

April: 20

King Uzziah

Scripture to read: 2 Kings 15:1-5, 2 Chronicles 26:1-19

King Uzziah was also known by the name Azariah. Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-two years. He did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight. He was also a man who had great interest in raising livestock and a man who loved the soil. He had many workers who cared for his farms and vineyards. Uzziah had an army of well-trained warriors of 307,500 men all elite troops. Uzziah provided the entire army with shields, spears, helmets, coats of mail, bows, and sling stones. And he built structures on the walls of Jerusalem, designed by experts to protect those who shot arrows and hurled large stones from the towers and the corners of the wall. But when he had become powerful, he also became proud, He sinned against the Lord his God by entering the sanctuary of the Lord's Temple and personally burning incense on the incense altar.



Little ones, can we see what happened when King Uzziah entered into the Temple of the Lord? The priests confronted King Uzziah and said, "It is not right for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord. That is for the priests, the descendants of Aaron, who have been consecrated to burn incense. Uzziah, who had a censer in his hand ready to burn incense, became angry. While he was raging at the priests in their presence before the incense altar in the Lord's temple, leprosy broke out on his forehead. Immediately Uzziah left the temple. Children, are you thinking, that Why should God himself do such a thing to Uzziah. Uzziah become proud because of his fame and power. He thought that he was greater than the priests. He forgot that everything he had was from the Lord and was inflicted with leprosy because of his pride. Children, you should always honor the Lord when you reach greater heights in your life. We should be grateful unto the Lord saying that it is because of him that we have everything. We should not get indulged in deliberate sins.

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

Prayer

Almighty God we praise you. Lord with thy help we are able to withstand. We will continue to live a humble life. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

