



Pride and Piety

A Study of Uzziah's Life | 2 Chr. 26



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Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity



- Uzi (עזי) = my strength
- Uzziah (עזיה) = my strength is Yah

Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

2 Chr. 26:1

And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.

Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

2 Chr. 26:2

He built Eloth and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers.

Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

2 Chr. 26:3

Uzziah was 16 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned 52 years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem.

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2 Chr. 26:4

And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

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2 Chr. 26:5

He set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who instructed him in the fear of God, and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper.



Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

- Godly upbringing (2 Chr. 25:2)
- Grandfather killed (2 Chr. 24:25)
- Made king at 16 (2 Chr. 26:1)
- First child at 32 (2 Chr. 27:1)
- Restored Eloah at 39 (2 Chr. 26:2)

Eloth Panorama



jordan

saudi arabia

egypt

israel



Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

Piety

- Private holiness
- A genuine, earnest longing to please God

Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

Pro. 22:6

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.



Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

- Be a Zechariah!
- Your young Uzziahs will be blessed
- Piety brings Prosperity

Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

2 Chr. 26:6a

He went out and made war
against the Philistines and broke
through the wall of Gath and the
wall of Jabneh and the wall of
Ashdod

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2 Chr. 26:6b

and he built cities in the territory
of Ashdod and elsewhere
among the Philistines.

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2 Chr. 26:7

God helped him against the Philistines and against the Arabians who lived in Gurbaal and against the Meunites.

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2 Chr. 26:8

The Ammonites paid tribute to Uzziah, and his fame spread even to the border of Egypt, for he became very strong.

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Pro. 16:7

When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

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2 Chr. 26:9

Moreover, Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate and at the Valley Gate and at the Angle, and fortified them.

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2 Chr. 26:10a

And he built towers in the wilderness and cut out many cisterns, for he had large herds,

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2 Chr. 26:10b

both in the Shephelah and in the plain, and he had farmers and vinedressers in the hills and in the fertile lands, for he loved the soil.

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2 Chr. 26:11a

Moreover, Uzziah had an army of soldiers, fit for war, in divisions according to the numbers in the muster made by Jeiel the secretary

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2 Chr. 26:11b

and Maaseiah the officer, under the direction of Hananiah, one of the king's commanders.

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2 Chr. 26:12

The whole number of the heads of fathers' houses of mighty men of valor was 2,600.

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2 Chr. 26:13

Under their command was an army of 307,500, who could make war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy.

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2 Chr. 26:14

And Uzziah prepared for all the army shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows, and stones for slinging.

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2 Chr. 26:15a

In Jerusalem he made machines, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and the corners, to shoot arrows and great stones.

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2 Chr. 26:15b

And his fame spread far, for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.




Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

- Piety brings Prosperity
- Uzziah's piety was rewarded by military, diplomatic, agricultural & scientific prosperity



Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

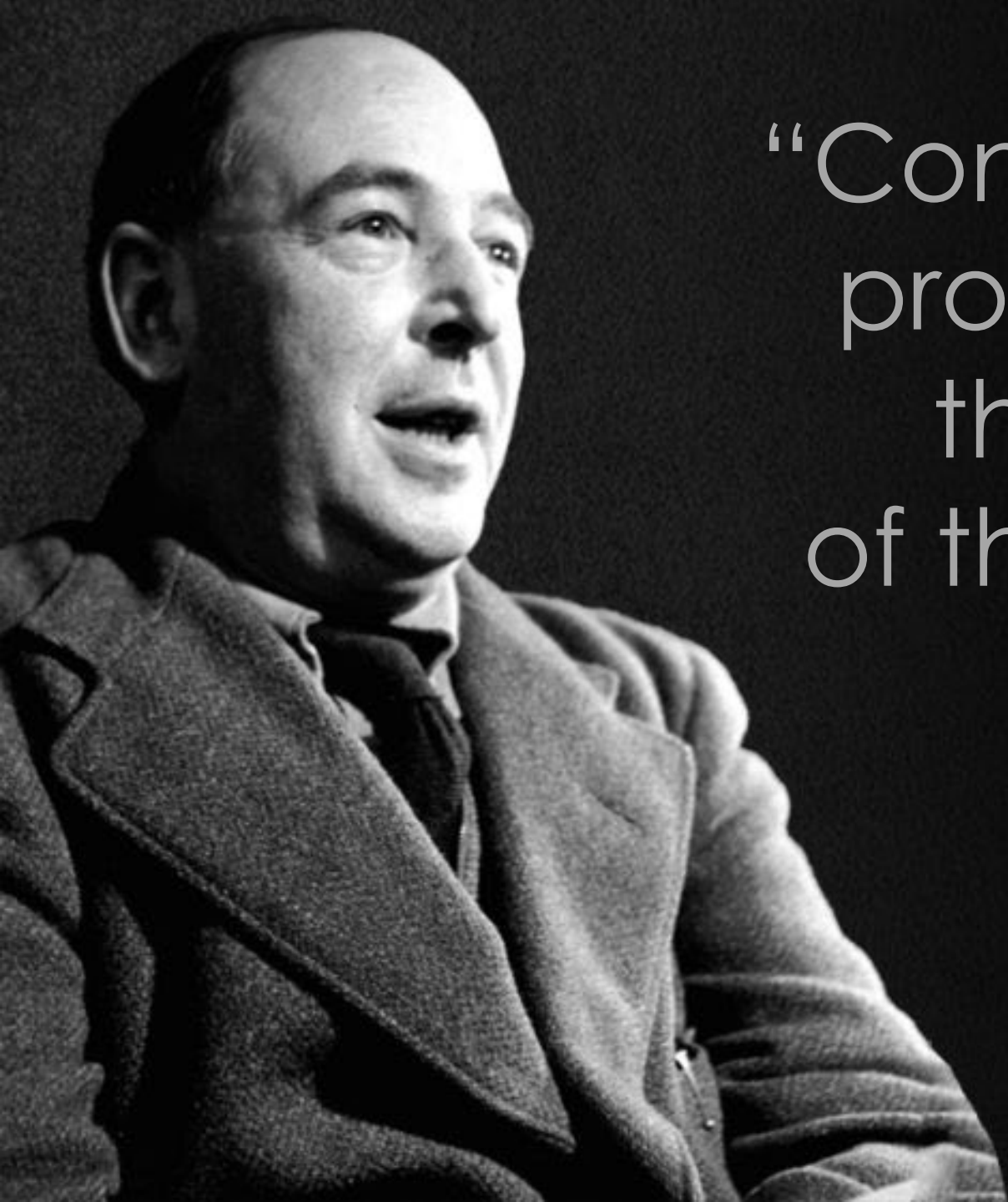
- ➡ Seek God wholeheartedly
(Deut. 4:29, Jer. 29:13)
 - ➡ Read your Bible
 - ➡ Pray every day
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Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

- Obey and be blessed (Deu. 28)
- Disobey and be cursed (Deu. 28)
- God rewards – and generously (Isa. 40:10, Rev. 22:12)





“Consider the unblushing
promises of reward and
the staggering nature
of the rewards promised
in the Gospels!”

- C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

Ps. 73:12-13

These are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence!

Uzziah's Piety and Prosperity

Ps. 73:17-18

I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.

Truly you set them in slippery
places; you make them fall to ruin!



Piety brings Prosperity

Application:

- ➡ Read Bible
- ➡ Pray for your HDB block
- ➡ Volunteer at BCS
- ➡ Be a blessing



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Uzziah's Pride and Punishment

Zech. 14:5 (cf. Amos 1:1)

You shall flee as you fled from
the earthquake in the days of
Uzziah king of Judah.

Uzziah's Pride and Punishment

- Earthquake at 46 (Amos 1:1)
- Grandfather at 52 (2 Chr. 28:1)
- Leprosy at 56 (2 Chr. 26:16)
- Death at 66 (2 Chr. 26:23)

Uzziah's Pride and Punishment

2 Chr. 26:16a

But when he was strong, he
grew proud, to his destruction.

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2 Chr. 26:16b

For he was unfaithful to the Lord his God and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense.

Uzziah's Pride and Punishment

Num. 3:10

Aaron and his sons...shall attend to their priesthood; but the outsider who comes near shall be put to death.

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Num. 16:40

No outsider...should draw near to burn incense before the LORD, lest he become like Korah and his company.

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2 Chr. 26:17

But Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of the Lord who were men of valor

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2 Chr. 26:18a

and they withstood King Uzziah
and said to him, "It is not for
you, Uzziah, to burn incense to
the Lord

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2 Chr. 26:18b

but for the priests, the sons of
Aaron, who are consecrated to
burn incense.

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2 Chr. 26:18c

Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from the Lord God."

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2 Chr. 26:19a

Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he became angry with the priests,

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2 Chr. 26:19b

leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of the Lord, by the altar of incense.

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2 Chr. 26:20a

And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead!

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2 Chr. 26:20b

And they rushed him out quickly, and he himself hurried to go out, because the Lord had struck him.

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Lev. 13:46

He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.

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Num. 12:2

Has the LORD indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?

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2 Chr. 26:21a

And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and being a leper lived in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of the Lord.

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2 Chr. 26:21b

And Jotham his son was over the king's household, governing the people of the land.

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2 Chr. 26:22

Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, from first to last, Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz wrote.

Uzziah's Pride and Punishment

2 Chr. 26:23a

And Uzziah slept with his fathers,
and they buried him with his
fathers in the burial field that
belonged to the kings, for they
said, "He is a leper."

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2 Chr. 26:23b

And Jotham his son reigned in his place.

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Isa. 6:1

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up.

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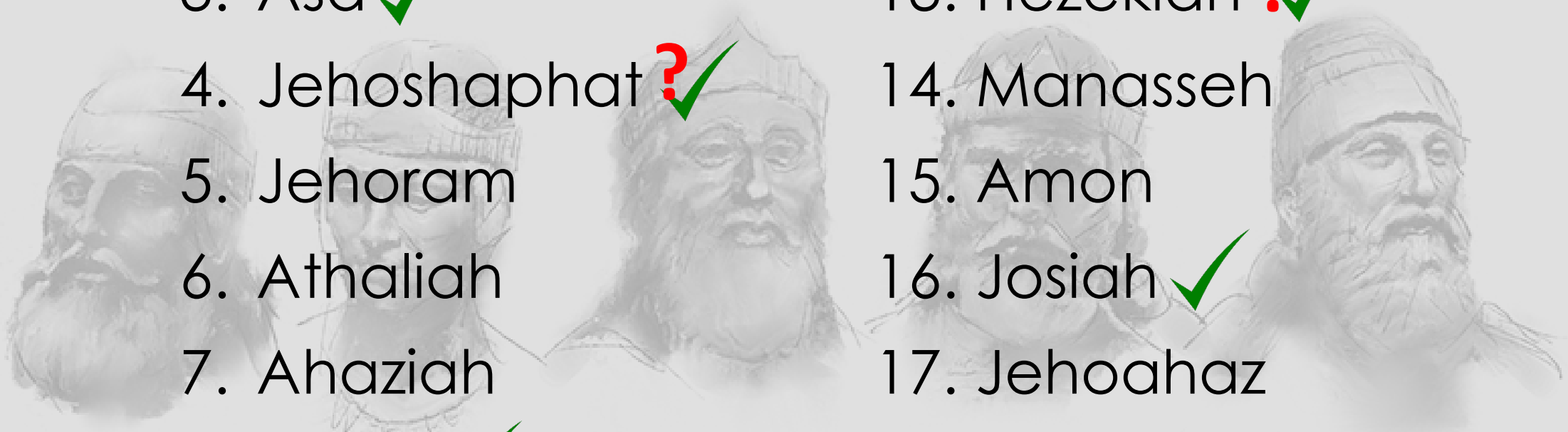
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Pro. 16:18

Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a
fall.

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Jas. 4:6

God opposes the proud but
gives grace to the humble.



Pride brings Punishment

Beware Pride disguised as Piety

- ➡ Read Bible
- ➡ Pray for your HDB block
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Pride brings Punishment

Application:

- Repent from past pride
- Plead for mercy & grace
- Guard against future pride

The background of the slide is a lush, detailed painting of a forest. In the center, a waterfall cascades over mossy rocks. In the foreground, there are stone walls on either side of a path or stream. The forest is filled with tall, thin trees and dense foliage, including ferns and red berries. The lighting is soft, suggesting a misty or dappled sunlight effect.

Conclusion

- Piety brings Prosperity,
so be pious!
- Pride brings Punishment,
so shun pride!