



THE GOOD
AND THE BAD
AND THE UGLY

CHARACTER STUDIES

Isaiah 6:1-3

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphim were standing above him; they each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies;
his glory fills the whole earth.



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2 Chronicles 26:1-23

¹All the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in place of his father Amaziah. ²After Amaziah the king rested with his ancestors, Uzziah rebuilt Elath and restored it to Judah.



2 Chronicles 26:1-23

³Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jecoliah; she was from Jerusalem. ⁴He did what was right in the Lord's sight just as his father Amaziah had done. ⁵He sought God throughout the lifetime of Zechariah, the teacher of the fear of God. During the time that he sought the Lord, God gave him success.

EBLAD

2 Chronicles 26:1-23

⁶Uzziah went out to wage war against the Philistines, and he tore down the wall of Gath, the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod. Then he built cities in the vicinity of Ashdod and among the Philistines. ⁷God helped him against the Philistines, the Arabs that live in Gur-baal, and the Meunites. ⁸The Ammonites paid tribute to Uzziah, and his fame spread as far as the entrance of Egypt, for God made him very powerful.

2 Chronicles 26:1-23

⁹Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, the Valley Gate, and the corner buttress, and he fortified them. ¹⁰Since he had many cattle both in the Judean foothills and the plain, he built towers in the desert and dug many wells. And since he was a lover of the soil, he had farmers and vinedressers in the hills and in the fertile lands.



2 Chronicles 26:1-23

¹¹Uzziah had an army equipped for combat that went out to war by division according to their assignments, as recorded by Jeiel the court secretary and Maaseiah the officer under the authority of Hananiah, one of the king's commanders. ¹²The total number of family heads was 2,600 valiant warriors. ¹³Under their authority was an army of 307,500 equipped for combat, a powerful force to help the king against

2 Chronicles 26:1-23

¹⁴Uzziah provided the entire army with shields, spears, helmets, armor, bows, and slingstones.

¹⁵He made skillfully designed devices in Jerusalem to shoot arrows and catapult large stones for use on the towers and on the corners. So his fame spread even to distant places, for he was wondrously helped until he became strong.



2 Chronicles 26:1-23

¹⁶But when he became strong, he grew arrogant, and it led to his own destruction. He acted unfaithfully against the Lord his God by going into the Lord's sanctuary to burn incense on the incense altar.



2 Chronicles 26:1-23

¹⁷The priest Azariah, along with eighty brave priests of the Lord, went in after him. ¹⁸ They took their stand against King Uzziah and said, “Uzziah, you have no right to offer incense to the Lord—only the consecrated priests, the descendants of Aaron, have the right to offer incense. Leave the sanctuary, for you have acted unfaithfully! You will not receive honor from the Lord God.”

BAD

2 Chronicles 26:1-23

¹⁹Uzziah, with a firepan in his hand to offer incense, was enraged. But when he became enraged with the priests, in the presence of the priests in the Lord's temple beside the altar of incense, a skin disease broke out on his forehead.



2 Chronicles 26:1-23

²⁰Then Azariah the chief priest and all the priests turned to him and saw that he was diseased on his forehead. They rushed him out of there. He himself also hurried to get out because the Lord had afflicted him.



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²¹So King Uzziah was diseased to the time of his death. He lived in quarantine with a serious skin disease and was excluded from access to the Lord's temple, while his son Jotham was over the king's household governing the people of the land.



2 Chronicles 26:1-23

²²Now the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz wrote about the rest of the events of Uzziah's reign, from beginning to end.

²³Uzziah rested with his ancestors, and he was buried with his ancestors in the burial ground of the kings' cemetery, for they said, "He has a skin disease." His son Jotham became king in his place.



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Hebrews 3:12-15

¹²Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that there won't be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception. ¹⁴For we have become participants in Christ if we hold firmly until the end the reality that we had at the start. ¹⁵As it is said:

Today, if you hear his voice,

do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.



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John 15:4-5

⁴Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.





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