

# Women of the Bible:

## *Bathsheba*

*First: Start with the facts from each passage:*

*Second: What would her life have been like at this time*

*Third: What traits do we discover about her*

*Fourth: How did God work through this person, even after their mistake(s)*

*Fifth: What inspiration or lessons can be learned?*

2 Samuel 11:1-5

2 Samuel 23:24, 34, 39

2 Samuel 11:26, 27

2 Samuel 12:13-20

2 Samuel 12:24-25

I Kings 1:11-40

1 Kings 2:13-25

I Chronicles 3:4b-5

Matthew 1:6

Lessons for Our Lives:

## **DID YOU NOTICE:**

**Bathsheba means: Oath; Voluptuous**

**Eliam means: God is Gracious**

**Jedidiah means: loved by the Lord**

**Solomon means: peace**

2 Samuel 11:1-5 She was committed to her husband and returned home.

2 Samuel 23:24, 34, 39 She was married to one of David's 30 chief men; daughter to another and granddaughter of one of David's advisors. Her grandfather would be instrumental in helping Absalom threaten David's throne, and when his advice was not taken, Ahithophel would commit suicide.

2 Samuel 11:26, 27 We have no indication that she knew of David's role in her husband's demise. She still loved her deceased husband.

2 Samuel 12:13-20 Her first child by David was struck ill and would die seven days later. We do not know if she ever learned the reason for his death.

2 Samuel 12:24-25 She was comforted again by the man who had brought her grief.

1 Kings 1:11-40 The same Nathan who confronted David about his illicit relationship with Bathsheba, now goes to Bathsheba to help save her life and place her son, Solomon on the throne.

1 Kings 2:13-25 Bathsheba agrees to "help" the person who tried to steal the throne from her son, by asking Solomon to give one of David's women, to him (which would bolster his claim to the throne). Was she naïve or was she willing to help Adonijah seal his own fate?

1 Chronicles 3:4b-5 Bathsheba and David named one of their children after the prophet who had been so involved in their lives.

Matthew 1:6 Her name is not mentioned, but her original husband's was.