

When Dreams Die

Isaiah 6:1

Amaziah's Reign

- Devastation to Judah
- Victorious over the Sons of Seir (2 Chron 25:11)
- Worshiped the gods of the defeated (25:13)
- Incites war with Israel (25:17)
- Jerusalem sacked and looted (25:24)
- The Temple Robbed (25:24)



2 Chronicles 26:

2Ch 26:3 Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jechiliah of Jerusalem.

2Ch 26:4 He did right in the sight of the LORD according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

2Ch 26:5 He continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding through the vision of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God prospered him.

Uzziah's Reign

- Begins at 16 and reigns for 52 years
- Likened unto a return to the Golden Age
- Towers in the Wilderness (10)
- Water in the desert
- Fertile fields in harsh climate
- Who is this beginning to sound like?

Uzziah's Reign

- Success against Enemies of God (6-8)
- Extended Fame and borders (8)
- Rebuilt and fortified Jerusalem (9)
- Elite and well equipped army (11-14)
- Siege engines and weapons of war (15)

Return to the Golden Age

- Judah not like this since Solomon!
- Providing security for the people
- National, and capital pride
- Prosperity
- Hope! Could this be the one promised to David?
- What could go wrong?!



2 Chronicles 26:

2Ch 26:16 But when he became strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly, and he was unfaithful to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

17 Then Azariah the priest entered after him and with him eighty priests of the LORD, valiant men. 18 They opposed Uzziah the king and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have been unfaithful and will have no honor from the LORD God."



2 Chronicles 26:

2Ch 26:19 But Uzziah, with a censer in his hand for burning incense, was enraged; and while he was enraged with the priests, the leprosy broke out on his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the altar of incense. 20 Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous on his forehead; and they hurried him out of there, and he himself also hastened to get out because the LORD had smitten him.

21 King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death; and he lived in a separate house, being a leper, for he was cut off from the house of the LORD. And Jotham his son was over the king's house judging the people of the land.

Golden Age Cut Short

- Leprous king was no king at all
- Perfect kingdom shattered
- Dreams that “this could be the one” died
- Unification, everlasting peace, defeat enemies
- Dreams, Hopes, Expectations, Plans--dashed

Trust in God Alone

- Relationships cannot meet your need
- Your job cannot bestow value you seek
- Family cannot be perfect
- Plans hopes and dreams don't always pan out
- None but God is worthy of our complete trust



Isaiah 6

Isa 6:1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

BIBLE

...I saw the Lord

- In the midst of all kinds of disappointment...
- Funeral of hopes and dreams of a nation...
- In the midst of unmet expectations...
- God chooses to reveal Himself
- Because we need Him in these moments
- HE IS what we need