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II Chronicles 26:1-23

(1) Then all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and proclaimed him king to succeed his father Amaziah. (2) It was he who rebuilt Eloth and restored it to Judah after King [Amaziah] slept 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 Jecoliah of Jerusalem. (4) He did what was pleasing to the LORD just as his father Amaziah had done. (5) He applied himself to the worship of God during the time of Zechariah, instructor in the visions of God; during the time he worshiped the LORD, God made him prosper. (6) He went forth to fight the Philistines, and breached the wall of Gath and the wall of Jabneh and the wall of Ashdod; he built towns in [the region of] Ashdod and among the Philistines. (7) God helped him against the Philistines, against the Arabs who lived in Gur-baal, and the Meunites. (8) The Ammonites paid tribute to Uzziah, and his fame spread to the approaches of Egypt, for he grew exceedingly strong. (9) Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem on the Corner Gate and the Valley Gate and on the Angle, and fortified them. (10) He built towers in the wilderness and hewed out many cisterns, for he had much cattle, and farmers in the foothills and on the plain, and vine dressers in the mountains and on the fertile lands, for he loved the soil. (11) Uzziah had an army of warriors, a battle-ready force who were mustered by Jeiel the scribe and Maasseiah the adjutant under Hananiah, one of the king's officers. (12) The clan chiefs, valiants, totaled 2,600; (13) under them was the trained army of 307,500, who made war with might and power to aid the king against the enemy. (14) Uzziah provided them—the whole army—with shields and spears, and helmets and mail, and bows and slingstones. (15) He made clever devices in Jerusalem, set on the towers and the corners, for shooting arrows and large stones. His fame spread far, for he was helped wonderfully, and he became strong. (16) When he was strong, he grew so arrogant he acted corruptly: he trespassed against his God by entering the Temple of the LORD to offer incense on the incense altar. (17) The priest Azariah, with eighty other brave priests of the LORD, followed him in (18) and, confronting King Uzziah, said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to offer incense to the LORD, but for the Aaronite priests, who have been consecrated, to offer incense. Get out of the Sanctuary, for you have trespassed; there will be no glory in it for you from the LORD God." (19) Uzziah, holding the censer and ready to burn incense, got angry; but as he got angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in front of the priests in the House of the LORD beside the incense altar. (20) When the chief priest Azariah and all the other priests looked at him, his forehead was leprous, so they rushed him out of there; he too made haste to get out, for the LORD had struck him with a plague. (21) King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. He lived in isolated quarters as a leper, for he was cut off from the House of the LORD—while Jotham his son was in charge of the king's house and governed the people of the land. (22) The other events of Uzziah's reign, early and late, were recorded by the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. (23) Uzziah slept with his fathers in the burial field of the kings, because, they said, he was a leper; his son Jotham succeeded him as king.

II Chronicles 27:1-9

(1) Jotham was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; his mother's name was Jerushah daughter of Zadok. (2) He did what was pleasing to the LORD just as his father Uzziah had done, but he did not enter the Temple of the LORD; however, the people still acted corruptly. (3) It was he who built the Upper Gate of the House of the LORD; he also built extensively on the wall of Ophel. (4) He built towns in the hill country of Judah, and in the woods he built fortresses and towers. (5) Moreover, he fought with the king of the Ammonites and overcame them; the Ammonites gave him that year 100 talents of silver and 10,000 kor of wheat and another 10,000 of barley; that is what the Ammonites paid him, and [likewise] in the second and third years. (6) Jotham was strong because he maintained a faithful course before the LORD his God. (7) The other events of Jotham's reign, and all his battles and his conduct, are recorded in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. (8) He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. (9) Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried in the City of David; his son Ahaz succeeded him as king.

