



God is treated as common, devalued—dethroned.

Isaiah 1:2-3 — 2 Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth; For the Lord speaks, "Sons I have reared and brought up, But they have **revolted** against Me. "An ox knows its owner, And a donkey its master's manger, But Israel does not know, My people do not understand."



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•2 Chronicles 26:14–15 — Moreover, Uzziah prepared for all the army shields, spears, helmets, body armor, bows and śling stones. In Jerusalem he made engines of war invented by skillful men to be on the towers and on the corners for the purpose of shooting arrows and great stones. Hence his fame spread afar, for he was marvelously helped until he was strong.



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•2 Chronicles 26:7–8 — 7 God helped him against the Philistines, ...The Ammonites also gave tribute to Uzziah, and his fame extended to the border of Egypt, for he became very strong.



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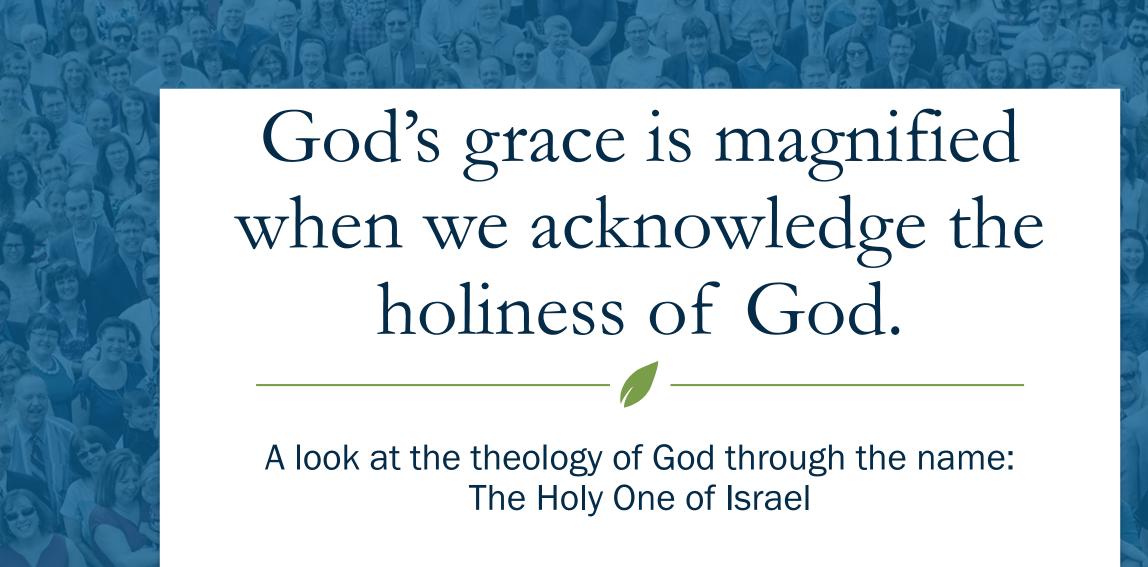
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- Alliance formed with Assyria
 - Ahaz rejected God for Tiglath-pileser



2 Kings 16:7–9 — So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am your servant and your son; come up and deliver me from the hand of the king of Aram and from the hand of the king of Israel, who are rising up against me." Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of the king's house, and sent a present to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria listened to him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and captured it, and carried the people of it away into exile to Kir, and put Rezin to death.



At Tremendous Cost! 2 Kings 16:10 — Now King Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar which was at Damascus; and King Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the pattern of the altar and its model, according to all its workmanship.







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• Isaiah 40:12-14 — Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, And marked off the heavens by the span, And calculated the dust of the earth by the measure, And weighed the mountains in a balance And the hills in a pair of scales? Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, Or as His counselor has informed Him? 14 With whom did <u>He consult</u> and who gave Him <u>understanding</u>? And who <u>taught</u> Him in the path of justice and <u>taught</u> Him knowledge And <u>informed</u> Him of the way of understanding?



God as Creator—alone

•Isaiah 44:24 — Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone,



God as Creator—for His Glory

Isaiah 43:7 — Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made."



God as Sovereign—e.g. Assyria

• Isaiah 14:24–27 — 24 The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand, to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on My mountains. Then his yoke will be removed from them and his burden removed from their shoulder. "This is the plan devised against the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out against all the nations. "For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"



God as Sovereign —e.g. Assyria

•Isaiah 10:15 — Is the axe to boast itself over the one who chops with it? Is the saw to exalt itself over the one who wields it? That would be like a club wielding those who lift it, Or like a rod lifting him who is not wood.



God as Sovereign—Isa. 19 & Egypt

The Lord will bring judgement on:

- •Government (2-4)
- •Economy (5-10)
- •Wisdom (11-13)
- Confusion in general (14)

The Lord will save Egypt (18-19; 21-22)



God as Sovereign

•Isaiah 40:15–18 — Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust. Even Lebanon is not enough to burn, Nor its beasts enough for a burnt offering. All the nations are as nothing before Him, They are regarded by Him as less than nothing and meaningless. To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare with Him?





Hebrews 4:14–16 — Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

