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Thank you for downloading the King Josiah Chronological resource!

Why Use This Study Resource?

I have been meditating on the life of King Josiah for nearly half a decade, and the Holy Spirit has breathed incredible truths into my life from this mighty king over the years.

For example, before I travelled to Africa for the first time in 2017, the Holy Spirit spoke prophetically to me that, in the same way that King Josiah purged the land of demonic worship, so I would also deliver people from satanic strongholds and devil worship. I took God's Word seriously and meditated on the life of King Josiah, seeing myself purge the land of demonic worship and satanic forces until I saw myself purging the land of demonic forces—my faith was strong in this area!

During the trip to Africa, I witnessed some of the most spectacular displays of the power of God that I had ever experienced. It was awesome. Our team watched as both individuals and entire groups were delivered from the power of Satan with nothing but a word. As the Gospel was preached, demons evacuated their hosts and we saw nearly one thousand people born again in less than two weeks. Glory to God!

I shared that story with you to encourage you that studying the lives of different people in the Bible yields multiple levels of benefits to the believer.

First, **our faith grows as we begin to see ourselves doing what they did.** Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). We need to see ourselves in their shoes. We need to imagine and envision God doing the miraculous through us in the same way He did through Peter, Elisha, Paul, Philip, and all the others. The only way to cement these

realities deep into our spirits is to take the time to study out the lives of these heroes with the Holy Spirit guiding us in our Bible times.

Second, the Holy Spirit often breathes *prophetic identity* to us in connection with Bible heroes in order to reveal and catalyze His purpose for our lives. When the Lord spoke to me about King Josiah in 2017, He was calling out a new part of my identity—something that I didn't know much about before. Certainly, casting out demons is supposed to be part of every believer's testimony, but I had a fresh revelation from God that built up my faith in this area, and I watched as God confirmed His Word.

Organization

I've organized the account of King Josiah into three columns—I use the **center column** to hand-write my notes, definitions, word studies, cross references, etc., and I've double spaced the **Bible text in the outer columns** to make it easy to read and mark up. The headings in the center columns are added by me and are not part of the original text.

I've arranged the text so that when unique content occurs, which it does frequently in these passages, you will see only one column of Scripture either on the 2 Kings side (on the left) or the 2 Chronicles side (on the right). When an event occurs in both books, the page contains parallel texts. My whole goal in writing this was to create a better way for myself to study out the life of King Josiah more deeply, and I am grateful for the opportunity to share this free resource with you. I have found that studying the Bible in this way yields a much deeper experience and creates an opportunity to dialogue with my Heavenly Father about His Word. I pray this method will be helpful to you, too.

Why the Amplified Classic Bible?

I chose to study the life of King Josiah in the *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition* because I love how this translation makes many of the Hebrew words explicit in the English language.

Although I zealously employ and highly recommend an interlinear resource (like *Blue Letter Bible*) for deeper word studies, the *AMPC* provides a great context for a more comprehensive word study than most of the other English translations, while staying close to the KJV text.

One of the most important benefits from spending time in the Bible is learning how to hear God's voice as you read, and learning how to stop, listen, and engage with the Father as you read. The Bible isn't written to your head; it is written to your heart. It is only through ongoing relationship and intimacy with the Author of the Bible is one able to truly yield the glorious fruit that is woven throughout its pages.

Go deep with God. Don't be afraid to ask Him questions; He can handle your doubts and concerns. He isn't offended when you ask Him about His Book. My deepest desire is that you grow deeper in love, full of the Holy Spirit in all wisdom and understanding, and that you come into the fullness of what God has for you as you study out the life of this great man of God, King Josiah.

With all my love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'J' being particularly large and stylized.

The Account of King Josiah

From 2 Kings 22-23 and 2 Chronicles 34-35

Organized chronologically, headings added.

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Introduction

2 Kings 22

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began his thirty-one-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.

2 He did right in the sight of the Lord and walked in all the ways of David his [forefather], and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

2 Chronicles 34

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began his thirty-one-year reign in Jerusalem.

2 He did right in the sight of the Lord and walked in the ways of David his father [forefather] and turned aside neither to the right hand nor to the left.

Josiah's Eighth Year: The King Purges the Land

2 Chronicles 34

3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young [sixteen], he began to seek after and yearn for the God of David his father [forefather]; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the carved and molten images.

4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence; the sun-images that were high above them he hewed down; the Asherim and the graven images and the molten images he broke in pieces and made dust of them and

strewed it upon the graves of those who sacrificed to them.

5 Josiah burned the bones of the [idolatrous] priests upon their altars, and so cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.

6 So he did in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, even to Naphtali, in their ruins round about [with their axes],

7 He broke down the altars and the Asherim and beat the graven images into powder and hewed down all the sun-images throughout all the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

**Josiah's Eighteenth Year:
Workers Sent to Rebuild
the House of the LORD**

2 Kings 22

3 In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the Lord's house, saying,

4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the door have gathered from the people.

5 And let them deliver it into the hands of the workmen who have oversight of the Lord's house, to give to the laborers engaged in the

2 Chronicles 34

8 In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign, when he had purged the land and the [Lord's] house, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah governor of the city, and Joah son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the house of the Lord his God.

9 When they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that had been brought into the house of God, which the Levites who kept the doors had collected from Manasseh, Ephraim, all the remnant of Israel, and

repairing of the Lord's
house—

6 That is, to the carpenters,
builders, and masons—and to
buy timber and hewn stone to
repair the house.

7 However, there was no
accounting required of them
for the money delivered into
their hands, because they
dealt faithfully.

from all Judah, Benjamin,
and Jerusalem.

10 They delivered it to the
workmen who had oversight
of the Lord's house, who
gave it to repair and restore
the temple:

11 To the carpenters and
builders to buy hewn stone,
and timber for couplings and
beams for the houses which
the kings of Judah had
destroyed [by neglect].

12 The men did the work
faithfully. Their overseers
were Jahath and Obadiah,
Levites of the sons of Merari,
and Zechariah and
Meshullam, of the sons of the
Kohathites. The Levites—all

who were skillful with
instruments of music—

13 Also had oversight of the
burden bearers and all who
did work in any kind of
service; and some of the
Levites were scribes,
officials, and gatekeepers.

Hilkiah finds the Book of the Law

2 Kings 22

8 Hilkiah the high priest said
to Shaphan the scribe, I have
found the Book of the Law in
the house of the Lord!
Hilkiah gave the book to
Shaphan, and he read it.

9 And Shaphan the scribe
came to the king and reported

2 Chronicles 34

14 When they were bringing
out the money that was
brought into the house of the
Lord, Hilkiah the priest found
the Book of the Law of the
Lord given by Moses.

15 Hilkiah told Shaphan the
scribe, I have found the Book

to him: Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hands of the workmen who have oversight of the house of the Lord.

10 Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, Hilkiah the priest has given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

11 And when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he rent his clothes.

of the Law in the Lord's house. And [he] gave the book to Shaphan.

16 Shaphan took the book to King Josiah, but [first] reported to him, All that was committed to your servants they are doing.

17 They have emptied out the money that was found in the house of the Lord and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers and the workmen.

18 Then Shaphan the scribe said to the king, Hilkiah the priest has given me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

19 When King Josiah had heard the words of the Law, he rent his clothes.

King Josiah inquires of the LORD

2 Kings 22

12 And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah servant of the king,

13 Go, inquire of the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us because our fathers have not listened

2 Chronicles 34

20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying,

21 Go, inquire of the Lord for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah about the words of the book that is found. For great is the Lord's wrath that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord, to

and obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.

14 So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe—now she dwelt in Jerusalem, in the Second Quarter—and they talked with her.

15 She said to them, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me,

16 Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will bring evil upon this place and upon its

do according to all that is written in this book.

22 And Hilkiah and they whom the king had appointed went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe. She dwelt in Jerusalem, in the Second Quarter. They spoke to her to that effect.

23 And she answered them, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Tell the man who sent you to me,

24 Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will bring evil upon this place and upon its inhabitants, even all the

inhabitants, according to all
the words of the book which
the king of Judah has read.

17 Because they have
forsaken Me and have burned
incense to other gods,
provoking Me to anger with
all the work of their hands,
therefore My wrath will be
kindled against this place and
will not be quenched.

18 But to the king of Judah,
who sent you to inquire of the
Lord, say this, Thus says the
Lord, the God of Israel,
regarding the words you have
heard:

19 Because your heart was
[tender and] penitent and you
humbled yourself before the

curses that are written in the
book which they have read
before the king of Judah.

25 Because they have
forsaken Me and have burned
incense to other gods, that
they might provoke Me to
anger with all the works of
their hands, therefore My
wrath shall be poured out
upon this place and shall not
be quenched.

26 But say to King Josiah of
Judah, who sent you to
inquire of the Lord, Thus says
the Lord, the God of Israel,
concerning the words which
you have heard:

27 Because your heart was
tender and penitent and you

Lord when you heard what I
said against this place and
against its inhabitants, that
they should become a
desolation, [an astonishment
and] a curse, and you have
rent your clothes and wept
before Me, I also have heard
you, says the Lord.

20 Behold, therefore [King
Josiah], I will gather you to
your fathers, taken to your
grave in peace, and your eyes
shall not see all the evil
which I will bring on this
place. And they brought the
king word.

humbled yourself before God
when you heard His words
against this place and its
inhabitants, and humbled
yourself before Me and rent
your clothes and wept before
Me, I have heard you, says
the Lord.

28 Behold, I will gather you
to your fathers, and you shall
be gathered to your grave in
peace, and your eyes shall not
see all the evil that I will
bring upon this place and its
inhabitants. So they brought
the king word again.

**King Josiah Purges the
Land and Restores True
Worship**

2 Kings 23

1 King Josiah sent and gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

2 The king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him all the men of Judah, all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the prophets, and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their ears all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which was found in the Lord's house.

3 The king stood [on the platform] by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord—to walk after the Lord and to keep His

2 Chronicles 34

29 Then King Josiah sent and gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

30 And [he] went up into the house of the Lord, as did all the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests, the Levites, and all the people, great and small; and he [the king] read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that was found in the Lord's house.

31 Then the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the Lord—to walk after the Lord and to keep His

commandments, His testimonies, and His statutes with all his heart and soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to join in the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second rank and the keepers of the threshold to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels made for Baal, for [the goddess] Asherah, and for all the hosts of the heavens; and he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried their ashes to Bethel [where Israel's idolatry began].

commandments, His testimonies, and His statutes with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that are written in this book.

32 And he caused all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand in confirmation of it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.

33 Josiah removed all the [idolatrous] abominations from all the territory that belonged to the Israelites, and made all who were in Israel serve the Lord their God. All his days they did not turn

5 He put away the idolatrous
priests whom the kings of
Judah had ordained to burn
incense in the high places in
Judah's cities and round
about Jerusalem—also those
who burned incense to Baal,
to the sun, to the moon, to the
constellations [or twelve
signs of the zodiac], and to all
the hosts of the heavens.

6 And Josiah brought the
Asherah from the house of
the Lord to outside Jerusalem
to the brook Kidron and
burned it there, and beat it to
dust and cast its dust upon the
graves of the common people
[who had sacrificed to it].

7 And he broke down the
houses of the male cult

from following the Lord, the
God of their fathers.

prostitutes, which were by the house of the Lord, where the women wove [tent] hangings for the Asherah [shrines].

8 And [Josiah] brought all the [idolatrous] priests out of the city of Judah and defiled the high places, where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba [north to south], and broke down the high places both at the entrance of the Gate of Joshua the governor of the city and that which was on one's left at the city's gate.

9 However, the priests of the high places were not allowed to sacrifice upon the Lord's altar in Jerusalem, but they

ate unleavened bread among
their brethren.

10 And Josiah defiled
Topheth, which is in the
Valley of Ben-hinnom [son of
Hinnom], that no man might
ever burn there his son or his
daughter as an offering to
Molech.

11 And he removed the
horses that the kings of Judah
had devoted to the sun from
the entrance of the house of
the Lord, by the chamber of
Nathan-melech the
chamberlain, which was in
the area, and he burned the
chariots of the sun with fire.

12 And the altars on the roof
of the upper chamber of

Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the Lord, [Josiah] pulled down and beat them in pieces, and he [ran and] cast their dust into the brook Kidron.

13 And the king defiled the high places east of Jerusalem, south of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abominable [goddess] of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the abominable god of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abominable [god] of the Ammonites.

14 He broke in pieces the
pillars (images) and cut down
the Asherim and replaced
them with the bones of men
[to defile the places forever].

15 Moreover, the altar at
Bethel, the high place made
by Jeroboam son of Nebat,
who made Israel to sin, that
altar with the high place
Josiah tore down and broke in
pieces its stones, beating
them to dust, and burned the
Asherah.

16 And as Josiah turned, he
saw the tombs across on the
mount, and he sent and
brought the bones out of the
tombs and burned them upon
the altar and defiled it, in
fulfillment of the word of the

Lord which the man of God
prophesied, who predicted
these things [about this altar,
naming Josiah before he was
born].

17 Josiah said, What is that
monument I see? The men of
the city told him, It is the
tomb of the man of God who
came from Judah and foretold
these things that you have just
done against the altar of
Bethel.

18 He said, Let him alone; let
no man move his bones. So
they let his bones alone, with
the bones of the prophet that
came out of Samaria.

19 Also Josiah took away all
the houses of the high places

in the cities of Samaria which
the kings of Israel had made,
provoking the Lord to anger,
and he did to them all that he
had done in Bethel.

20 He slew all the priests of
the high places that were
there upon the altars and
burned men's bones upon
them [to defile the places
forever]. Then he returned to
Jerusalem.

King Josiah Restores the Passover

2 Kings 23

21 The king commanded all
the people, Keep the Passover
to the Lord your God, as it is

2 Chronicles 35

1 Josiah kept the Passover to
the Lord in Jerusalem; they
killed the Passover lamb on

written in this Book of the
Covenant.

22 Surely such a Passover
was not held from the days of
Israel's judges, even in all the
days of the kings of Israel or
Judah.

23 But in the eighteenth year
of King Josiah, this Passover
was kept to the Lord in
Jerusalem.

the fourteenth day of the first
month.

2 He appointed the priests to
their positions and
encouraged them in the
service of the house of the
Lord.

3 To the Levites who taught
all Israel and were holy to the
Lord he said: Put the holy ark
in the house which Solomon
son of David king of Israel,
built; it shall no longer be a
burden carried on your
shoulders. Now serve the
Lord your God and His
people Israel.

4 Prepare yourselves
according to your fathers'
houses by your divisions,

after the directions of David
king of Israel and of Solomon
his son.

5 And stand in the holy court
of the priests according to the
sections of the fathers'
families of your kinsmen, the
common people, and let there
be a section of the Levites [to
attend] to each division of the
families of the people.

6 Kill the Passover lambs and
sanctify yourselves and
prepare for your brethren to
do according to the word of
the Lord by Moses.

7 Then Josiah contributed to
the lay people lambs and kids
of the flock as Passover
offerings for all who were

present, to the number of
30,000, and 3,000 young
bulls—all from the king's
possessions.

8 And his princes gave for a
freewill offering to the
people, to the priests, and the
Levites. Hilkiyah, Zechariah,
and Jehiel, chief officers of
God's house, gave the priests
for the Passover offerings
2,600 [lambs and kids] and
300 bulls.

9 Conaniah also, and
Shemaiah and Nethanel his
brothers, and Hashabiah,
Jeiel, and Jozabad, chiefs of
the Levites, gave to the
Levites for Passover offerings
5,000 [lambs and kids] and
500 bulls.

10 When the service was ready, the priests stood in their place and the Levites in their divisions as the king commanded.

11 They killed the Passover lambs, and the priests sprinkled the blood they received from the Levites who skinned the animals.

12 Then they removed the burnt offerings, that they might distribute them according to the divisions of the lay families to offer to the Lord, as directed in the Book of Moses. And so they did with the bulls.

13 And they roasted the Passover lambs with fire

according to the ordinance;
and they cooked the holy
offerings in pots, in caldrons,
and in pans and carried them
quickly to all the people.

14 Afterward [the Levites]
prepared for themselves and
the priests, because the
priests, the sons of Aaron,
were busy in offering the
burnt offerings and the fat
until night; so the Levites
prepared for themselves and
also for the priests, the sons
of Aaron.

15 The singers, the sons of
Asaph, were in their places
according to the command of
David, Asaph, Heman, and
Jeduthun the king's seer. And
the gatekeepers were at every

gate; they did not need to leave their service, for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

16 So all the Lord's service was prepared the same day to keep the Passover and to offer burnt offerings upon the Lord's altar, as King Josiah commanded.

17 And the Israelites who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days.

18 No Passover like it had been kept in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet, even by any of the kings of Israel, as was kept by Josiah

and the priests, the Levites,
and all Judah and Israel who
were present, and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of
the reign of Josiah this
Passover was kept.

Final Commentary on King Josiah

2 Kings 23

24 Moreover, Josiah put away
the mediums, the wizards, the
teraphim (household gods),
the idols, and all the
abominations that were seen
in Judah and in Jerusalem,
that he might establish the
words of the law written in

the book found by Hilkiyah the
priest in the house of the
Lord.

25 There was no king like
him before or after [Josiah]
who turned to the Lord with
all his heart and all his soul
and all his might, according
to all the Law of Moses.

26 Still the Lord did not turn
from the fierceness of His
great wrath, kindled against
Judah because of all the
provocations with which
Manasseh had provoked Him.

27 And the Lord said, I will
remove Judah also out of My
sight as I have removed
Israel, and will cast off this
city, Jerusalem, which I have

chosen, and the house, of
which I said, My Name [and
the pledge of My presence]
shall be there.

King Josiah's Death

2 Kings 23

28 The rest of the acts of
Josiah, all that he did, are
they not written in the Book
of the Chronicles of Judah's
Kings?

29 In his days Pharaoh Necho
king of Egypt went up against
the king of Assyria to the
river Euphrates. King Josiah
went out against him, but he
slew Josiah at Megiddo when
he saw him.

2 Chronicles 35

20 After all this, when Josiah
had prepared the temple,
Neco king of Egypt went out
to fight against Carchemish
on the Euphrates, and Josiah
went out against him.

21 But [Neco] sent
ambassadors to [Josiah],
saying, What have I to do
with you, you king of Judah?
I come not against you this
day, but against the house

30 Josiah's servants carried him dead in a chariot from Megiddo, brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. The people of the land anointed Jehoahaz son of Josiah king in his stead.

with which I am at war; and God has commanded me to make haste. Refrain from opposing God, Who is with me, lest He destroy you.

22 Yet Josiah would not turn away from him, but disguised himself in order to fight with him. He did not heed the words of Neco from the mouth of God, but came to fight with him in the valley of Megiddo.

23 And the archers shot King Josiah, and the king said to his servants, Take me away, for I am severely wounded.

24 So his servants took him out of the chariot and put him in his second chariot and

brought him to Jerusalem.

And he died and was buried
in the tombs of his fathers.

All Judah and Jerusalem
mourned for Josiah.

25 Jeremiah gave a lament for
Josiah, and all the singing
men and women have spoken
of Josiah in their laments to
this day. They made them an
ordinance in Israel; behold,
they are written in the
Laments.

26 Now the rest of the acts of
Josiah and his deeds,
according to what is written
in the Law of the Lord,

27 And his acts, from first to
last, behold, they are written

in the Book of the Kings of
Israel and Judah.

Other references to King Josiah

1 Kings 13:2	Prophecy about Josiah burning pagan priests' bones upon the altar.
Jeremiah 1:2,3	The Word of the LORD came to Jeremiah during Josiah's reign.
Jeremiah 25:3	Jeremiah's career started during Josiah's reign.
Zephaniah 1:1	The Word of the LORD came to Zephaniah during Josiah's reign.
Zechariah 6:10	Zephaniah named one of his sons after King Josiah.

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