



The Kings of Israel

Lesson #20

In our last study:

David began to reflect on a desire to build a house for the Lord!

David offered a prayer of gratitude.

David won a series of victories over his enemies.

David showed great kindness to Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan.

In this
study:

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2 Samuel 11:1 (ESV)

1 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:2 – 5 (ESV)

2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. 3 And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" 4 So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. 5 And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

Adultery breaks what must not be broken.

- Genesis 2:22 – 24 (ESV) (22 *And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*)
- Matthew 19:3 – 6 (ESV) (3 *And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?” 4 He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? 6 So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”*)

David's failed attempts to cover up his sin:

- David tries to get Uriah to believe the child was his own with Bathsheba by sending him home to his wife.

2 Samuel 11:6 – 8 (ESV)

6 So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab was doing and how the people were doing and how the war was going. 8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king.

2 Samuel 11:9 (ESV)

9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

2 Samuel 11:11 (ESV)

11 Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field. Shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.”

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2 Samuel 11:13 (ESV)

13 And David invited him, and he ate in his presence and drank, so that he made him drunk. And in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

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- David tries to get Uriah to believe the child was his own with Bathsheba by sending him home to his wife.
- David then tries to get Uriah drunk and then send him home.
- Finally, David becomes desperate and has Uriah murdered!

2 Samuel 11:14 – 15 (ESV)

14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die."

2 Samuel 11:16 – 17 (ESV)

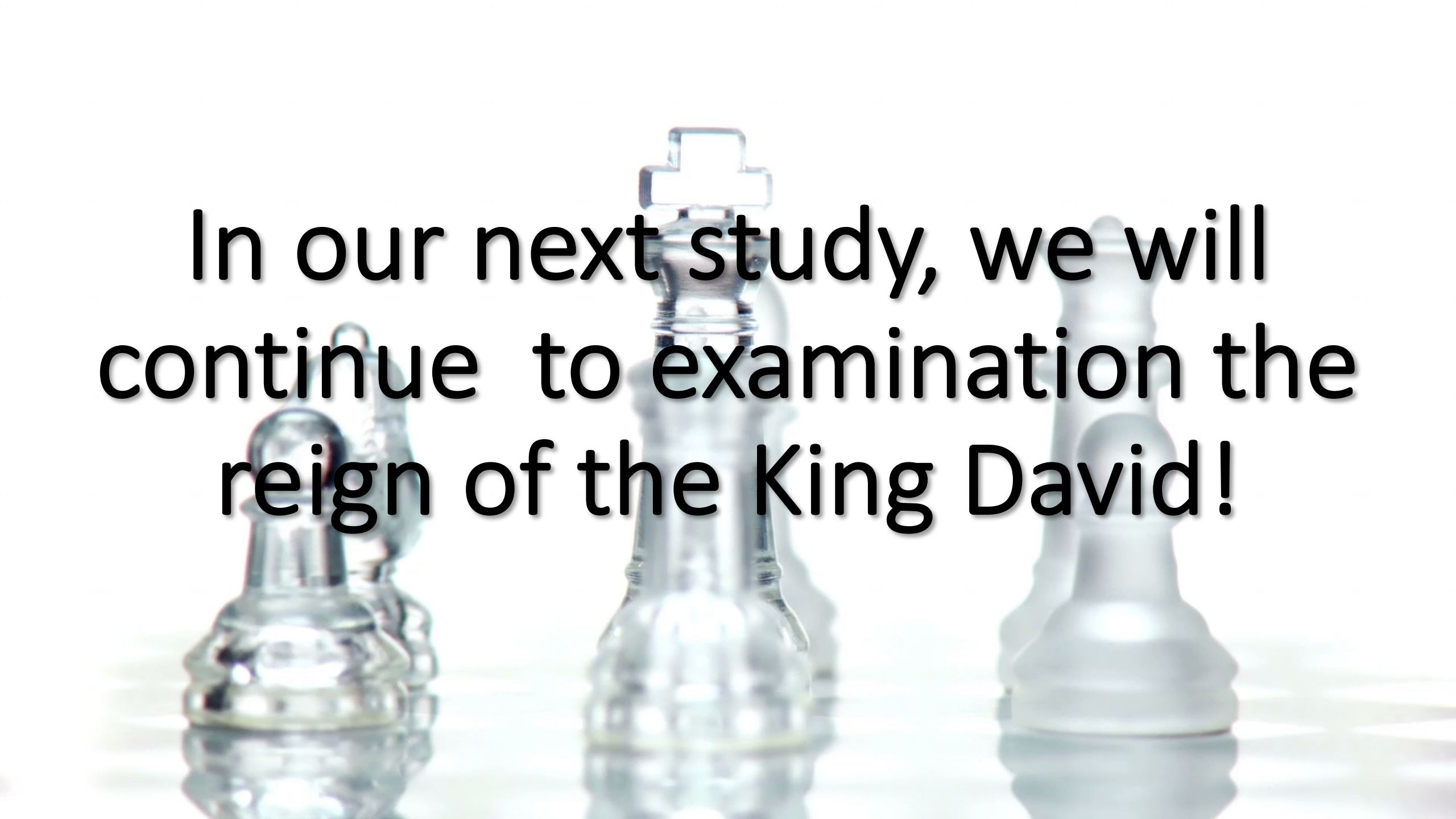
16 And as Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant men. 17 And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite also died.

2 Samuel 11:25 (ESV)

25 David said to the messenger, "Thus shall you say to Joab, 'Do not let this matter displease you, for the sword devours now one and now another. Strengthen your attack against the city and overthrow it.' And encourage him."

2 Samuel 11:26 – 27 (ESV)

*26 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. 27 And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. **But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.***



In our next study, we will
continue to examination the
reign of the King David!