

# THE LEGACY SERIES: HOW DO YOU WANT YOUR LIFE STORY TO END?

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## 2 CHRONICLES 26:1-4

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All the people of Judah had crowned Amaziah's sixteen-year-old son, Uzziah, as king in place of his father. After his father's death, Uzziah rebuilt the town of Elath and restored it to Judah. Uzziah was sixteen years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-two years. His mother was Jecoliah from Jerusalem. He did what was pleasing in the LORD's sight, just as his father, Amaziah, had done.



## 2 CHRONICLES 26:5

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Uzziah **sought** God during the days of Zechariah, who taught him to **fear God**. And as long as the king sought guidance from the LORD, God gave him **success**.

## 2 CHRONICLES 26:6-8

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Uzziah declared war on the Philistines and broke down the walls of Gath, Jabneh, and Ashdod. Then he built new towns in the Ashdod area and in other parts of Philistia. God **helped** him in his wars against the Philistines, his battles with the Arabs of Gur, and his wars with the Meunites. The Meunites paid annual tribute to him, and his **fame** spread even to Egypt, for he had become **very powerful**.

## 2 CHRONICLES 26:9-10

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Uzziah built fortified towers in Jerusalem at the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and at the angle in the wall. He also constructed forts in the wilderness and dug many water cisterns, because he kept great herds of livestock in the foothills of Judah and on the plains. He was also a man who loved the soil. He had many workers who cared for his farms and vineyards, both on the hillsides and in the fertile valleys.

## 2 CHRONICLES 26:11-13

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Uzziah had an army of well-trained warriors, ready to march into battle, unit by unit. This army had been mustered and organized by Jeiel, the secretary of the army, and his assistant, Maaseiah. They were under the direction of Hananiah, one of the king's officials. These regiments of mighty warriors were commanded by 2,600 clan leaders. The army consisted of 307,500 men, all elite troops. They were prepared to assist the king against any enemy.

## 2 CHRONICLES 26:14-15

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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. His **fame** spread far and wide, for the LORD gave him **marvelous help**, and he became **very powerful**.

## 2 CHRONICLES 26:16-18

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**But** when he had become powerful, he also became **proud**, which led to his downfall. He **sinned** against the LORD his God by entering the sanctuary of the LORD's Temple and personally burning incense on the incense altar. Azariah the high priest went in after him with eighty other priests of the LORD, all brave men. They confronted King Uzziah and said, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD. That is the work of the priests alone, the descendants of Aaron who are set apart for this work. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have **sinned**. The LORD God will not honor you for this!"



## 2 CHRONICLES 26:19-21

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Uzziah, who was holding an incense burner, became **furious**. But as he was standing there **raging** at the priests before the incense altar in the LORD's Temple, leprosy suddenly broke out on his forehead. When Azariah the high priest and all the other priests saw the leprosy, they rushed him out. And the king himself was eager to get out because the LORD had struck him. So King Uzziah had leprosy until the day he died. He lived in **isolation** in a **separate** house, for he was **excluded** from the Temple of the LORD. His son Jotham was put in charge of the royal palace, and he governed the people of the land.

## 2 CHRONICLES 26:22-23

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The rest of the events of Uzziah's reign, from beginning to end, are recorded by the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. When Uzziah died, he was buried with his ancestors; his grave was in a nearby burial field belonging to the kings, for the people said, "He had leprosy." And his son Jotham became the next king.



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