

Turning the Hearts: Amaziah

II Chronicles 25

Kings of Judah

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Amaziah Defeats Edomites

Secures kingdom by killing assassins of his father
Plans War against Edom

Takes a census: 300,000 soldiers

Hires from Ephraim: 100,000 soldiers

Prophet Tells Him to let Ephraim soldiers go

God isn't with Israel: defeat

God will help them win without Israel

Let go of the Money

Destroy 20,000 soldiers of Edom

Israel kills 3,000 and plunders Judah

Amaziah is Rebuked by the Prophet

Sets up the Edomite gods as his gods

God sends a prophet to rebuke him

The king warns him to be quiet

"God has planned to destroy you."



A man of God.

Sent by God.

A fellow countryman.

HE TOLD HIM THE TRUTH.

Amaziah is Rebuked by King of Israel

Amaziah challenges Jehoash

Jehoash identifies Amaziah's pride

Amaziah is captured in battle

Wall is torn down in Jerusalem; treasures and hostages are taken



Doesn't follow God.

Has his own interests at heart.

An opposing King.

HE TOLD HIM THE TRUTH.



Amaziah is Killed by his Servants

From the time Amaziah turned away

Servants conspired against him

He runs to Lachish, where they find and kill him

Bury him with fathers in Jerusalem

Whoever heeds life-giving correction will be at home among the wise.

Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding.

Wisdom's instruction is to fear the LORD, and humility comes before honor. Proverbs 15:31-33

Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but **whoever hates correction is stupid.**

Proverbs 12:1

The Bottom Line

Amaziah let one success go to his head.

Turning the Hearts: Uzziah

II Kings 15:1-7 and II Chronicles 26

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Uzziah Is Greatly Helped by God

Becomes king at the age of 16 and reigns 52 years

Builds Elat

Does right in the sight of God

Wars against

Philistines/Arabians/Meunites/Ammonites

Fame extends to border of Egypt=very strong

Builds towers in Jerusalem and repairs the wall

Towers in the wilderness

Builds cisterns for his abundant livestock: in lowland and plain

Plowmen and vinedressers in hill country: loved the soil

Has an army ready for battle

2,600 valiant warriors 307,500 all together

Prepares shields, spears, helmets, body armor, bows, slings.

In Jerusalem he makes engines of war to shoot stones and arrows

Hence: His fame spread afar

FOR HE WAS MARVOUSLY HELPED (until he was strong)

Uzziah is Greatly Helped by God

BUT WHEN HE BECAME STRONG

His heart was so proud that he acted corruptly and was unfaithful to the Lord his God.

Enters the temple to burn incense



Uzziah is Confronted by the Priests

Azariah the priest enters after him with 80 priests and **oppose Uzziah**

Uzziah was enraged and leprosy breaks out
Azariah and priests usher him out

Uzziah lives in separate house

Common characteristics of pride:

Assumes authority that has not been given

Assumes one's own thinking is right

Does not receive correction

Views those who correct as against them

Justifies ones actions

At the root, pride is a false view of self in relationship to who God is and His right to make the rules.

Who was the King? Who was on the Throne? Who was in the Temple?

Who had the right to come into the Temple?

*In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a **throne**, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the **temple**. Isaiah 6:1*

Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. 16:18

If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! I Cor. 10:12

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (We all have different gifts.) Romans 12:2-4

The Bottom Line

Uzziah was great, and he thought so too.