

~BATH-SHEBA (555)

(Bath-she'ba) [Daughter of Plenty, possibly, Daughter Born on the Seventh Day]

- Daughter of Eliam and Ammiel.
- And there were these born to him in Jerusalem, Shimea and Shobab and Nathan and Solomon, four of **Bath-sheba** the daughter of Ammiel. (1 Chronicles 3:5)
- Possibly a granddaughter of Ahithophel.
- Then David sent and inquired about the woman and someone said; Is this not **Bath-sheba** the daughter of Eliam the wife of Uriah the Hittite? (2 Samuel 11:3)
- Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai the son of the Maacathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite. (2 Samuel 23:34)
- First the wife of Uriah the Hittite, one of David's mighty men, later married to David after being involved in one of the blackest episodes of David's life.
- Uriah the Hittite, thirty-seven in all. (2 Samuel 23:39)
- Late one spring day, **Bath-sheba** was bathing herself, when a neighbor, King David, on the rooftop of his palace, caught sight of this beautiful woman, described as very good in appearance. Upon learning that her husband was off to war, the passion-aroused king had **Bath-sheba** brought to the palace, where he had relations with her.
- Later she returned to her house, and after some time informed David that she was pregnant. Thereupon David plotted to have Uriah sleep with his wife as a cover-up for the adultery, but when this scheme failed, the king had Uriah killed in battle. As soon as her mourning period was over, **Bath-sheba** became David's wife and bore the child.
- And it came about at the return of the year, at the time that kings sally forth, that David proceeded to send Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, that they might bring the sons of Ammon to ruin and lay siege to Rabbah, while David was

dwelling in Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 11:1)

- And it came about at the time of evening that David proceeded to rise from his bed and walk about on the rooftop of the king's house, and from the rooftop he caught sight of a woman bathing herself, and the woman was very good in appearance. (2 Samuel 11:2)
- Then David sent and inquired about the woman and someone said; Is this not Bath-sheba the daughter of Eliam the wife of Uriah the Hittite? (2 Samuel 11:3)
- After that David sent messengers that he might take her. So she came in to him and he lay down with her, while she was sanctifying herself from her uncleanness. Later she returned to her house. (2 Samuel 11:4)
- And the woman became pregnant. Consequently she sent and told David and said; I am pregnant. (2 Samuel 11:5)
- At this David sent to Joab, saying; Send to me Uriah the Hittite. So Joab sent Uriah to David. (2 Samuel 11:6)
- When Uriah came to him, David began to ask how Joab was getting along and how the people were getting along and how the war was getting along. (2 Samuel 11:7)
- Finally David said to Uriah; Go down to your house and bathe your feet. Accordingly Uriah went out from the king's house, and the king's courtesy gift went out following him. (2 Samuel 11:8)
- However, Uriah lay down at the entrance of the king's house with all the other servants of his lord, and he did not go down to his own house. (2 Samuel 11:9)
- So they told David, saying; Uriah did not go down to his own house. Upon that David said to Uriah; It is from a journey that you have come in, is it not? Why have you not gone down to your own house? (2 Samuel 11:10)
- At this Uriah said to David; The Ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping on the face of the field, and I, shall I go into my own house to eat and drink and to lie down with my wife? As you are

living and as your soul is living, I shall not do this thing! (2 Samuel 11:11)

- **Then David said to Uriah; Dwell here also today, and tomorrow I shall send you away. Therefore Uriah kept dwelling in Jerusalem on that day and the day following. (2 Samuel 11:12)**
- **Further, David called him that he might eat before him and drink. So he got him drunk. Nevertheless, he went out in the evening to lie down on his bed with the servants of his lord, and to his own house he did not go down. (2 Samuel 11:13)**
- **And it came about in the morning that David proceeded to write a letter to Joab and send it by the hand of Uriah. (2 Samuel 11:14)**
- **So he wrote in the letter, saying; Put Uriah in front of the heaviest battle charges, and you men must retreat from behind him, and he must be struck down and die. (2 Samuel 11:15)**
- **And it came about that while Joab was keeping guard over the city he kept Uriah put in the place where he knew that there were valiant men. (2 Samuel 11:16)**
- **When the men of the city came on out and went fighting against Joab, then some of the people, the servants of David, fell and Uriah the Hittite also died. (2 Samuel 11:17)**
- **Joab now sent that he might report to David all the matters of the war. (2 Samuel 11:18)**
- **And he went on to command the messenger, saying; As soon as you finish speaking to the king about all the matters of the war. (2 Samuel 11:19)**
- **Then it must occur that if the rage of the king comes up and he does say to you; Why did you have to go so near to the city to fight? Did you men not know that they would shoot from on top of the wall? (2 Samuel 11:20)**
- **Who was it that struck down Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Was it not a woman that pitched an upper millstone upon him from on top of the wall so that he died at Thebez? Why did you men have to go so close to the wall? You must also say; Your**

servant Uriah the Hittite died too. (2 Samuel 11:21)

- **So the messenger went and came and told David all about which Joab had sent him. (2 Samuel 11:22)**
- **And the messenger went on to say to David; The men proved superior to us, so that they came out against us into the field, but we kept pressing them right up to the entrance of the gate. (2 Samuel 11:23)**
- **And the shooters kept shooting at your servants from on top of the wall, so that some of the servants of the king died, and your servant Uriah the Hittite also died. (2 Samuel 11:24)**
- **At that David said to the messenger; This is what you will say to Joab, Do not let this matter appear bad in your eyes, for the sword eats up one as well as another. Intensify your battle against the city and throw it down. And encourage him. (2 Samuel 11:25)**
- **And the wife of Uriah got to hear that Uriah her husband had died, and she began to wail over her owner. (2 Samuel 11:26)**
- **When the mourning period was past, David immediately sent and took her home to his house, and she came to be his wife. In time she bore to him a son, but the thing that David had done appeared bad in the eyes of Yehowah. (2 Samuel 11:27)**
- **But the thing appeared bad in the eyes of Yehowah. His prophet Nathan rebuked the king with an illustration in which he represented Bath-sheba as the one female lamb of the poor man, Uriah, that the rich man, David, took to entertain a visitor. In great sorrow David repented.**
- **Show me favor, O God, according to your loving-kindness. According to the abundance of your mercies wipe out my transgressions. (Psalms 51:1)**
- **Thoroughly wash me from my error, and cleanse me even from my sin. (Psalms 51:2)**
- **For my transgressions I myself know, and my sin is in front of me constantly. (Psalms 51:3)**

- **Against you, you alone, I have sinned, and what is bad in your eyes I have done, in order, that you may prove to be righteous when you speak, that you may be in the clear when you judge. (Psalms 51:4)**
- **Look! With error I was brought forth with birth pains, and in sin my mother conceived me. (Psalms 51:5)**
- **Look! You have taken delight in truthfulness itself in the inward parts, and in the secret self may you cause me to know sheer wisdom. (Psalms 51:6)**
- **May you purify me from sin with hyssop, that I may be clean, may you wash me, that I may become whiter even than snow. (Psalms 51:7)**
- **May you cause me to hear exultation and rejoicing, that the bones that you have crushed may be joyful. (Psalms 51:8)**
- **Conceal your face from my sins, and wipe out even all my errors. (Psalms 51:9)**
- **Create in me even a pure heart, O God, and put within me a new spirit, a steadfast one. (Psalms 51:10)**
- **Do not throw me away from before your face, and your Holy Spirit O do not take away from me. (Psalms 51:11)**
- **Do restore to me the exultation of salvation by you, and may you support me even with a willing spirit. (Psalms 51:12)**
- **I will teach transgressors your ways, that sinners themselves may turn right back to you. (Psalms 51:13)**
- **Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God the God of my salvation, that my tongue may joyfully tell about your righteousness. (Psalms 51:14)**
- **O Yehowah, may you open these lips of mine, that my own mouth may tell forth your praise. (Psalms 51:15)**
- **For you do not take delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it, in whole burnt offering you do not find pleasure. (Psalms 51:16)**

- The sacrifices to God are a broken spirit, a heart broken and crushed, O God, you will not despise. (**Psalms 51:17**)
- In your goodwill do deal well with Zion, may you build the walls of Jerusalem. (**Psalms 51:18**)
- In that case you will be delighted with sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt sacrifice and whole offering, in that case bulls will be offered up on your very own altar. (**Psalms 51:19**)
- But the adulterine child, which remains nameless, died. Years later, further distress came to David for his sin, his own concubines being defiled by his son Absalom.
- In that case you will be delighted with sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt sacrifice and whole offering, in that case bulls will be offered up on your very own altar. (**Psalms 51:19**)
- Then Ahithophel said to Absalom; Have relations with the concubines of your father, whom he left behind to take care of the house. And all Israel will certainly hear that you have made yourself foul-smelling to your father, and the hands of all those who are with you will certainly become strong. (**2 Samuel 16:21**)
- Accordingly they pitched a tent for Absalom upon the roof, and Absalom began to have relations with the concubines of his father under the eyes of all Israel. (**2 Samuel 16:22**)

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- **Bath-sheba** found comfort in her repentant husband, repeatedly addressed him as my lord, as Sarah had done to her husband.
- Accordingly **Bath-sheba** went in to the king in the interior room, and the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was waiting upon the king. (**1 Kings 1:15**)
- Then **Bath-sheba** bowed low and prostrated herself to the king, upon which the king said; What do you have to ask? (**1 Kings 1:16**)
- At this she said to him; **My lord**, it was you that swore by

Yehowah your God to your slave girl, Solomon your son is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne. (1 Kings 1:17)

- **And now, look! Adonijah himself has become king, and now my lord the king himself does not know of it at all. (1 Kings 1:18)**
- **So he sacrificed bulls and fatlings and sheep in great quantity and invited all the sons of the king and Abiathar the priest and Joab the chief of the army, but Solomon your servant he has not invited. (1 Kings 1:19)**
- **And you my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon you, to tell them who is going to sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him. (1 Kings 1:20)**
- **And it will certainly occur that as soon as my lord the king lies down with his forefathers, I myself and also my son Solomon shall certainly become offenders. (1 Kings 1:21)**
- **As Sarah used to obey Abraham, calling him lord. And you have become her children, provided you keep on doing good and not fearing any cause for terror. (1 Peter 3:6)**
- **And in time she bore him a son named Solomon, whom Yehowah loved and blessed.**
- **And David began to comfort Bath-sheba his wife. Further, he came in to her and lay down with her. In time she bore a son, and his name came to be called Solomon. And Yehowah himself did love him. (2 Samuel 12:24)**
- **So he sent by means of Nathan the prophet and called his name Jedidiah, for the sake of Yehowah. (2 Samuel 12:25)**
- **She also had three other sons, Shimea, Shobab, and Nathan, the latter being an ancestor of Jesus mother Mary. Since Joseph descended from Solomon, both of Jesus earthly parents traced their ancestry to Bath-sheba as well as David.**
- **And there were these born to him in Jerusalem, Shimea and Shobab and Nathan and Solomon, four of Bath-sheba the daughter of Ammiel. (1 Chronicles 3:5)**

- Jesse became father to David the king. David became father to Solomon by the wife of Uriah. (**Matthew 1:6**)
- Jacob became father to Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. (**Matthew 1:16**)
- Furthermore, Jesus himself, when he commenced his work, was about thirty years old, being the son, as the opinion was, of Joseph, son of Heli. (**Luke 3:23**)
- Son of Melea, son of Menna, son of Mattatha, son of Nathan, son of David. (**Luke 3:31**)
- **Bath-sheba** comes forward in the account again toward the close of David's 40-year reign. David had sworn to her; **Solomon your son is the one that will become king after me**. So when Solomon's older half brother Adonijah attempted to usurp the throne just before David's death, **Bath-sheba**, on the suggestion of the prophet Nathan, reminded David of his oath. Immediately David put Solomon on the throne, and **Bath-sheba** thus became the queen mother.
- All the while Adonijah the son of Haggith was lifting himself up, saying; I myself am going to rule as king! And he proceeded to have a chariot made for himself with horsemen and fifty men running before him. (**1 Kings 1:5**)
- And his father did not hurt his feelings at any time by saying, Why is this the way you have done? And he was also very good-looking in form, and his mother had borne him after Absalom. (**1 Kings 1:6**)
- And he came to have dealings with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest, and they began offering help as followers of Adonijah. (**1 Kings 1:7**)
- As for Zadok the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and Nathan the prophet and Shimei and Rei and the mighty men that belonged to David, they did not become involved with Adonijah. (**1 Kings 1:8**)
- Eventually Adonijah held a sacrifice of sheep and cattle and fatlings close by the stone of Zoheleth, which is beside En-rogel, and he proceeded to invite all his brothers the king's sons and all the men of Judah the king's servants. (**1 Kings 1:9**)

- And Nathan the prophet and Benaiah and the mighty men and Solomon his brother he did not invite. (**1 Kings 1:10**)
- Nathan now said to **Bath-sheba**, Solomon's mother; Have you not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith has become king, and our lord David does not know of it at all? (**1 Kings 1:11**)
- So now come, let me, please, solemnly counsel you. And provide escape for your own soul and for the soul of your son Solomon. (**1 Kings 1:12**)
- Go and enter in to King David, and you must say to him; Was it not you, my lord the king, that swore to your slave girl, saying, Solomon your son is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne? So why has Adonijah become king? (**1 Kings 1:13**)
- Look! While you are yet speaking there with the king, then I myself shall come in after you, and I shall certainly confirm your words. (**1 Kings 1:14**)
- Accordingly **Bath-sheba** went in to the king in the interior room, and the king was very old, and Abishag the Shunammite was waiting upon the king. (**1 Kings 1:15**)
- Then **Bath-sheba** bowed low and prostrated herself to the king, upon which the king said; What do you have to ask? (**1 Kings 1:16**)
- At this she said to him; My lord, it was you that swore by Yehowah your God to your slave girl, Solomon your son is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne. (**1 Kings 1:17**)
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tell them who is going to sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him. (**1 Kings 1:20**)

- And it will certainly occur that as soon as my lord the king lies down with his forefathers, I myself and also my son Solomon shall certainly become offenders. (**1 Kings 1:21**)
- And, look! While she was yet speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet himself came in. (**1 Kings 1:22**)
- At once they told the king, saying; Here is Nathan the prophet! After that he came in before the king and prostrated himself to the king with his face to the earth. (**1 Kings 1:23**)
- Then Nathan said; My lord the king, did you yourself say; Adonijah is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne? (**1 Kings 1:24**)
- For he has today gone down that he might sacrifice bulls and fatlings and sheep in great quantity and might invite all the sons of the king and the chiefs of the army and Abiathar the priest, and there they are eating and drinking before him and they keep saying; Let King Adonijah live! (**1 Kings 1:25**)
- But as for me your servant, me and Zadok the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and Solomon your servant he has not invited. (**1 Kings 1:26**)
- If it is from my lord the king that this thing has been brought about, then you have not caused your servant to know who should sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him. (**1 Kings 1:27**)
- King David now answered and said; You men, call **Bath-sheba** for me. At that she came in before the king and stood before the king. (**1 Kings 1:28**)
- And the king proceeded to swear and say; As Yehowah is living who redeemed my soul out of all distress. (**1 Kings 1:29**)
- Just as I have sworn to you by Yehowah the God of Israel, saying; Solomon your son is the one that will become king after me, and he is the one that will sit upon my throne in place of me! that is the way I shall do this day. (**1 Kings 1:30**)

- Then **Bath-sheba** bowed low with her face to the earth and prostrated herself to the king and said; Let my lord King David live to time indefinite! (**1 Kings 1:31**)
- Immediately King David said; You men, call for me Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. So they came in before the king. (**1 Kings 1:32**)
- And the king went on to say to them; Take with you the servants of your lord, and you must make Solomon my son ride upon the she-mule that belongs to me and lead him down to Gihon. (**1 Kings 1:33**)
- And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet must anoint him there as king over Israel, and you must blow the horn and say; Let King Solomon live! (**1 Kings 1:34**)
- And you must come up following him, and he must come in and sit upon my throne, and he himself will be king in place of me, and him I shall have to commission to become leader over Israel and over Judah. (**1 Kings 1:35**)
- At once Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said, Amen! Thus may Yehowah the God of my lord the king say. (**1 Kings 1:36**)
- Just as Yehowah proved to be with my lord the king, so let him prove to be with Solomon, and may he make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David. (**1 Kings 1:37**)
- After Solomon's throne was firmly established, **Bath-sheba** appeared before him as an influential intermediary with a request in behalf of Adonijah. Solomon immediately rose to meet her and bowed down, and ordered that **a throne be placed for his mother**, that she might sit at his right. However, her request only revealed Adonijah's duplicity, so Solomon had him put to death.
- In time Adonijah the son of Haggith came to **Bath-sheba**, Solomon's mother. At this she said; Is your coming peaceable? to which he said; It is peaceable. (**1 Kings 2:13**)
- And he went on to say; There is a matter I have for you. So she said; Speak. (**1 Kings 2:14**)

- And he continued; You yourself well know that the kingship was to have become mine, and it was toward me that all Israel had set their face for me to become king, but the kingship turned and came to be my brothers, for it was from Yehowah that it became his. (1 Kings 2:15)
- And now there is one request that I am making of you. Do not turn my face away. Accordingly she said to him; Speak. (1 Kings 2:16)
- And he went on to say; Please, say to Solomon the king, for he will not turn your face away, that he should give me Abishag the Shunammite as a wife. (1 Kings 2:17)
- To this Bath-sheba said; Good! I myself shall speak for you to the king. (1 Kings 2:18)
- So Bath-sheba came in to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah. At once the king rose to meet her and bowed down to her. Then he sat down upon his throne and had a throne set for the mother of the king, that she might sit at his right. (1 Kings 2:19)
- And she proceeded to say; There is one little request that I am making of you. Do not turn my face away. So the king said to her; Make it, my mother, for I shall not turn your face away. (1 Kings 2:20)
- And she went on to say; Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah your brother as a wife. (1 Kings 2:21)
- At this King Solomon answered and said to his mother; And why are you requesting Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? Request also for him the kingship, because he is my brother older than I am, even for him and for Abiathar the priest and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. (1 Kings 2:22)
- With that King Solomon swore by Yehowah, saying; So may God do to me, and so may he add to it, if it was not against his own soul that Adonijah spoke this thing. (1 Kings 2:23)
- And now, as Yehowah is living who has firmly established me and keeps me seated upon the throne of David my father and who

made a house for me just as he has spoken, today Adonijah will be put to death. (**1 Kings 2:24**)

- **Immediately King Solomon sent by means of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he proceeded to fall upon him, so that he died. (1 Kings 2:25)**