

Gaps of intention/knowledge in 2 Samuel 11.7-11

- Verse 7: Did Uriah talk with Bathsheba before he went to meet David?
What is Uriah's and Bathsheba's relationship like?
What might Uriah imagine is the reason for the royal summons?
Did Uriah reply to any of David's small talk queries? If not, why not?
- Verse 8: Why might Uriah imagine David is sending Uriah home to have sex with his woman?
What might David imagine Uriah's interpretation of the invitation to go home is?
Is Uriah suspicious about David and Bathsheba?
What is the "present" that "follows" Uriah from the king?
Why did David send it?
What might Uriah imagine is the reason for the present?
- Verse 9: Why does Uriah sleep at the entrance to the king's house? Couldn't he have gone home but not had sex with Bathsheba?
Who are "the slaves of his lord"? Who is "his lord"?
Why are the slaves sleeping at the entrance? Is that their usual sleeping place?
- Verse 10: Who told David that Uriah did not go to his house?
What is their motivation: to please the king? To get Uriah in trouble? To advance their own status?
What might David imagine Uriah will say in response to David's question?
- Verse 11: Is Uriah afraid to speak so boldly to his king? If not, why not?
What does Uriah know about the ark, last seen in a tent (presumably) in Jerusalem (6.17; 7.2)?
Why does Uriah refer to "Israel and Judah" together?
Where exactly are we to understand Israel and Judah to be?
What might Uriah expect David to say in response to his rhetorical question?
How might David be feeling as Uriah speaks?