

## Isaiah 6:1-13 **Yahweh Seated on a Throne High and Lifted Up** **Isaiah commissioned a Prophet**

Isaiah Called to Be a Prophet (compare with the vision of Elohiym in Ezekiel 1:4-28 -- 3:15)

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

<sup>4</sup> And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> 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."

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth with it, and said:

"Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged."

<sup>8</sup> 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."

<sup>9</sup> And He said, "Go, and tell this people:

'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'

<sup>10</sup> "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed."

<sup>11</sup> Then I said, "Lord, how long?"

And He answered:

"Until the cities are laid waste and without inhabitant, The houses are without a man, The land is utterly desolate, <sup>12</sup> The Lord has removed men far away, And the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

<sup>13</sup> But yet a tenth will be in it, And will return and be for consuming, As a terebinth tree or as an oak, Whose stump remains when it is cut down. So the holy seed shall be its stump."

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Facts Revealed:

✧ The time of the vision was in the year that King Uzziah died. [Isaiah 6:1]

✧ King Uzziah died the year that Pekah became king of Israel the northern kingdom, which was twenty-nine years before the fall of Israel to the Assyrians.

✧ Yahweh was seen in all His majestic glory on a throne above the Temple so only the train of His robe filled the Temple. This speaks of His greatness.

✧ The seraphim stood above the throne in the air. The wings that covered their faces indicate the purity of guarding their eyes and their reluctance to look upon sin. The wings that cover their feet indicate a holy and righteous guarded walk before Yahweh.

- ✧ Those nearest to God who proclaim the holiness of Yahweh in Heaven, always do it as a reference to the triunity of God by saying, Holy, Holy, Holy is Yahweh Tsebavta (the Lord of Hosts), one Holy for each member of the trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. [Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8]
- ✧ The whole earth is full of His glory. [Isaiah 6:3] This speaks of all creation declaring the Glory of Yahweh. [Psalm 19:1]
- ✧ The power of the voice of the seraphim who cried Holy, Holy, Holy is Yahweh was of sufficient force that it shook the door posts of the temple below. [Isaiah 6:4]
- ✧ The train of His robe that filled the temple is described as smoke. [Isaiah 6:4]

### Isaiah's response to the glorious vision of Yahweh

✧ 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, Yahweh Tsebavta (the Lord of Hosts). [Isaiah 6:5]

✧ Finding oneself in the visible presence of Almighty God in all His glory, instantly gives the person a terrible feeling of guilt, unworthiness and dread, because of personal sin and the sin of the human environment in which we all live.

✧ This goes along with the teaching of Scripture that informs us that to look upon God means death for the individual. [Exodus 33:20]

✧ However God is able to make an exception providing a way for a person stand in His presence and live, as is demonstrated by the many appearances of Yahweh to individuals forty one times through out Scripture.

✧ 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:

"Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." [Isaiah 6:6-7]

✧ After Yahweh had purged away the sin of Isaiah, He then asked, "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Isaiah responded, "Here am I! Send me." [Isaiah 6:8]

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✧ And Yahweh said, "Go, and tell this people:

'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'

"Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed." [Isaiah 6:9-10, Matthew 13:15, John 12:40, Acts 28:17]

✧ Because of the stubbornness of the people, God has given them a spirit of stupor so they do not discern the truth to be saved. [Romans 11:7-8]

✧ Isaiah asked how long the dullness would continue. [Isaiah 6:11]

✧ Yahweh answered,

Until the people are removed from the land and the land has become utterly desolate without inhabitant. [Isaiah 6:11-12]

✧ Still, as with all prophecies, Yahweh is faithful to provide a light of hope for His people as He promised that a remnant of a tenth of His people will be left in the land or will return to the land as a stump. Even then it will be for consuming in the Great Tribulation at the end of time. God is faithful to retain a remnant. [Isaiah 6:13]

✧ Therefore we know that blindness of the people of Israel will continue until the Great Tribulation is ended and the Lord sets up His Kingdom on earth for a thousand years at the end of time. [Isaiah 35:5]