And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth [to battle], that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman [was] very beautiful to look upon.

And David sent and enquired after the woman. And [one] said, [Is] not this Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanliness: and she returned unto her house.

And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I [am] with child.

And David sent to Joab, [saying], Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David.

And when Uriah was come unto him, David demanded [of him] how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war prospered.

And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess [of meat] from the king.
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as thy soul liveth, I will
hottest battle, and retire ye
in the forefront of the
morrow.
not down to his house.
But Uriah slept at the door
of the king's house with all
the servants of his lord, and
went not down to his house.
And when they had told
David, saying, Uriah went
not down unto his house,
David said unto Uriah,
Camest thou not from [thy]
journey? why [then] didst
thou not go down unto thine
house?
And Uriah said unto
David, The ark, and Israel,
and Judah, abide in tents;
and my lord Joab, and the
servants of my lord, are
encamped in the open
fields; shall I then go into
mine house, to eat and to
drink, and to lie with my
wife? [as] thou livest, and
[as] thy soul liveth, I will
not do this thing.
And David said to Uriah,
Tarry here to day also, and
to morrow I will let thee
depart. So Uriah abode in
Jerusalem that day, and the
morrow.
And when David had
called him, he did eat and
drink before him; and he
made him drunk: and at
even he went out to lie on
his bed with the servants
of his lord, but went not
down to his house.
And it came to pass in
the morning, that David
wrote a letter to Joab, and
sent [it] by the hand of
Uriah.
And he wrote in the
letter, saying, Set ye Uriah
in the forefront of the
hottest battle, and retire ye
from him, that he may be
smitten, and die.
And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant men [were].

And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell [some] of the people of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also.

Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war;

And charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of the war unto the king,

And if so be that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore approachest thou so nigh unto the city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall?

Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal? did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for.

And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate.
And the shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and [some] of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.

And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.