

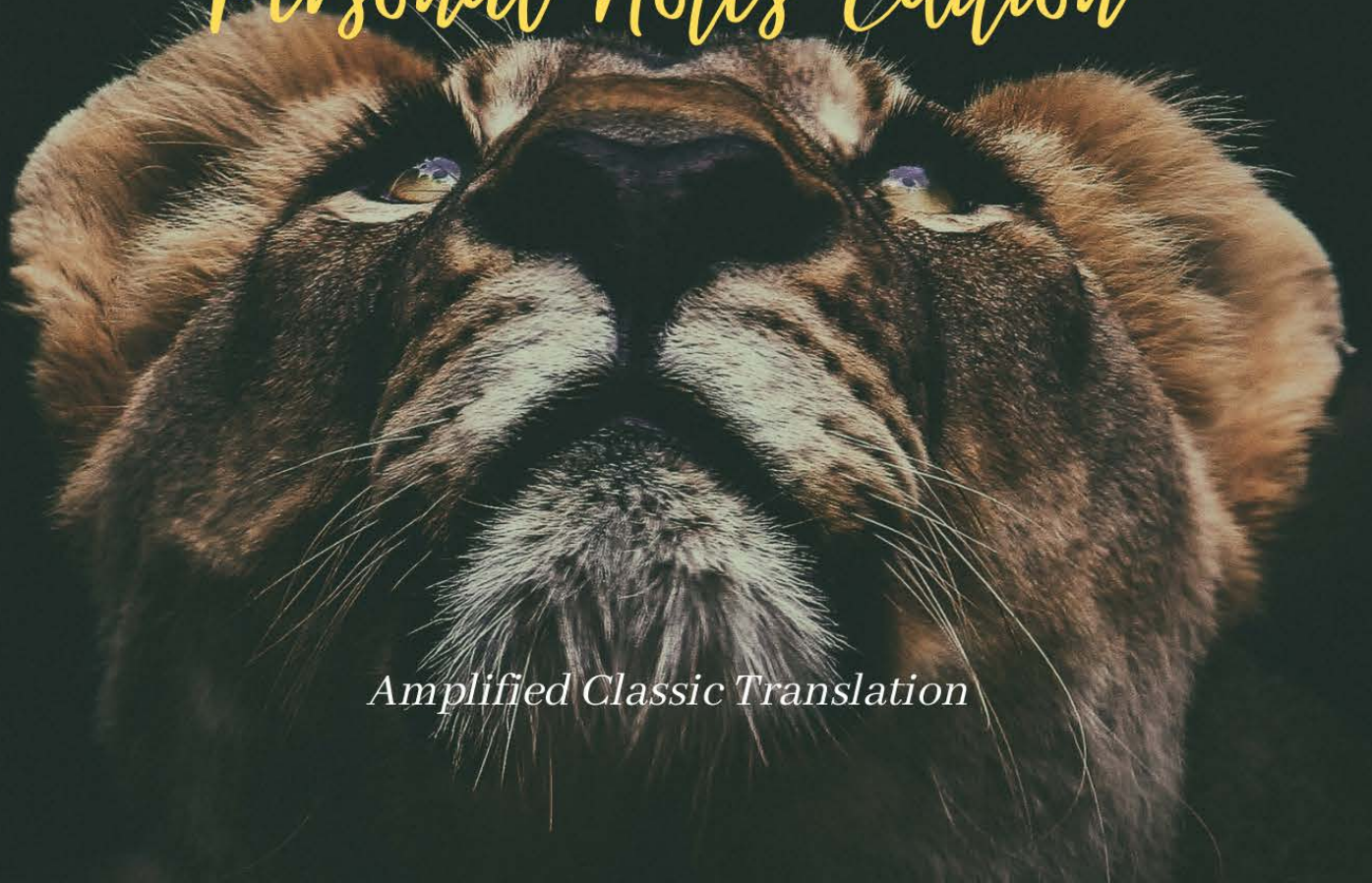
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KING

JOSIAH

CHRONOLOGICAL

Personal Notes Edition



Amplified Classic Translation

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 purple ink that reads "Justin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent loop at the beginning of the word.

The Account of King Josiah

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

Organized chronologically, headings added.

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Introduction

CAN YOU IMAGINE
A CHILD-KING?!

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**.

JOSIAH:
"WHOM JEHOVAH HEALS."
REIGN: 642-611 BC

2 Chronicles 34

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

A GOOD LONG REIGN!

JEDIDAH MEANS

"BELOVED"

ADAIAH: "WHOM JEHOVAH ADORNED."

"STONY, ELEVATED GROUND."

YES!

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 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.

WHY THE FAMILY DETAIL?

INTERESTINGLY,

17 OF 19 JUDEAN KINGS' MOTHERS ARE MENTIONED, WHILE NOT A SINGLE MOTHER OF AN ISRAELITE KING IS RECORDED (IN THE SAME WAY AS THE JUDEAN WOMEN ARE).

THE TWO JUDEAN KINGS WHOSE MOTHERS ARE NOT MENTIONED HAD A UNIQUE EVALUATION: THAT THEY BOTH "WALKED IN THE WAY OF THE KINGS OF ISRAEL." (2 Ki. 8:16 - Jehoram; 2 Ki 16:1-5 - Ahab)

SOME SEE THE MENTION OF JUDEAN MOTHERS A MESSIANIC THEME IN FULFILLMENT OF GENESIS 3:15.

HE TURNED NEITHER TOWARD DISHONOR + DEBAUCHERY (THE LEFT) OR TO OBSESSION + RICHES AND FAME (THE RIGHT).

Josiah's Eighth Year: The King Purges the Land

THIS ENTIRE NARRATIVE IS NOTICEABLY ABSENT FROM THE 2 KINGS ACCOUNT. I WONDER WHY?

WHAT CAUSED HIM TO BEGIN?

HE BEGAN TO SEEK THE LORD @ 16yo, AND AT AGE 20, HE EMBARKED UPON A GREAT AND HISTORIC QUEST TO PURGE ALL OF JUDAH OF ALL UNSODLINESS. THE YOUNG MAN LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED!

THE HEBREW WORD FOR "BEGAN" = chalaq

LITERALLY MEANS: "TO PIERCE THROUGH, TO PERFORATE."

→ or, "TO LOOSE; TO SET FREE."

IT SEEMS THAT JOSIAH SOMEHOW BROKE LOOSE THROUGH SOMETHING IN HIS BEGINNING OF SEEKING THE LORD.

HIS FATHER, AMON, WAS WICKED. HIS GRANDFATHER, MANASSAH, WAS

ARGUABLY THE MOST WICKED KING JUDAH HAD EVER HAD. (But, yes, he repented eventually). HIS GREAT-GRANDFATHER WAS HEZEKIAH.

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.

HE KNEW THE RULES OF EXO. 34:13

4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence;

the sun-images that were high above them he hewed down;

SEE DEUT. 12:3

the Asherim and the graven images and the molten

images he broke in pieces and made dust of them and

EX. 34:13

THE POINT: THERE IS NO OPPOSITION THAT CANNOT BE OVERCOME

HE WOULD FULFILL HIS CALLING IN LIFE!!

I LOVE
HIS PASSION!!

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

"CLEANSED" = MADE TO BE "SHINING"
AND "BRIGHT".

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

NOT "HIS SERVANTS,"
BUT THERE IS A PERSONAL
CONNECTION. JOSIAH WAS
PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN
THIS HOLY PURGING. HE WANTED
TO MAKE CERTAIN IT WAS DONE
RIGHT - AND ACCORDING TO GOD'S
WORD.

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-

SEE
NOTE ON
VS. 4

images throughout all the
land of Israel. Then he
returned to Jerusalem.

ONLY AFTER
HE WAS SATISFIED
THE JOB WAS
COMPLETE.

→ NOTE THIS: HE DIDN'T RECEIVE
THE BOOK OF THE LAW UNTIL
SIX YEARS LATER!!

SO HOW DID HE KNOW THE
PRESCRIBED METHODS OF PURGING
CERTAIN IDOLS ACCORDING TO EXODUS 34:13
AND OTHERS?
= THE HOLY SPIRIT!

**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 Hilkiyah 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

JOSIAH'S 20TH
YEAR OF LIFE

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 Hilkiyah 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

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NOT
JUST
HILK

AH, SO HE
PURGED THE
LORD'S HOUSE,
TOO!!

VERBATIM
COMMAND
OF
THE
KING

repairing of the Lord's house—

SO THIS WAS AN ONGOING PROJECT, PROBABLY STILL UNDERWAY AFTER JOSIAH RETURNED FROM HIS PURGING TRIP.

from all Judah, Benjamin, and Jerusalem.

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

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

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

dealt faithfully.

THIS IS WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR IN EMPLOYEES — EVEN OVER CHARISMA OR GIFTEDNESS.

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.

SHAPHAN READ THE BOOK FIRST BEFORE THE KING

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

INTERESTING CONNECTION

THIS IS AMAZING, CONSIDERING THE EVIL GENERATIONS THAT HAD PILLAGED THE HOUSE OF THE LORD HITHERTO.

GOD CERTAINLY PROTECTED THE BOOK, AS HE HAS PROTECTED AND PRESERVED THE BIBLE FOR US TODAY!

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.

SEE V. 13 FOR AN EXPLANATION WHY THE KING WAS SO DISTRAUGHT!

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.

ACTUALLY, HE FIRST READ IT HIMSELF

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 Hilkiyah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Achbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah servant of the king,

2 Chronicles 34

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

ACHBOR: "MOUSE"
ABDON: "SERVILE"
SAME GUY?
PROBABLY.

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

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

THE FACT HE MENTIONS ISRAEL IS SIGNIFICANT.
ISRAEL, BY THU TIME, HAD BEEN CARRIED OFF TO ASSYRIA AND WERE TOTALLY OUT OF GODS WILL FOR THEIR LIVES.

THIS SHOWS JOSIAH HAD HOOKED IN TO GODS HEART FOR HIS PEOPLE; NOT JUST JUDAH ONLY.

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

SOMEONE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE WAY TO READ SOME WORD IS TO MAKE IT PERSONAL

WHO SAYS WOMEN CAN'T PROMISE OR BE FILLED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT OR TEACH DOESN'T RECOGNIZE THAT GOD HAS AND CONTINUES TO FILL AND SPEAK THROUGH WOMEN EVERY BIT AS MUCH AS MEN.

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.

+ all the curses →

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

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

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.

FIRST PERSON FROM THE LORD

(*) (R)

THIS WAS GOD'S WORD SPOKEN CLEARLY AND DIRECTLY TO JOSIAH, BUT IT DID NOT COME TO PASS!

SO HERE WE SEE GOD'S EXPRESS PROPHETIC WORD/WILL

NOT COME TO PASS (SEE 2 CHR. 35:20-27)

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.

? SO IS IT POSSIBLE FOR GOD'S WILL TO NOT COME TO PASS?
- YES! SEE ALSO 2 PETER 3:9.

? WHAT ABOUT HIS "SOVEREIGNTY"? ISN'T GOD IN CONTROL?
- NO! HE IS SOVEREIGN \equiv TOP DOG; SUPREME; FIRST IN RANK. BUT HE IS NOT CONTROLLING EVERYTHING.
SEE 2 COR: 4:4. SATAN IS THE "god" OF THE WORLD!

↑ JOSIAH LIMITED GOD (PS. 78:41) BY DISOBEDIENCE.

King Josiah Purges the Land and Restores True Worship

= THE SAME IS TRUE TODAY!!

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



GET READY FOR A REAL PURGING, NOW.

YOU THOUGHT THE FIRST ONE WAS HARDWARE...?

WOW! HIM PERSONALLY!

WHERE KINGS WERE MADE: SEE ALSO 2 CHL. 23:13

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.

HE
LED BY
EXAMPLE

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

THEY EVEN HAD MALE PROSTITUTES IN THESE DEMONIC RELIGIONS. THESE SAME DEMONIC FORCES ARE WORKING TODAY.

from following the Lord, the God of their fathers.

ONE LIFE YIELDED FULLY TO GOD CAN MOVE NATIONS TO DO THE SAME.

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

→ JUDAH HAD FALLEN INTO SERIOUS DEPRAVITY.

↳ THE WORD OF GOD, THEY HAD NO GUIDING LIGHT; NO MORAL COMPASS. TODAY IT IS NO DIFFERENT.

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.

JOSIAH WENT AFTER DEMON WORSHIP
= A VENGEANCE! I LIKE HIS STYLE!

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.

→ A RIGHTEOUS END

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.

HE LITERALLY "FLUNG" THEM INTO THE BROOK

(*) NOTE THE CONNECTION THESE DEMON SOUS HAVE 2 THE THREE LUSTS OF THE WORLD OF 1 JOHN 2:16

1) THE LUST OF THE FLESH

2) THE LUST OF THE EYES

3) THE PRIDE OF LIFE

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.

VENUS:
THE
GODDESS
OF LOVE
AND
FORTUNE

THE
GOD OF
WAR -
MARS,
SATURN

THE
"GREAT KING" = MOLECH
= AKA, MERCURY.

NO KING SINCE SOLOMON, NOT EVEN HEZEKIAH, WENT SO FAR AS TO TAKE THESE OLD HIGH PLACES DOWN.

JOSIAH TRULY WAS UNCONCERNED 2 TRADITION AND POPULAR OPINION - HE ONLY CARED ABOUT FOLLOWING AND FULFILLING GOD'S WORD. WE SEE A PASSIONATE SINGLE-MINDED FOCUS TO THIS MAN THAT I WANT OTHERS TO SEE IN ME.

THESE AREN'T JUST²¹ SIMPL - THESE ARE ABOMINABLE THINGS TO JEHOUAH.

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].

SETTING THE JOB DONE RIGHT.

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.

THIS ALTAR WAS (NO DOUBT) VERY OLD AND VENERATED AMONG THE PEOPLE. JOSIAH WAS ABSOLUTELY RADICAL FOR HIS TIME. SURELY HE HAD DEATH THREATS AND ALL KINDS OF OPPOSITION TO HIS UNPRECEDENTED CAMPAIGN.

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

1Ki 13:2 KJV - ²And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.



HERE IS THE PROPHECY!

WHAT A WORD! WHAT A PLANNER OUR GOD IS!



EXACTLY HOW MANY YEARS WAS IT FROM PROPHECY TO FULFILLMENT?

→ DAKES? ←

IT IS GOOD AND RIGHT TO RESPECT AND HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US IN THE FAITH. MAY WE LEARN FROM THEIR MINISTRIES AND LIVES; MAY THEIR CEILINGS BE OUR FLOORS!!

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.

I SEE PASSION, TENACITY, CONSISTENCY, AND AN UNRELENTING DRIVE TO NEVER QUIT UNTIL THE JOB IS DONE THE RIGHT WAY. I LOVE THIS! THANK GOD FOR THIS TESTIMONY!

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.

NO MESSING AROUND. JOSIAH WANTED A PURE AND GODLY JUDAH, ENOUGH SAID!

AND ONLY THEN.

NOTICE THAT HE PURGED OUT THE OLD IN ORDER TO MAKE WAY FOR THE TRUE WORSHIP OF GOD. IT IS VITAL THAT WE REMOVE THE OLD TRADITIONS AND DOCTRINES OF MAN BEFORE

King Josiah Restores the Passover

WE BUILD ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT UPON OUR FOUNDATION.

2 Kings 23

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

HE ONLY COMMANDED THOSE HE LED AS HE WAS WILLING TO DO HIMSELF

2 Chronicles 35

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

SEE HEB. 6:1-2; 1 COR 3:11

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.

THIS WAS THE
GREATEST
ONE OF
ALL BETWEEN
THE TWO
KINGDOMS!!

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

TWO DIRECTIONS
OF THE LEVITES'
SERVICE.

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.

I
LOVE
HIS
LEAD-
ERSHIP

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.

WHAT AN HONOR THIS MUST HAVE BEEN, AFTER SO MANY YEARS TO DO THIS HOLY SERVICE!!

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.

AFTER THE LAMB WAS KILLED FOR US, WE RECEIVED THE ABILITY AND OPPORTUNITY TO BE SANCTIFIED

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

RELATION-

-SHIP

↳ JESUS,

AKA

"ETERNAL

LIFE" IS

GOD'S FLAWLESS

SOCIAL JUSTICE

PLAN.

"SANCTIFIED" - HEB. "qadesh". = TO KEEP ONESELF SEPARATE;

TO CONSECRATE ONESELF

1 THESS. 5:23

⊛ THERE IS A

TREMENDOUS BLESSING

IN SEPARATING YOURSELF

WHOLLY TO GOD. YIELD YOUR VERY

BEING TO HIM, AND LET HIM BRING YOU "ZOE" LIFE!

SUSAN GAVE
THESE PERSONALLY.
THIS WASN'T JUST A
SHOW TO HIM. →

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

SEE DAVID
LEAD BY EXAMPLE
IN 1 CHRONICLES
29

BECAUSE THEIR
KINGS LED
BY EXAMPLE.

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

YOUR FAITH IS
ON DISPLAY AND
YOUR BOLDNESS WILL
ENCOURAGE AND
SPUR OTHERS ON
TO COURAGE!

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.

SUSAN → THE PRINCES → CHIEFS OF THE LEVITES

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

THANK YOU,
JESUS -
THE
PERFECT
PASSOVER
LAMB!!

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

ALWAYS LET
THE WORD OF
GOD GUIDE EVERY
DECISION.

THE THINGS
OF GOD ARE TO
BE EATEN AND ENJOYED
RIGHT AWAY. THERE'S
NO BETTER TIME THAN
NOW TO "TASTE AND
SEE THAT THE LORD
IS GOOD." (PS. 34:8)

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

→ EVEN TO THE HOUSEHOLD LEVEL!

the book found by Hilkiah 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

THIS IS WHAT I WANT TO BE
SAID OF ME!

JOSIAH KNEW THIS WAS COMING,
(2 KINGS 22:16,20),
YET HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY
TO a) PURGE THE LAND OF DEMON
WORSHIP, AND
b) TO CARRY OUT THE MOST
EXTENSIVE PASSOVER THERE
HAD EVER BEEN.

THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST NOTEWORTHY
POINTS ABOUT THIS KING.

THAT JOSIAH TRULY HAD SUCH A HEART
FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD, THAT EVEN
THOUGH HE KNEW THEY WERE DUE
FOR JUDGMENT, HE SPENT HIS LIFE
BUILDING THEM, WINNING THEM, AND
DOING WHAT HE COULD TO ENSURE A
PROSPEROUS LIFE FOR THEM!

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.

JOSIAH DID
THIS ~~TO~~ CONSULTING
GOD FIRST.

SEE
FOR
THE
WHOLE
STORY ...

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

NOT GODS EXPRESS

WILL FOR MY LIFE.

SEE NOTE ON 2 KINGS 22:20.

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.



HERE WE HAVE A CASE WHERE GOD WAS IN EGYPT! I WONDER WHAT GOD'S DEALINGS WITH OTHER NATIONS WERE LIKE IN THE O.T. CLEARLY HE SPOKE TO OTHER NATIONS! (HERE AND ALSO TO BALAAM.)

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

AND SO WE SEE THAT A PERSONAL CHOICE TO REBEL AND PLACE YOUR OWN WISDOM ABOVE GOD'S IS ENOUGH TO SHORT-CIRCUIT HIS PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE (2 KINGS 22:20). GOD DOESN'T CHANGE. THIS IS NO DIFFERENT TODAY CONCERNING GOD'S EXPRESS WILL FOR OUR LIVES AND OUR ABILITY³⁴ TO OVERRIDE IT!!

NOTICE 2 PETER 3:9,
PSALM 78:41,
HOSEA 4:6

GOD EVEN WARNED JOSIAH. (THROUGH
PHARAOH NECO; WHAT'S UP = THAT?
HAD JOSIAH LAPPED IN HIS INTIMACY
= THE LORD? WHY DIDN'T HE FIRST
HEAR THE LORD DIRECTLY + PRIVATELY?)

→ SERIOUSLY, THIS IS IMPORTANT. ←

SEE VEME 20. JOSIAH WENT OUT
TO BATTLE W/O ANY CONSIDERATION
TO GOD. HE SHOULD HAVE CONSULTED
THE LORD ON THE MATTER.

⊕ WE MUST BE CAREFUL TO NOT
ACT OR MAKE DECISIONS W/O
KNOWING GOD'S WORD ON THE
MATTER; AND ESPECIALLY IF
THEY ARE SIGNIFICANT CONSIDER-
-ATIONS.

A MAN WHOM,
IN THIS AREA, I
WISH TO EMULATE.

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

ONLY A
PARTIAL FULFILL-
MENT

OF
GOD'S
WORD TO
JOSIAH IN

2 KI. 22:20

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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