

2 Chronicles 26:1-23 **Uzziah, King of Judah**

Uzziah Reigns in Judah (2 Kings 14:21,22; 15:1-3)

1 Now all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

2 He built Elath and restored it to Judah, after the king rested with his fathers.

3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.

4 And he did what was right in the sight of Yahweh (the Lord), according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

5 He sought Elohiym (God) in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of Elohiym (God); and as long as he sought Yahweh (the Lord), Elohiym (God) made him prosper.

6 Now he went out and made war against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities around Ashdod and among the Philistines.

7 Elohiym (God) helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and against the Meunites.

8 Also the Ammonites brought tribute to Uzziah. His fame spread as far as the entrance of Egypt, for he became exceedingly strong.

9 And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the corner buttress of the wall; then he fortified them.

10 Also he built towers in the desert. He dug many wells, for he had much livestock, both in the lowlands and in the plains; he also had farmers and vinedressers in the mountains and in Carmel, for he loved the soil.

11 Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men who went out to war by companies, according to the number on their roll as prepared by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's captains.

12 The total number of chief officers of the mighty men of valor was two thousand six hundred.

13 And under their authority was an army of three hundred and seven thousand five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

14 Then Uzziah prepared for them, for the entire army, shields, spears, helmets, body armor, bows, and slings to cast stones.

15 And he made devices in Jerusalem, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and large stones. So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvelously helped till he became strong.

The Penalty for Uzziah's Pride (2 Kings 15:4-7)

16 But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against Yahweh Eloheyw (the Lord his God) by entering the temple of Yahweh (the Lord) to burn incense on the altar of incense.

17 So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of Yahweh (the Lord) — valiant men.

18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to Yahweh (the Lord), but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get

out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from Yahweh Elohiym (the Lord God)."

19 Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord), beside the incense altar.

20 And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there, on his forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because Yahweh (the Lord) had struck him.

21 King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He dwelt in an isolated house, because he was a leper; for he was cut off from Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord). Then Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz wrote.

23 So Uzziah rested with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings, for they said, "He is a leper." Then Jotham his son reigned in his place.
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Facts Revealed:

Uzziah Reigns in Judah (2 Kings 14:21,22; 15:1-3) [2 Chronicles 26:1-15]

- ✧ After the death of Amaziah king of Judah, all the people of Judah took his son Uzziah and made him king of Judah.
- ✧ Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecholiah of Jerusalem.
And he did what was right in the sight of Yahweh (the Lord), according to all that his father Amaziah had done.
He sought Elohiym (God) in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of Elohiym (God); and as long as he sought Yahweh (the Lord), Elohiym (God) made him prosper. [2 Chronicles 26:3-5]
- ✧ Yahweh caused Uzziah to prosper in every way as long as Uzziah sought Yahweh.
- ✧ Yahweh gave Uzziah victory over the Philistines, the Arabians, the Ammonites and the Meunites. [2 Chronicles 26:8]
- ✧ Uzziah had great building accomplishments. [2 Chronicles 26:9-10]
- ✧ Uzziah had a great and mighty army whom he provided with new weaponry and equipment. [2 Chronicles 26:11-15]

The Penalty for Uzziah's Pride (2 Kings 15:4-7) [2 Chronicles 26:16-23]

- ✧ Great success being blessed by Yahweh can cause a man with a heart for Yahweh to be lifted up in pride and act foolishly in arrogance.
- ✧ Uzziah in his enthusiasm for Yahweh broke the law of God and entered the temple of Yahweh to burn incense on the altar of incense which is lawful only for the priests.
- ✧ The Priests withstood Uzziah warning him that his actions were against the law of Yahweh and burning incense on the incense altar is for the priests only.
- ✧ Uzziah became furious with the priests and continued.
- ✧ Yahweh struck Uzziah with leprosy.
- ✧ Uzziah hurried with the priests hastening him to flee from the temple.
- ✧ Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death.
 - ✧ Nothing is to be gained for a man to willfully go against the commandments of Yahweh. [Hebrews 10:26-31]

- ✧ Because of his leprosy Uzziah was forced to dwell in an isolated house and was cut off from Beit Yahweh.
- ✧ His son Jotham was over the king's house and judged the people.
- ✧ The rest of the acts of Uzziah were recorded by the prophet Isaiah.
- ✧ The name given for the reign of Uzziah in the book of 2 Kings is Azariah the name of the Chief Priest. [[2 Kings 15:1-7](#), [2 Chronicles 26:30](#)]
- ✧ The name of Uzziah was confirmed by Isaiah. [[Isaiah 6:1](#)]
- ✧ Uzziah died and was buried in the king's field of burial because he was a leper.
- ✧ Jotham his son reigned in his place.