

Isaiah 6:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Isaiah's temple vision occurred 'in the year that king Uzziah died' (740 BC), a time of national transition and uncertainty. Uzziah's 52-year prosperous reign ended with his judgment for priestly presumption (2 Chronicles 26). Isaiah's vision of the true King 'sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up' contrasted earthly kingship's failure with divine sovereignty. The train of His robe filling the temple emphasizes overwhelming glory and majesty.

Historical Context

This pivotal moment launched Isaiah's prophetic ministry. The temple theophany echoes Moses's Sinai encounter and anticipates Ezekiel's similar vision. Isaiah's experience demonstrates that effective ministry flows from encountering God's holiness.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How do earthly disappointments or transitions drive you to seek God's unchanging presence?
2. What does it mean practically that God is enthroned over all earthly kingdoms and powers?

Interlinear Text

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In the year	died	that king	Uzziah	I saw	also	the Lord	sitting
H8141	H4194	H4428	H5818	H7200	H853	H136	H5921
upon a throne	high	and lifted up	and his train	filled	also	the temple	
H3678	H7311	H5375	H7757	H4390	H853	H1964	

Additional Cross-References

John 12:41 (Parallel theme): These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

Revelation 15:8 (Temple): And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

Daniel 7:9 (Parallel theme): I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

Psalms 113:5 (References Lord): Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high,

Matthew 25:31 (Parallel theme): When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

John 1:18 (Parallel theme): No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Isaiah 66:1 (References Lord): Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

Psalms 108:5 (Parallel theme): Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and thy glory above all the earth;

Revelation 3:21 (Parallel theme): To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Revelation 4:2 (Parallel theme): And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.