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Isaiah 6: 1-13

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¹In 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.

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**The Lexham Bible
Dictionary,
Matthew D.
Montonini**

“I saw the Lord”

THEOPHANY (θεοφάνια, *theophania*). A visible appearance of God to humans.

Etymology

The term “theophany” never occurs in the Bible; it originates in Herodotus’ description of the festival at Delphi, where statues of the gods were displayed (*Hist.* 1.51). It is formed from the Greek compound θεός (*theos*, “god,” “God”) and φαίνειν (*phainein*, “to appear”), and it describes a category of narrative in which God appears to human beings. Although the term is not found in the Old Testament, the passive form of the root רָאָה (*r'h*, “to see”) comes closest to describing this term as it often occurs in the context of theophany, “to appear” (e.g., Gen 12:7; Num 16:19, 42; [MT 17:7]; 2 Chr 7:12).

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2 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.

3 And one cried to 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 were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

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The New Unger's Bible Dictionary

Seraphim are different from Cherubim. Seraphim is plural, Seraph the singular.

Only referenced in Isaiah, twice.

Hebrew-perhaps śārāp, “burning, fiery”.

The meaning of the word seraph is extremely doubtful; the only word that resembles it in the current Hebrew is śārap, “to burn,” whence the idea of brilliancy has been extracted; but it is objected that the Heb. term never bears this secondary sense.

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5 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.”

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6 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. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said:

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

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The Lexham Bible Dictionary, A. Chadwick Thornhill

The earliest altars mentioned in the Old Testament are associated with the patriarchs. Noah (Gen 8:20), Abraham (Gen 12:7-8; 13:4, 18; 22:9), Isaac (Gen 26:26), and Jacob (Gen 33:20; 35:1-7) all constructed sacrificial altars. These altars were built in connection with a promise or instruction from God, and were likely used for worship or commemoration...

The offering of sacrifices was a sacred rite that was performed according to careful instructions. Since altars were used to offer sacrifices to God, they were considered holy and used carefully (Exod 30:10; 40:10; Lev 4:1-5:13; 16:1-34). The priests wore specific garments when approaching the altar in the holy place (Exod 28:43). Those who were sick or unclean were not permitted to approach the altar, for fear of defiling it (Lev 21:16-23).

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8 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.”

9 And He said, “Go, and tell this people:
‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’

10 “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.”

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11 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,

12 The LORD has removed men far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land.

13 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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Applying Isaiah to
My Today-
Handout

Isaiah's relationship
with God was impacted
by his understanding of
God:
How is my relationship
with God impacted by
my understanding of
Him?