

## Habakkuk's Two Tables #36

PART FIVE: 1863

### ISAIAH SIX

#### THE EARTH WAS LIGHTENED WITH HIS GLORY

Isaiah 6:1–3

“As they [**the angels**] see the future, **when the whole earth shall be filled with His glory**, the triumphant song of praise is echoed from one to another in melodious chant, ‘**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts.**’ They are fully satisfied to glorify God; and in His presence, beneath His smile of approbation, they wish for nothing more. In bearing His image, in doing His service and worshipping Him, their highest ambition is fully reached.” *Review and Herald*, December 22, 1896.

### THE YEAR UZZIAH DIED

#### A KING IS A KINGDOM

**Thou, O king**, *art* a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee **a kingdom**, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. **Thou art this head of gold.** And **after thee** shall arise **another kingdom** inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. Daniel 2:37–39.

### UZZIAH AND JOTHAM

#### TWO NATIONS

Genesis 25:23; Ezekiel 37:21–22; Daniel 8:20–21; Revelation 11:8; Daniel 7:24; 13:11

#### DAVID & SOLOMON

“The principles taught in the schools of the prophets were the same that molded David's character and shaped his life. The word of God was his instructor. . . .

“In the early life of Solomon also are seen the results of God's method of education. Solomon in his youth made David's choice his own. Above every earthly good he asked of God a wise and understanding heart. And the Lord gave him not only that which he sought, but that also for which he had not sought—both riches and honor. The power of his understanding, the extent of his knowledge, **the glory of his reign, became the wonder of the world.**

“In **the reigns of David and Solomon**, Israel reached the height of her greatness.” *Education*, 48.

“**The greatest and most favored nation upon the earth is the United States.** A gracious Providence has shielded this country, and poured upon her **the choicest of Heaven’s blessings.** Here the persecuted and oppressed have found refuge. Here the Christian faith in its purity has been taught. This people have been the recipients of great light and unrivaled mercies. But these gifts have been repaid by ingratitude and forgetfulness of God. The Infinite One keeps a reckoning with the nations, and their guilt is proportioned to the light rejected. A fearful record now stands in the register of Heaven against our land; but the crime which shall fill up the measure of her iniquity is that of making void the law of God.” *Spirit of Prophecy* volume 4, 398.

“The long reign of Uzziah [also known as Azariah] in the land of Judah and Benjamin was **characterized by a prosperity greater than that of any other ruler since the death of Solomon, nearly two centuries before.** For many years the king ruled with discretion. Under **the blessing of Heaven** his armies regained some of the territory that had been lost in former years. Cities were rebuilt and fortified, and the position of the nation among the surrounding peoples was greatly strengthened. Commerce revived, and **the riches of the nations flowed into Jerusalem.** Uzziah’s name ‘spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.’ 2 Chronicles 26:15.

“This outward prosperity, however, was **not accompanied by a corresponding revival of spiritual power.** The temple services were continued as in former years, and multitudes assembled to worship the living God; but **pride and formality gradually took the place of humility and sincerity.** Of Uzziah himself it is written: ‘When he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the Lord his God.’ Verse 16.

“The sin that resulted so disastrously to Uzziah was one of **presumption.** In violation of a plain command of Jehovah, that none but the descendants of Aaron should officiate as priests, the king entered the sanctuary ‘to burn incense upon the altar.’ **Azariah the high priest** and his associates remonstrated, and pleaded with him to turn from his purpose. ‘Thou hast trespassed,’ they urged; ‘neither shall it be for thine honor.’ Verses 16, 18.

“Uzziah was filled with wrath that he, the king, should be thus rebuked. But he was not permitted to profane the sanctuary against the united protest of those in authority. While standing there, in wrathful rebellion, he was suddenly smitten with a divine judgment. **Leprosy appeared on his forehead.** In dismay he fled, never again to enter the temple courts. Unto the day of his death, some years later, Uzziah remained a leper—a living example of the folly of departing from a plain ‘Thus saith the Lord.’ **Neither his exalted position nor his long life of service could be pleaded as an excuse for the presumptuous sin by which he marred the closing years of his reign, and brought upon himself the judgment of Heaven.**

“God is no respecter of persons. ‘The soul that doeth aught presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.’ Numbers 15:30.” *Prophets and Kings*, 303–304.

#### **ALSO KNOWN AS AZARIAH**

And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the Lord, *that were* valiant men. 2 Chronicles 26:17.

**“The case of Uzziah the king reveals how God will punish the sin of presumption. . . .**

“Through successive generations iniquity has increased, until we are nearing the time when God shall say, **The cup of their iniquity is full.** In David’s day the contempt placed upon the law of God led him to exclaim, ‘It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.’ The disrespect shown to the law did not lessen its value in the sight of the psalmist. Instead, he saw all the more need of standing in its defense; and as he saw it trampled under unholy feet, he exclaimed: ‘Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold.’ In this age men have gone to great lengths in arrogance and in blasphemous denunciation of God’s law. They have accepted a false sabbath in the place of the day that God sanctified and gave to man as a memorial of creation. Their disobedience is great, and well may the prayer go forth from unfeigned lips, ‘It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.’ **The boundary line will soon be reached.** The crisis will soon come, and then God will interfere. When mercy’s limits are passed, God will work, and show that he is God. The Judge of all the earth will vindicate his honor, and punish the rebellious inhabitants of the earth.” *Review and Herald*, August 14, 1900.

Isaiah 6:4–5

#### LAODICEA

“Isaiah had denounced the sin of others; but now he sees himself exposed to **the same condemnation he had pronounced upon them.** He had been satisfied with a cold, lifeless ceremony in his worship of God. He had not known this until the vision was given him of the Lord. How little now appeared his wisdom and talents as he looked upon the sacredness and majesty of the sanctuary. How unworthy he was! how unfitted for sacred service! His view of himself might be expressed in the language of the apostle **Paul**, ‘O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?’

“But relief was sent to Isaiah in his distress. [Isaiah 6:6, 7 quoted.] . . .

**“The vision given to Isaiah represents the condition of God’s people in the last days.** They are privileged to see by faith the work that is going forward in the heavenly sanctuary. **‘And the temple of God was opened in heaven,** and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament.’ **As they look by faith into the holy of holies,** and see the work of Christ in the heavenly sanctuary, they perceive that they are a people of unclean lips,—a people whose lips have often spoken vanity, and whose talents have not been sanctified and employed to the glory of God. Well may they despair as they contrast their own weakness and unworthiness with the purity and loveliness of the glorious character of Christ. **But if they, like Isaiah, will receive the impression the Lord designs shall be made upon the heart, if they will humble their souls before God, there is hope for them.** The bow of promise is above the throne, and **the work done for Isaiah will be performed in them.** God will respond to the petitions coming from the contrite heart.” *Review and Herald*, December 22, 1896.

#### 9/11—A CHANGE OF DISPENSATION

Isaiah 6:3–4

Exodus 40:34–35; 1 Kings 8:10–11; Ezekiel 10:1–4; Revelation 15:5–8

### THE SHEKINAH GLORY

“Christ Himself was the Lord of the temple. When He should leave it, its glory would depart—that glory once visible in the holy of holies over the mercy seat, where the high priest entered only once a year, on the great day of atonement, with the blood of the slain victim (typical of the blood of the Son of God shed for the sins of the world), and sprinkled it upon the altar. **This was the Shekinah, the visible pavilion of Jehovah.**

“It was this glory that was revealed to Isaiah, when he says, ‘In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple’ [Isaiah 6:1–8 quoted].” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 4, 1139.

“**In the vision that came to Isaiah in the temple court**, he was given a clear view of the character of the God of Israel.” *Prophets and Kings*, 314.

### THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD’S POWER

“Isaiah had a wonderful view of God’s glory. He saw **the manifestation of God’s power**, and after beholding His majesty, **a message came to him to go and do a certain work**. He felt wholly unworthy for the work. What made him esteem himself unworthy? Did he think himself unworthy before he had a view of God’s glory?—No; **he imagined himself in a righteous state before God**; but when the glory of the Lord of hosts was revealed to him, when he beheld the inexpressible majesty of God, he said, ‘I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a living coal in his hands, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar, and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.’ **This is the work that as individuals we need to have done for us.** We want the living coal from off the altar placed upon our lips. We want to hear the word spoken, ‘Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.’” *Review and Herald*, June 4, 1889.

### THE GLORIOUS MANIFESTATIONS OF THE POWER OF GOD

“The angel who unites in the proclamation of the third angel’s message is to lighten the whole earth with his glory. A **work** of world-wide extent and unwonted power is here foretold. The advent movement of 184–44 was **a glorious manifestation of the power of God**; the first angel’s message was carried to every missionary station in the world, and in some countries there was the greatest religious interest which has been witnessed in any land since the Reformation of the sixteenth century; but these are to be exceeded by the mighty movement under the last warning of the third angel.

“The **work** will be similar to that of the Day of Pentecost. As the ‘former rain’ was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the ‘latter rain’ will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest.” *The Great Controversy*, 611.

“We must not wait for the latter rain. It is coming upon all who will **recognize** and appropriate the dew and showers of grace that fall upon us. When we gather up the fragments of light, when we appreciate the sure mercies of God, who loves to have us trust Him, then every promise will be fulfilled. [Isaiah 61:11 quoted.] The whole earth is to be filled with the glory of God.” *The Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, volume 7, 984.

**RECOGNIZE:** 1. To recollect or recover the knowledge of, either with an avowal of that knowledge or not. We recognize a person at a distance, when we recollect that we have seen him before, or that we have formerly known him. We recognize his features or his voice. *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary*.

Isaiah 6:6–7

**PURGE: H3722**—A primitive root; to *cover* (specifically with bitumen); figuratively to *expiate* or *condone*, to *placate* or *cancel*: - appease, **make (an) atonement**, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, to pitch, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile (-liation).

1 Samuel 3:12–14; Psalm 65:3; Isaiah 22:12–14; Isaiah 27:8–9

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire: Whose fan *is* in his hand, and **he will thoroughly purge his floor**, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. Matthew 3:11–12.

#### PURIFICATION

“The live coal is symbolical of purification. If it touches the lips, no impure word will fall from them. The live coal also symbolizes the potency of the efforts of the servants of the Lord.” *Review and Herald*, October 16, 1888.

Isaiah 6:8–10

#### SEND ME

“Not one of the angels could have become surety for the human race: their life is God’s; they could not surrender it. The angels all wear the yoke of obedience. They are the appointed messengers of Him who is the commander of all heaven. But Christ is equal with God, infinite and omnipotent. He could pay the ransom for man’s freedom. He is the eternal, self-existing Son, on whom no yoke had come; and when God asked, ‘**Whom shall I send?**’ he could reply, ‘**Here am I; send me.**’ He could pledge himself to become man’s surety; for he could say that which the highest angel could not say,—I have power over my own life, ‘power to lay it down, and . . . power to take it again.’” *Youth Instructor*, June 21, 1900.

Isaiah 6:9–10

## THE COMMISSION

Jeremiah 15:16–21; Ezekiel 2:1–3:9  
Isaiah 6:11–13

## HOW LONG?

Psalms 74:1–10; 79:5–10; Zechariah 1:12; Daniel 8:13; Revelation 6:9–11

“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: and they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long**, O Lord, Holy and true, doest Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them [They were pronounced pure and holy]; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled’ [Revelation 6:9–11]. Here were scenes presented to John that were not in reality but that which would be in a period of time in the future.

“**Revelation 8:1–4** quoted.” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 197.

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“When the fifth seal was opened, John the Revelator in vision saw beneath the altar the company that were slain for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. After this came the scenes described in the eighteenth of Revelation, when those who are faithful and true are called out from Babylon. [**Revelation 18:1–5, quoted.**]” *Manuscript Releases*, volume 20, 14.

Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, And the Lord have removed men far away, and *there be* a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

But yet in it *shall be* a **tenth**, and *it shall return*, and shall be **eaten**: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose **substance** *is* in them, when they cast *their leaves*: so the **holy seed shall be** the **substance** thereof. Isaiah 6:11–13.

**TENTH: H6224**—From H6235; *tenth*. **H6235**—From H6237; *ten*. **H6237**—A primitive root; to *accumulate*; to *tithe*, that is, take or give a tenth.

“He who gives men power to get wealth has with the gift bound up an obligation. Of all that we acquire He claims **a specified portion**. The tithe is the Lord’s. ‘All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree,’ ‘the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, . . . shall be holy unto the Lord.’ Leviticus 27:30, 32. The pledge made by Jacob at Bethel shows the extent of the obligation. ‘Of all that Thou shalt give me,’ he said, ‘I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.’ Genesis 28:22.” *Education*, 138.

When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For **the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.** Deuteronomy 32:8–9.

**RETURN: H7725**—to turn back.

And *they that shall be* of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The **restorer** of paths to dwell in. Isaiah 58:12.

**TEIL TREE: H424**—Feminine of **H352**; an *oak* or other strong tree. **H352**—properly *strength*; hence anything *strong*; specifically **a chief (politically)**; also a *ram* (from his strength); a *pilaster* (as a strong support); an *oak* or other strong tree:—**mighty (man)**, lintel, oak, post, ram, tree.

**SUBSTANCE: H4678**—something *stationary*, that is, **a monumental stone**; also **the stock of a tree**:—pillar, substance.

**CAST: H7995**—a *felling* (of trees).

**HOLY: H6944**—a *sacred* place or thing; sanctuary.

**SEED: H2233**—*seed*.

“This same covenant was renewed to Abraham in the promise, ‘In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.’ Genesis 22:18. This promise pointed to Christ. So Abraham understood it (see Galatians 3:8, 16), and he trusted in Christ for the forgiveness of sins. It was this faith that was accounted unto him for righteousness.” *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 370.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with **the remnant of her seed**, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 12:17.