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The Fourth Step toward Changing the World



King Uzziah

Alternative name: Azariah

Who was he? The 11th King of Judah, crowned in 783 B.C.

His name means: The Lord is my Strength

Early reign: The Bible says, *He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord* (2 Kings 15:3).

Later reign: The Bible says, *His heart was lifted up to his destruction* (2 Chronicles 26:16); he brazenly invaded the priest's office and offered incense (even against the clear warning of the priesthood) and was struck with leprosy while in the midst of his disobedient act (verses 19-21); he lived his remaining days in a *several house* (a.k.a. *a hospital*), and died there (2 Kings 15:5); and, he was buried in a lonely grave (2 Chronicles 26:23).

The Sad Life of King Uzziah

He had something, but he lost it

Uzziah was the Picture of the Entire Nation He Ruled

They were a people who once had the strength of God, but had backslidden, and were now in need of *a revival*.

The Great *WoLoGo*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory! And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: **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 my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: **Lo**, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us? Then I said, Here am I! Send me. And He said, **Go**, and tell this people . . .

Isaiah 6:1-9

In the year that King Uzziah died . . . Woe, Lo, Go

- First, the rebellious throne-sitter must die
- Then . . . **The Vision** comes
- Then . . . **the WoLoGo** unfolds
- **Woe:** I am unclean. (His Holiness reveals my unholiness.)
- **Lo:** Your sin is purged. (He has removed my sin and made me fit to be a glory-bearer.)
- **Go:** This people must know. (He has chosen me as His vessel to share this *Vision*.)

But, What is the Vision?

It's the Lord, high and lifted up

These things said Isaiah, when he saw His glory, and spoke of Him.

John 12:41

The Vision is JESUS

He is the One Isaiah saw - and He is the same One we MUST see!

- Where there is no vision, the people perish. (Proverbs 29:18 - KJV)
- Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint. (Proverbs 29:18 - NKJV)
- Without a Vision is a people made naked. (Proverbs 29:18 - Young's Literal)
- Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint. (Proverbs 29:18 - ESV)

Let's Marvel at the Vision

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The Danger of the “Counterfeit Vision”

Beware the alternate “king” that may try to steal Christ’s place

- We see Correct Doctrine high and lifted up
- We see Spiritual Gifts high and lifted up
- We see Unity of the Body high and lifted up
- We see Freedom of Worship high and lifted up
- We see Divine Healing high and lifted up
- We see “God’s Next Great Work” high and lifted up

The Great Revival Counterfeit

Looking for the wrong thing to come

Be patient, therefore, brothers, **until the coming of the Lord**. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, **for the coming of the Lord is at hand**.

James 5:7-8

The Coming of the Lord

When we say, "He will come soon?" What exactly is it that we are waiting for?

Seven Possible Options

NOTE: I'm sure there are plenty more that could be added

Option #1 - The Crazy and Bizarre

We will begin to laugh uncontrollably. Some of us will chirp like birds; others will bark like dogs; and some will even roar like lions. There may even be the rare sighting of one of us slithering around the chairs on our belly like a snake.

Option #2 - The Tingle

We will get a strange pleasure sensation that runs up and down our spine. Our knees will buckle under us and we will fall prostrate before His Majesty.

Option #3 - The Outward Turn

We will suddenly have a passion for the lost souls around us. We will speak to them with boldness, and we will see lives transformed.

Option #4 - The Return of Spiritual Giftings and Power

We will suddenly have more vibrancy, life, and enthusiasm in our worship. We will spontaneously break out in the speaking of tongues, men and women will fall to the ground under the weight of glory, and people will begin to speak out in prophecy and words of knowledge. And the power for physical healing will spring forth, as if overnight.

Option #5 - Fervent and Effectual Praying will Commence

We will all feel the weight of God's burden, and we will be moved by the Spirit of God unto prayer. Our prayers will be full of warmth, intimacy, and yearning. Zeal will consume us. We will be constant in our pleading, persistent in our petitions, and fervent in our manner of laying hold of the promises of God.

Option #6 - The Capital "C"

We will all see Him in the clouds, and then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with Him and meet Him in the air. He will set His feet upon the Mt. of Olives and the mountain will crack right down the middle and separate in two.

Option #7 - Jesus, The Authentic Vision

We will encounter Jesus afresh (or maybe for the very first time). We will *really* see Him. The blur will be removed. We will see Him high and lifted up. We will be transfixed by His glory! We will be awed by His grand Love! We will be thunderstruck by His victory on the Cross! We will be thoroughly amazed by the absoluteness of His triumph! And every little thing that might threaten to block, hinder, or slow His triumphal entry into our inner sanctuary, to take His seat of authority, we will hastily, zealously, and passionately bulldoze out of the way - lest anything might rob from what we are beholding. Our lives will become singular in their focus. The Holy Spirit will have us, and the Holy Spirit will show us more and more and more of Jesus.

The End Zone

Where are we headed as a Church?

My Answer: Our End Zone is Isaiah 6

We must all become WoLoGoed

The Apostle Paul was WoLoGoed

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but

that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Philippians 3:7-10

Four Steps to Changing the World

1. The Patient Farmer (Do what you know to do - till that soil, plant that seed, water, weed, and wait, wait, wait)
2. The Carmelized Intercessor (bend those knees and pray, pray, pray, until the rain comes)
3. The Zealous Bondslave (yield your body; allow the Holy Spirit to have every last inch of what Christ purchased)
4. The WoLoGoed Missionary (the revived soul, humbled, broken, forgiven, ready, and commissioned to go)

We want to be very simple in this matter of Revival. Revival is just the life of the Lord Jesus poured into human hearts.

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