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¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

Matthew 5:27-28 (NIV)

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that anyone who looks at a woman
lustfully has already committed adultery
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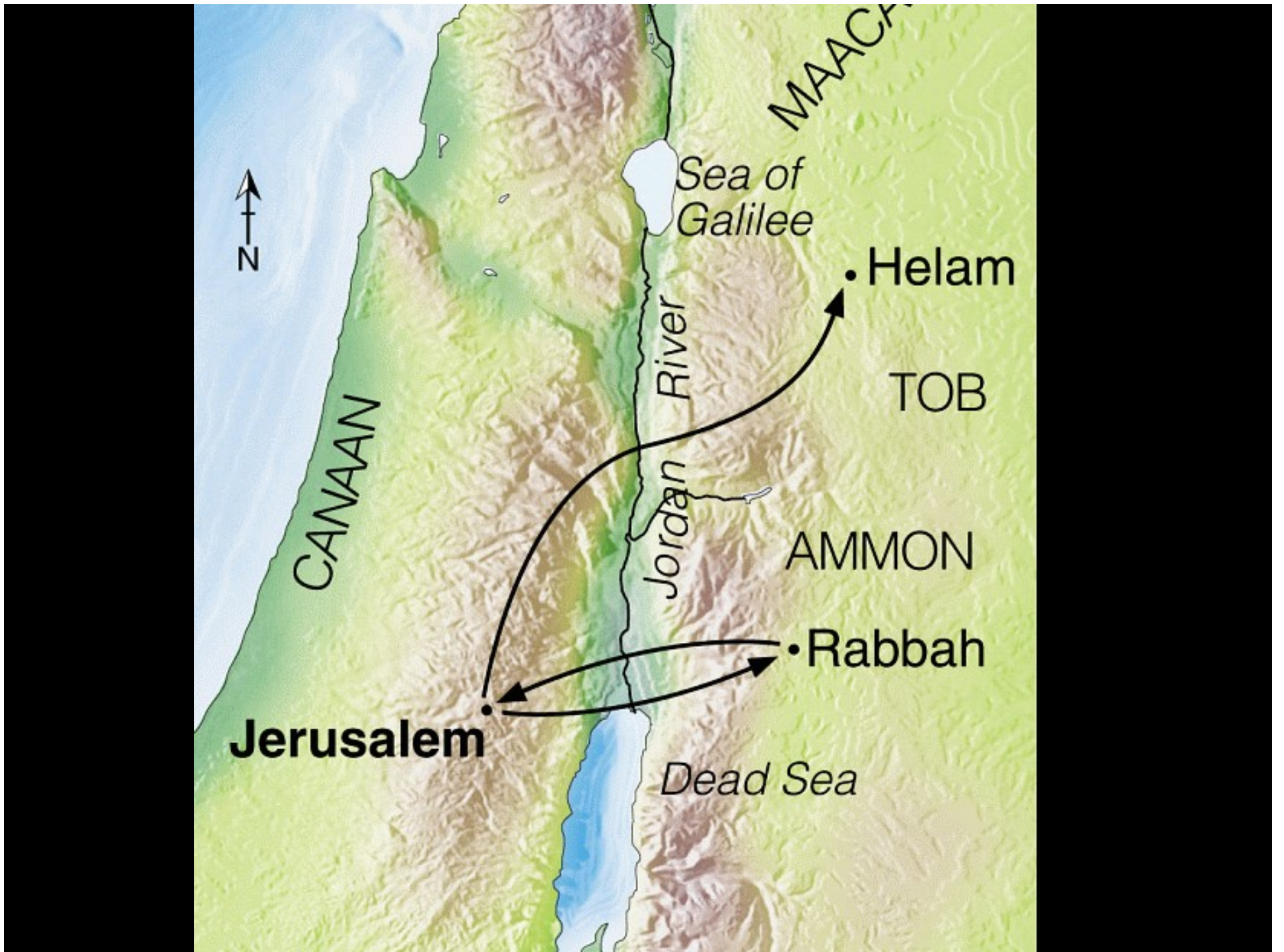
For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin.

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Let us then approach the throne of grace
with confidence, so that we may
receive mercy and find grace to help us
in our time of need.

Anatomy of a FALL

2 Samuel 11



The Biblical author puts **ALL the BLAME**
on David: David was **the king**, and was
acting in a very high-handed fashion,
abusing his power and position.

In the Ancient Near East **it was improper** for a neighbor to **look down into the inner court of another dwelling.**

Inner courtyards were regarded as **perfectly secluded**, Bathsheba would never have suspected that what went on there could be observed from the roof of the king's palace.

Since no Israelite house **had running water** at that time, bathing often was done **privately in the enclosed courtyard** that was a part of many Israelite houses. There is **NO indication in the text** that the woman **deliberately positioned herself** so as to entice David.

David's **temptation** followed an
age-old pattern:
he **SAW**, he **DESIRED**, and he **TOOK**.

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The actions that followed were inexcusable.
Bathsheba was a MARRIED woman,
and David **KNEW IT.**

In a world dominated by men, it may not
have been possible for Bathsheba
to **REFUSE** the most **POWERFUL** man
in the kingdom.

4 ...he SLEPT with her. She had just completed the **purification rites** after having her menstrual period. Then she returned home.

(NLT)

David **BROKE** Three of the Ten Commandments

- You shall not **COVET** your neighbor's wife
- You shall not commit **ADULTERY**
- You shall not **MURDER**

→ Take the **ESCAPE** God Provides

² ...From the roof he **SAW**
a woman **bathing**.

Numbers 15:38-39 (NIV)

³⁸ ...Throughout the generations to come you are **to make tassels** on the corners of your garments, with a blue cord on each tassel.



39 You will have these **tassels**
to **LOOK AT** and so you will **REMEMBER**
ALL the **Commands** of the **LORD**,
that you may **OBEY** them
and **not PROSTITUTE** yourselves
by **going after the LUSTS** of your
own **HEARTS** and **EYES**.

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1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man.

And God is FAITHFUL;

He will **NOT** let you be **tempted** beyond what **you can bear**. But **when** you are **tempted**, **He will also provide a WAY OUT** so that you can **stand up under it**.

→ Giving IN to Temptation IS SIN

³ He sent someone to find out who she was,
and he was told, She is **Bathsheba**,
the **daughter** of **Eliam** and
the **WIFE** of **Uriah** the Hittite. (NLT)

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A Perfect Description of David's sin...

- his desires were **INFLAMED** by prolonged looking
- **desire CONCEIVED** the sin in his imagination
- he **Surrendered his WILL** and **CHOSE sin**
- his actions led to **DEATH**

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Uriah drunk is **more pious than**
David sober.

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²⁶ When the **WIFE** of Uriah heard
that Uriah her **HUSBAND** was **DEAD**,
she **LAMENTED** over her **HUSBAND**.

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²⁷ When the time of mourning ended,
David had her **brought to** his house.
She became his wife and bore him a son.
However, **the LORD considered what**
David had DONE to be EVIL.

(HCS)

Several Thoughts to bring Perspective...

- being godly does not make a person **IMMUNE** from Temptation
- it is Impossible to **HIDE** one sin with **ANOTHER**
- Every sin **IS Committed IN** God's **PRESENCE**
- **NEGATIVE** consequences of sin overwhelmingly **OUTWEIGH** any pleasure
- God **will FORGIVE** confessed sin
- We must **Fully EMBRACE** God's answer to our prayers

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

If we **CONFESS** our sins, He is **faithful**
and **just** and will **FORGIVE**
us our sins and
PURIFY us from all **unrighteousness.**