foreshadows Jesus' desire to accept, forgive, transform, and bring the repentant into His own lineage. Her story should encourage all of us that Jesus is more than willing to accept, forgive, transform, and bring the repentant into His family.

By the marvel of God's grace, of all the sons of David, Bathsheba's son Solomon was chosen by God to succeed his father's throne. Solomon was not a perfect king. He was young when he took the throne and self-indulgent during his reign. Yet God's grace was present in his life. From the Scriptures below, record how you see God's grace:

- a. 2 Samuel 11:26-27 and 12:13-14, 22-23
 - b. 1 Kings 1:17 and 2:1-4
 - c. 1 Kings 3:10-14 and 4:29-34
 - d. 1 Kings 8:19-20 and 9:3-5
3. Ask God to reveal the riches of His grace to you as you do your study this week.

*God gave Solomon wisdom
and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart.*

1 Kings 4:29

SECOND DAY: Taken from 2 Samuel 11 and 12

1. *David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah* (Matthew 1:6). Read 2 Samuel 11:1-5 to cite how David's relationship with this woman began.

2. When David discovered that Bathsheba was pregnant, he arranged for her husband Uriah to be killed in battle (2 Samuel 11:14-15). From 2 Samuel 11:22-27 note what resulted from David's actions.
 - a. From 2 Samuel 11:27b comment on what the Lord thought of this situation.

3. In 2 Samuel 12 the Lord sent Nathan the prophet to confront David about his sin. What stands out to you from God's rebuke to David? 2 Samuel 12:7-12
 - a. Record and remark on David's response to God's correction. 2 Samuel 12:13a

4. The Lord *put away* David's sin, but because David had *given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme*, Bathsheba's child died (2 Samuel 12:13b-23). However, what happened after this? 2 Samuel 12:24
 - a. *Jedidiah* means *beloved of the LORD*. From 2 Samuel 12:24b-25 comment on God's disposition toward Solomon.
 - (1) Link this with 2 Thessalonians 2:13 and share your thoughts.

5. How do you see the grace of God in:
 - a. David's life

 - b. Bathsheba's life

 - c. the birth of Solomon
 - (1) Share a way you have seen God's grace in your life.

THIRD DAY: Taken from 1 Kings 1:11-40 and 2:1-4

1. When David was old, his son Adonijah *exalted himself* and attempted to take the throne of Israel without David's knowledge (1 Kings 1:5-10). How did Nathan the prophet and Bathsheba deal with this plot? 1 Kings 1:11-14

2. As planned, Nathan and Bathsheba went into David's presence and informed him of Adonijah's actions (1 Kings 1:15-27). Note David's verdict from 1 Kings 1:28-30, 32-35.

3. Read 1 Kings 1:38-40. What do you find interesting about Solomon's anointing as king?
 - a. Connect this with Matthew 21:1-11. What similarities do you see?

4. As David was about to die, he gave final instructions to his son Solomon. Use 1 Kings 2:1-4 to note and comment on David's *charge* concerning:
 - a. Solomon's conduct (verse 2)

 - b. Solomon's relationship with God (verse 3)

 - c. God's promise (verse 4)
 - (1) What stands out to you from David's *charge* to his son?

 - (2) What *charge* would you like to pass on to the next generation?

5. What do you find most interesting about Bathsheba's role in the lineage of Christ?

FOURTH DAY: Read 1 Kings 3:4-14 and 4:29-34

1. Describe Solomon's encounter with God from 1 Kings 3:4-5.

2. Use 1 Kings 3:6-9 to note and comment on what Solomon:
 - a. remembered (verse 6)

 - b. recognized (verses 7-8)

 - c. requested (verse 9)
 - (1) What does Solomon's *speech* reveal about him?

 - (2) How is Solomon's response to God an example to you?

 - d. Why do you think *the speech pleased the LORD*? 1 Kings 3:10

3. How did God bless Solomon as a result of his request? 1 Kings 3:11-14
 - a. Link this with Matthew 6:33 and share your thoughts.

4. From 1 Kings 4:29 list the three things God *gave* Solomon.
 - a. Describe the extent of this blessing from 1 Kings 4:30-34.
 - (1) Link this with Matthew 12:42. What do you see?

5. How do you see God's grace continuing toward Solomon?

FIFTH DAY: Taken from 1 Kings 8 and 9:1-9

1. Solomon's greatest achievement was the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem. Read 1 Kings 8:14-21 and share what you find interesting about how the Temple came to be built.

2. At the dedication of the Temple, Solomon prayed to God *in the presence of all the assembly of Israel* (1 Kings 8:22). Use 1 Kings 8:23-50 to comment briefly on the following aspects of his prayer:
 - a. God's character (verses 23, 27)

 - b. God's promises (verses 24-26)

 - c. Solomon's request concerning sinners (verses 44-50)

3. Solomon closed the dedication of the Temple by blessing *all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice* (1 Kings 8:55). What stands out to you from his charge to the people? 1 Kings 8:56-58
 - a. What did he ask the people to do in response to this blessing? 1 Kings 8:61

4. From 1 Kings 9:1-9 record God's response concerning:
 - a. Solomon's petition (verse 3)

 - b. Solomon's behavior (verses 4-5)

 - c. God's warning to Solomon (verses 6-9)
 - (1) Compare this with the final testimony of Solomon's life in 1 Kings 11:9-13. What do you see?
 - (a) In spite of this, what do you note about God's grace by including Solomon in the lineage of the Messiah?

SIXTH DAY: Review

1. Share your impression of:

a. Bathsheba

b. Solomon

2. From your study this week share how you see God's:

a. Forgiveness

b. Restoration

c. Grace

(1) Use Romans 5:8 to declare God's greatest grace for us.

Blessed be the Lord. There has not failed one word of all His good promise.
1 Kings 8:56