



# THE ENEMY OF WORSHIP

## Pride

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# WORSHIP

שָׁחָה

***Shachah***

*a primitive root; to depress, i.e. prostrate (especially reflexive, in homage to royalty or God):—bow (self) down, crouch, fall down (flat), humbly beseech, do (make) obeisance, do reverence, make to stoop, worship.*



# 2 Chronicles 26

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

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

<sup>3</sup> **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.

<sup>4</sup> And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.



<sup>5</sup> He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> God helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabians who lived in Gur Baal, and against the Meunites.

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



<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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.



<sup>12</sup> The total number of chief officers of the mighty men of valor *was* two thousand six hundred. <sup>13</sup> 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.

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

<sup>15</sup> 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**.



**16** But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to *his* destruction, for he **transgressed** against the LORD his God by entering the temple of 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 the LORD—valiant men.

**18** And they withstood King Uzziah, 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 trespassed! You *shall have* no honor from the LORD God.”



<sup>19</sup> 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 the house of the LORD**, beside the incense altar.

<sup>20</sup> 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 the LORD had struck him.





<sup>21</sup> 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 the house of the LORD. Then Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

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

<sup>23</sup> 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.



# Uzziah

1. Became king at **16 years old**
2. Reigned for **52 years** in Jerusalem
3. He **sought God** in the days of Zechariah
4. God **prospered** him
5. **Defeated** his enemies
6. He became **strong**
7. Great **builder**
8. **Rich**
9. Had a **great army**
10. **Invented** new ways to make way
11. His **fame** went far and wide



# Uzziah

(2 Chron 26)

עֲזַיָּה

From עֶזַ (H5797) and יָהּ (H3050); **strength** of **JAH**



# Azariah

(2 Kings 15)

עֲזַרְיָה

from H5826 and H3050; JAH has helped



# Exodus 15:2

<sup>2</sup> The **LORD** *is my strength* and song,  
And He has become my salvation;  
He *is my God*, and I will praise Him;  
My father's God, and I will exalt Him.



# Psalm 84:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Blessed *is* the man whose **strength** *is* in You,  
Whose heart *is* set on pilgrimage.

<sup>6</sup> *As they* pass through the Valley of Baca,  
They make it a spring;  
The rain also covers it with pools.

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength;  
*Each one* appears before God in Zion.



# Psalm 28:7-8

<sup>7</sup> The **LORD** *is my strength* and my shield;  
My heart trusted in Him, and I am **helped**;  
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,  
And with my song I will praise Him.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD *is their strength*,  
And He *is the saving refuge* of His anointed.



# Psalm 61:3

<sup>3</sup> For You have been a shelter for me,  
A **strong** tower from the enemy.





# Psalm 62:7

<sup>7</sup> In God *is* my salvation and my glory;  
The rock of **my strength**,  
*And* my refuge, *is* in God.



# Psalm 24:8

<sup>8</sup> Who *is* this King of glory?  
The LORD **strong** and mighty,  
The LORD mighty in battle.



# 2 Chronicles 26:5

<sup>5</sup> He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him prosper.



# 1) God Prospered Uzziah As Long As He Sought The LORD

- He was as young as 16 years old
- He sought the LORD in the days of Zechariah. What happened afterwards?
- When should we seek the LORD?
- By whose strength did Uzziah accomplish so many things? Whose strength are we talking about?



# Judges 2:16-19

<sup>16</sup> Nevertheless, the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them.

<sup>17</sup> Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the LORD; they did not do so.



18 And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them.

19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they reverted and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by following other gods, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.



# Philippians 2:12

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

<sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.



# 2 Chronicles 15:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Now the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded.

<sup>2</sup> And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him:  
“Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD *is* with you while you are with Him. **If you seek Him, He will be found by you;** but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you.





# 2 Chronicles 26:15-16

<sup>15</sup> ... So his fame spread far and wide, for he was marvelously helped till **he became strong**.

<sup>16</sup> But when **he was strong** his **heart was lifted up**, to *his* destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.



## 2) Uzziah Became Strong & Proud

- Whose strength are we now talking about?
- What happened to Uzziah?
- Ministry, accomplishments, achievements, results, reach, recognition, riches, etc.
- Uzziah presumed to serve God based on his achievements
- His heart was lifted up



# 3) Uzziah Must Die

- What do we mean by Uzziah here?
- What happened in the year that King Uzziah died?
- Isaiah saw the LORD
- Time to dethrone self
- The spirit of Antichrist



# Isaiah 6:1-3

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King **Uzziah died**, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple.

<sup>2</sup> Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

<sup>3</sup> And one cried to another and said:  
“Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts;  
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”



# Genesis 3:4-5

<sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman,  
“You will not surely die.

<sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”



# Isaiah 14:12-14

<sup>12</sup> “How you are fallen from heaven,  
O Lucifer, son of the morning!  
*How you are cut down to the ground,*  
You who weakened the nations!

<sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart:  
‘I will ascend into heaven,  
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;  
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation  
On the farthest sides of the north;  
<sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,  
I will be like the Most High.’



# Ezekiel 28:1-5

<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,  
<sup>2</sup> “Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD:

“Because your **heart *is* lifted up,**  
And you say, ‘***I am a god,***  
I sit *in* the seat of gods,  
In the midst of the seas,’

Yet you *are* a man, and not a god,  
Though you set your heart as the **heart of a god**

<sup>3</sup> (Behold, you *are* wiser than Daniel!  
There is no secret that can be hidden from you!



<sup>4</sup> With your wisdom and your understanding  
**You have gained riches for yourself,**  
And gathered gold and silver into your treasuries;

<sup>5</sup> By your great wisdom in trade you have  
increased your riches,  
And your heart is lifted up because of your  
riches),”





# 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

<sup>4</sup> who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.



# 2 Corinthians 12:10

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake.

For when I am **weak**, then I am **strong**.



# Psalm 121:1-2 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> I **lift up my eyes** to the hills.  
From where does my **help** come?

<sup>2</sup> My **help** comes from the **LORD**,  
who made heaven and earth.

