

## Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 222 – In The Year Uzziah Died Through A Tenth Returning (Isaiah 6:1-13)

### 1. When did Isaiah have his heavenly vision?

In the year Uzziah died: *“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).*

- We’ve already noted that Isaiah was a prophet starting in the days Uzziah was king (**Isaiah 1:1**).
- We should note that the Chronicles of the kings verifies this (**II Chronicles 26:22-23**).
- His vision was of the Lord on the throne. Yet, we know this is just a vision for we know that Isaiah did not physically see God the Father (**Exodus 33:17-23, John 1:18, John 6:46, and I John 4:12**).
- A train is in reference to a garment [a long piece of clothing] (**I Kings 10:2**). We know God is not really clothed with human clothing (**John 4:24**).

### 2. What did the seraphims look like in Isaiah’s heavenly vision?

*“Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly” (Isaiah 6:2).*

- Angels do surround God in Heaven (**I Kings 22:19, Zechariah 6:5, Revelation 5:11, and Revelation 7:11**).
- Angels are spirits (**Psalms 104:4 and Hebrews 1:7**).
- This is the only chapter of the Bible that mentions the term “seraphims”. Though, angelic beings of similar description are mentioned (**we’ll talk about this more in the next question**).
- We read of “Cherubims” many times throughout the Bible (**Genesis 3:24, Ezekiel 10:1-20, Ezekiel 11:22, etc.**).
- God wanted Cherubims made of gold in the earthly temple (**Exodus 25:18-20 and I Kings 6:27-29**) and other materials too (**I Kings 6:23; 32**).
- With reference to the temple, God dwelt between the Cherubims (**Isaiah 37:16**).

### 3. What did the seraphims say and what happened when they spoke?

*“(3) And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. (4) And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke” (Isaiah 6:3-4).*

- A similar vision occurs in Revelation (**Revelation 4:8-9**)
- God is holy (**Exodus 15:11, I Samuel 2:2, Psalms 99:5, Isaiah 5:16, and Luke 4:34**).
- His earth is full of His glory (**Psalms 72:19; cf. Acts 14:17**).
- The door of the vision of this heavenly temple opened and the house was filled with smoke (**Revelation 15:8**).

4. Did Isaiah think he was worthy enough to have this vision?

No: *"Then said I, Woe is me! for 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"* (Isaiah 6:5).

- "Undone" (Strong's # 1820) meaning "brought to silence". Others have had strong reactions in similar situations (**Job 42:5-6, Luke 5:8, and Revelation 1:17**).

5. How did the seraphim solve Isaiah's problem of having unclean lips in this vision?

*"(6) Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: (7) 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"* (Isaiah 6:6-7).

- Since Isaiah felt he had unclean lips, this vision has a seraphim cleaning his lips.
- God's word is pure (**Psalms 12:6 and Proverbs 30:5**), therefore the lips of an unclean prophet would make no sense (**Matthew 7:1-5**).
- Literally speaking, God did help the mouths of His prophets (**II Samuel 23:2, Jeremiah 1:9, Daniel 10:10-16, Matthew 10:16-20, I Corinthians 2:9-13, and II Peter 1:20-21**).

6. Was Isaiah forced into being a prophet?

Yes: *"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me"* (Isaiah 6:8).

- The phrase "who will go for us" is a reminder that there is more than person in the Godhead (**Genesis 1:26, Genesis 3:22, Matthew 28:19, and I John 5:7**).
- There has to be a willing desire (**Luke 5:1-11**) and an understanding of the seriousness (**James 3:1**) for one to be a teacher of God's word.
- Many who have begun and have failed in taking God's world did not have the mindset of the mission is above all else (**Acts 20:20-24**).

7. What did God want Isaiah to go and do?

Harden the hearts of Israel to the point that they were removed from the Lord: *"(9) And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. (10) Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. (11) 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, (12) And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land"* (Isaiah 6:9-12).

- Isaiah was to work among fakers (Isaiah 29:13) that did not care for God (**Isaiah 30:8-11**).

- God hardens the hearts of the rebellious (**Exodus 7:3**, **Ezekiel 3:6-11**, and **John 12:37-41**).
- There is that point that God gives up some (**Romans 1:21-24** and **II Thessalonians 2:10-11**).
- Isaiah was to work until God had removed Israel (cf. **Jeremiah 12:7**).
- The goal of such action is to get the true seekers to ask this: *“Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, and forsake us so long time”* (**Lamentations 5:20**)?

8. Was Isaiah to expect anyone returning to God from his efforts?

Yes, a tenth of the people: *“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 6:13**).

- Ah, the wonderful remnant shall always be there (**Isaiah 1:9**, **Isaiah 4:3**, **Isaiah 10:20-22**, and **Romans 11:1-5**).
- The remnant had work to do (**Isaiah 37:31-32**).