

Death of Jeroboam 2- Pekah; Isaiah Receives His Commission

(2 Kings 14:28-16:1-5; 2 Chron. 28:5-15; Isaiah 6:1-13)

The land of Israel had grown and enjoyed good things from God while Jeroboam 2 and Uzziah were kings. God had tried to show His people that if they would turn back to Him, He would do great things for them. The prophets, Amos and Hosea, had tried to warn the people that even though things were really great, God was going to punish them for their wicked ways. God was just giving one last chance to the people to turn back to Him.

Jeroboam 2 had been a wicked king in Israel. He died and his son Zechariah became king. This was Jehu's fourth descendant to become king and he would be the last. Do you remember what God had told Jehu about his family ruling Israel (2 Kings 10:30)? Zechariah didn't rule long because a man named Shallum killed him in front of the people! Shallum ruled an even shorter time because a man named Menahem killed him!

Menahem was angry when he became king because certain cities would not accept him as king. He went to those cities and destroyed them along with the women that were going to have babies. During the reign of Menahem, a strong Assyrian king named Tiglath- Pileser III (or Pul) came and demanded that Israel pay him a lot of money. The rich men of Israel had to pay a lot of money to Tiglath-Pileser III. When Menahem died, his son Pekahiah ruled.

Pekahiah was also an evil king. One of his captains of his army, Pekah, betrayed him by gathering 50 men and killing Pekahiah in his palace in Samaria! Pekah made himself king and continued to serve idols and behave as wickedly as the other kings of Israel.

The year that King Uzziah died, a man named Isaiah saw a vision. He saw God on His throne with a long robe. It was so big it filled the temple! There were creatures called seraphim there. They had 2 wings to cover their face, 2 wings to cover their feet, and 2 wings they used to fly. They praised the Lord. When they praised the Lord, the house filled with smoke and shook! Isaiah was afraid. Isaiah was afraid because he said his lips were unclean. A seraphim took a hot coal from the alter before the Lord and touched it to Isaiah's lips. The seraphim told Isaiah that his sins were now forgiven. Then, Isaiah heard the voice of God saying,

“Whom shall I send and who will go for us?” Isaiah said, “Here I am. Send me.” God told Isaiah to go preach to His people. He wanted Isaiah to preach to His people that were stubborn and rebellious. God knew His people would not listen. God told Isaiah to preach to them until they stopped their ears and closed their eyes. Isaiah asked how long he had to do this and God told him until their cities and land were utterly destroyed. How sad! God knew that Israel would not obey and their punishment would be that their nation would be destroyed!

Main Points:

1. God gives us plenty of chances to change our wicked ways.
2. God keeps His promises!
3. God warns us that He **will** punish those who do not obey!

Lesson 5 Questions: Jeroboam 2- Pekah; Isaiah

1. Did God bless Israel during Jeroboam 2's reign to try to get the people to turn back to Him?

Yes

No

2. How many generations did God tell Jehu that his family would reign?

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3. Did Shallum kill Zechariah in front of the people?

Yes

No

4. When Menahem killed Shallum, did he destroy because certain cities would not accept him as king?

Yes

No

5. Who was the Assyrian king who demanded A LOT of money from Menahem?

Ben-Hadad

Tiglath-Pileser III

6. Did Menahem's son, Pekahiah, get killed by one of the captains of his army?

Yes

No

7. Did Pekah make himself king after he killed Pekahiah?

Yes

No

8. Did Isaiah see a vision of God on His throne?

Yes

No

9. Did a seraphim touch a hot coal to Isaiah's lips?

Yes

No

10. Who agreed to go preach for God?

Isaiah

Pekah

11. Would the people listen to God?

Yes

No

12. Did God warn the people that He would punish them if they didn't obey?

Yes

No

13. Does God always keep His promises?

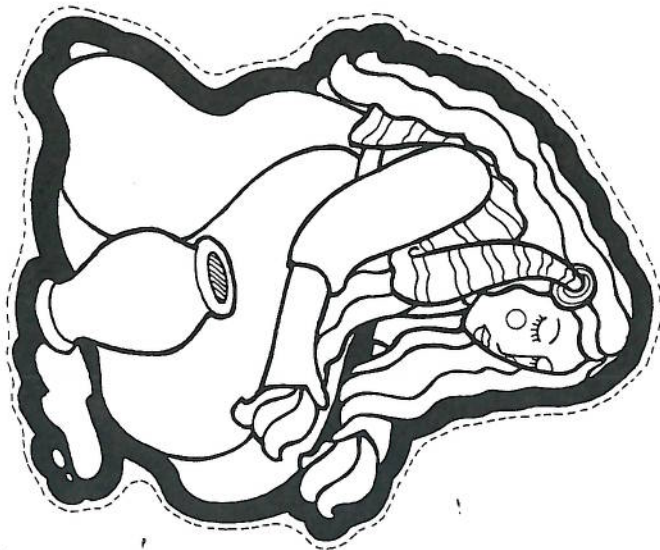
Yes

No

Draw a picture of Isaiah's vision.



Sinful Woman Kneeling, with long hair

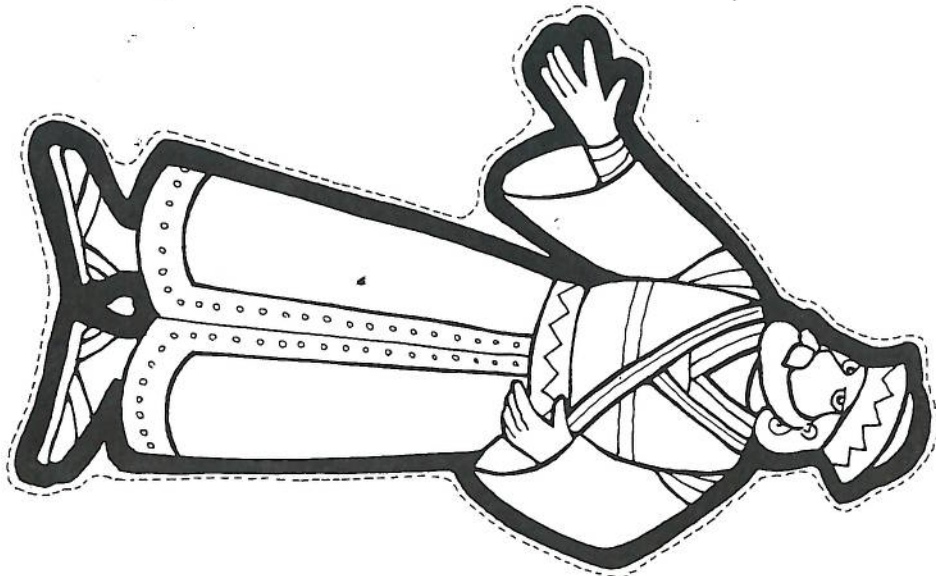


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Simon the Pharisee



142. SANCTIFIED LIPS (ISAIAH 6:1-13)



“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: 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

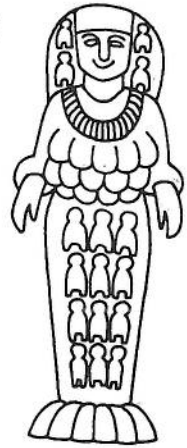


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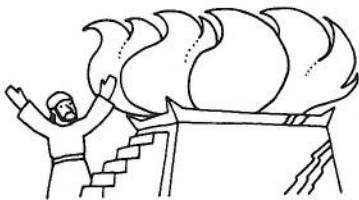


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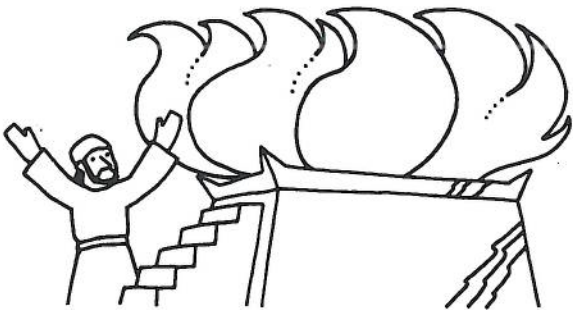
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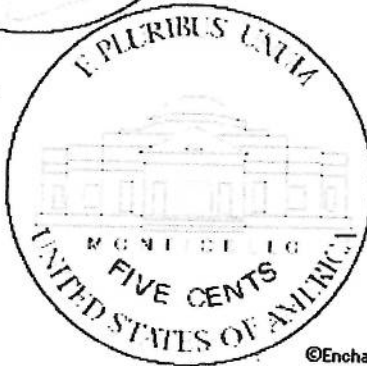
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