

Old Testament Examples: *Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ~ 1Cor 10:11*

King Uzziah – 2Chronicles 26

1. Summary of King Uzziah's story... From success to downfall

- *Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-two years. His mother's name was Jekoliah; she was from Jerusalem. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father Amaziah had done. He sought God during the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God. As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success. ~ 2Chron 26:3-5*
- *Uzziah did well as king in many respects. He subdued the enemy Philistines, built up a strong defense system and a well-equipped military, developed the country economically, and learned the fear of the Lord, influenced by Zechariah: *And his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped until he became strong. ~ 2Chron 20: 15**
- **His downfall** - *But after Uzziah became powerful, his **pride** led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God... ~ 2Chron 26:16* - He tried to take the role of a priest... and was challenged.

2. Confronted by Azariah the priest and 80 priests of the Lord...

- *Uzziah's response... he became furious and continued doing what he wanted to do... (unrepentant)*
- *The result of his response: **King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died. He lived in an isolated house —leprous, and banned from the temple of the Lord. ~ 2Chron 26:21***

King David – 2 Samuel 11,12

1. The story of David and Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah. – The pathway and progression of sin...

- *David saw her, sent for her, lay with her, and she became pregnant (v.1-5)*
- *David plotted to 'cover his sin' – He called Uriah from the battlefield and encouraged him to go to his house, rest and be with his wife, Bathsheba.*
- *David's ploys and plans to cover his sin by making opportunity for Uriah to be with his wife didn't work out because of the character of Uriah. (11:6-13)*
- *David then arranged for Uriah to be killed... (11:14-17)*

2. Covering his sins... Problems solved...?

- *When the time of mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house and she became his wife; then she bore him a son. But the thing that David had done was evil in the sight of the Lord. ~ 2Sam 11:27*
- *David may have thought that he had covered and handled his 'situation' pretty well... but you really can't hide anything from God. He knows ALL!*

3. God sent (about a year later) – Nathan the prophet to David (2Samuel 12)

- *Nathan told David a story about a rich man, a poor man and a lamb. David pronounced his own judgment upon hearing the story.*
- *Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! (v.7)*

4. David's response... Confession: *So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."* (v.13)

- *Psalm 51 was written by David at this time...*
- *David was forgiven by God...*
 - *Later, David and Bathsheba had a son, and he called his name Solomon.*

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ~ 1John 1:9