

(10) Uzziah (Azariah)

BIBLICAL RECORD:

- 2 Kings 15:1-7
- 2 Chronicles 26:1-23
- 1st reference: 2 Kings 14:21
- Last reference: 1 Chronicles 3:12
- Mentioned 9 times in the Bible

POSITION:

- 10th King in the Southern Kingdom of Judah

REIGN:

- 52 years
- 796-767 B.C.

CHARACTER:

- Good

DEATH:

- **2 Kings 15:5** – “Then the Lord struck the king, so that he was a leper until the day of his death; so he dwelt in an isolated house . . .”

FAMILY:

- Father was Amaziah
- Mother was Jecoliah from Jerusalem

RULER(s) IN THE NORTHERN KINGDOM:

- Jeroboam 1 (41), 13th King in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Became king during Jehu’s 27th year as king over Israel.
- Continued to reign through the Northern Kingdom kings of:
 - Zechariah (6 months), 14th King in the Northern Kingdom . . . Became king during Uzziah’s 38 year.
 - Shallum (1 month), 15th King in the Northern Kingdom . . . Became king during Uzziah’s 39th year.
 - Menahem (10), 16th King in the Northern Kingdom. . . Became king during Uzziah’s 39th year.
 - Pekahiah (20 years), 17th King in the Northern Kingdom . . . Became king during Uzziah’s 50th year.
 - Pekah (9), 19th King in the Northern Kingdom of Israel . . . into Pekah’s 2nd year. Became king during Uzziah’s 52nd year.

PROPHET(s):

- Isaiah
- Micah

OBSERVATIONS:

FACTS:

- Became King at age 16
- Successfully warred against the Philistines. 2 Chronicles 26:5
- Successfully warred against the Arabs Gur Baal. 2 Chronicles 20:7
- Ammonites brought tribute to him. 2 Chronicles 26:8
- He built many things. “He loved the soil.” 2 Chronicles 26 9-10
- He had an army of 307,500 men with 2,600 family leaders over them. 2 Chronicles 26:11-13
- The army was well equipped with weapons and military machines. 2 Chronicles 26:14-15
- **2 Chronicles 26:16** – “But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense.”
 - Azariah, along with 80 other “courageous priests” followed Uzziah into the temple and confronted him and told him it was not right for him to burn incense on the altar. 2 Chronicles 26:17-18
 - With the censer in his hand and ready to burn incense, leprosy broke out on his forehead. 2 Chronicles 26:19
 - The king would have that leprosy until the day he died. He had to live in a separate house and was excluded from the temple of the Lord. 2 Chronicles 26:21
- Uzziah’s son, Jotham, took over as the operational king in the Southern Kingdom. 2 Chronicles 26:21
- After Uzziah’s death, “Jotham his son succeeded him as king.” **2 Chronicles 26:23**

LESSONS FROM HIS LIFE & REIGN:

- People can change, and not always for the better. 2 Chronicles 26:16

KEY PASSAGE(s):

- **2 Chronicles 26:5** – “As long as he sought the Lord, God gave him success.”
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