

pattern of his father and of his grandfather. Both those kings started well. Neither his father nor grandfather finished well.

As long as he sought the Lord, Uzziah prospered. God helped him against his enemies hence his fame spread far for he was marvelously helped until he was strong. He continued to seek the Lord, continued to obey the word of the Lord brought to him by Zechariah the prophet and God greatly blessed him. *Faithfulness often brings blessing!* Never be confused; blessings are from the Lord. Every good gift and every perfect act of giving comes from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow caused by turning. All blessings come from our God, and being faithful to him brings the greatest blessings.

Pride brings destruction! Uzziah is an example of that in 2 Chronicles 26. When he became strong, his heart was so proud he acted corruptly. Great blessing brings great danger. Be careful. Pride brings destruction.

In the annals of the kings of Israel and Judah, few who began well finished well. Something occurs to our spiritual sensitivity and we become oblivious to the fact that we are not finishing with the same passion, the same zeal that we had at one time. *Very few who begin well also finish well. Let that be different for you.*

Second Chronicles 26:16 says, “when Uzziah became strong, his heart was so proud.” *Power and pride are distinguished!* Jehoshaphat is an example of a king who became powerful, yet he did not become proud. Conversely, Uzziah’s power was manifested in sinful pride and it almost certainly developed once the prophet Zechariah died. His unfaithfulness was in relation to not hearing the Word of the Lord and thus wavering in his devotion.

Be encouraged to begin 2026 well and finish the year even better!

REMINDER: Capitol Commission Bible Studies resume next Tuesday and will continue weekly during the legislative session

The next Capitol Commission Bible Study will be Tuesday, 13th of January Meeting via Zoom and in 318 CLOB (Senate Committee Room) @ 12 Noon



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