

would entirely have to rewrite the first chapter. It would not do for an introduction. We are greatly affected by situations. Here was Isaiah and he says, In the year King Uzziah died this happened. I believe Isaiah was thinking of the history of King Uzziah. You remember K. Uzziah began as a very earnest young fellow who was going to be just the best king that ever was. He started out handling things in a very excellent fashion and everybody was very ~~ahppy~~ happy. about it. Then Uzziah became a little puffed up with his situation and with the way he was accomplishing things and he decided he would improve also the arrangements of worship, the arrangements of the temple which God had very specifically said would be in the hands of the priests and the levites. So ~~Isaiah~~ Uzziah went into the temple and started to offer incense there. The priests came in and said, What are you doing here/ You are the king. This is not your function here." Uzziah started to answer and just then the priests looked at him and pointed to something, and Uzziah looked down at it and he rused out inhorrow. He had received leprosy. The Lord had given him that punishment for his presumptions. This man whose life had started ~~te~~ so well and who seemed to be on the way to be one of the finest kings that the people ever had was shoved off in an upper room by himself there with this terrible scourge of leprosy, isolated from everyone, health practically (ruined) but lived on there for decades before he finally died. I am sure Isaiah and others would pass the palace and they might see the lights shinning in that upper room. They might even occasionally see Uzziah's face at the door, and they would think of this man' and of what opportunities he had and what a failure he has made of it.