

The danger of all our dreams coming true

2 Kings 15:1-7 (p. 304); 2 Chronicles 26 (p. 363)

I. KING UZZIAH OBEYED GOD AND GOD MADE HIM SUCCESSFUL (2 KINGS 15:1-3; 2 CHRONICLES 26:1-15).

- A. Uzziah sought the Lord and God gave him success as long as godly Zechariah instructed him (2 Chron. 26:1-5).
- B. Uzziah was successful because God helped him (2 Chron. 26:6-15).
 - Military conquests (26:6-7)
 - Money, fame and power (26:8)
 - Building projects, agriculture and servants (26:9-10)
 - A large, well-trained and equipped army (26:11-15a)
 - God helped him until he became powerful (26:15b).

II. KING UZZIAH BECAME PROUD AND GOD GAVE HIM LEPROSY (2 KINGS 15:4-7; 2 CHRONICLES 26:16-23).

- A. Uzziah was arrogant about his political success and tried to also usurp the spiritual role of burning incense (16).
- B. Uzziah was confronted by 81 courageous priests, but angrily refused their warning (17-19a).
- C. God afflicted him with instant leprosy (19b-20).
- D. Jotham his son took his royal responsibilities and Uzziah remained sick and isolated until he died (22-23).