

“Uzziah: God Means Business”

Lord of the Kings • part 8
2 Kings 14-15; 2 Chronicles 25-26

INTRODUCTION

- Pride goes before destruction

Isa. 14:12-15

“According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere fleabites in comparison: it was through Pride that the devil became the devil. Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.”
– C.S. Lewis

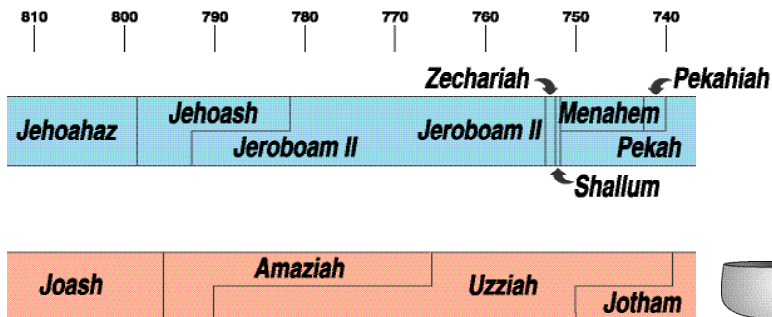
Pride is “contempt for God and the refusal to obey Him.”

– Thomas Aquinas

Prov. 8:13; 15:25; 16:5; Jms 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5

1. The lineage of Uzziah

- grandson of Joash
- son of Amaziah
 - + trusted in the Lord (2 Chr. 25:2, 5-13)
 - chastened by the Lord (25:14, 22-24)



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2. The character of Uzziah (2 Chr. 26:1-5)

3. The blessings of God on Uzziah (26:6-15)

- rebuilding Jerusalem (26:9)
- building infrastructure of the country (26:10)
- building the country economically (26:2)
- building the country militarily (26:13-15)
- ...the zenith of Judah’s power and influence (26:6-8)

4. The chastening of God on Uzziah (26:16-21)

- no need for the Lord: God’s gift to the world
Ex. 30:7, 27; Num. 18:1-7
- “Azariah” =
- “Uzziah” =

APPLICATION

- ‘Why was God so harsh?’
Deut. 32:4; Acts 5:1-10
- God will harshly chasten His own children
Heb. 12:5-6

“It is easier to save us from our sins than from our righteousness.”
– Charles Spurgeon

Ps. 119:71

“One of the precious fruits of sanctified affliction is humility. If *pride* is the Christian’s greatest foe, anything that rebukes it is our great friend. Pride in our ‘strength’ is rebuked by infirmity. Pride in our ‘beauty’ is rebuked by disease. Pride in our ‘wealth’ is rebuked by losses. Pride in our ‘fame’ is rebuked by slander.”

– Newman Hall