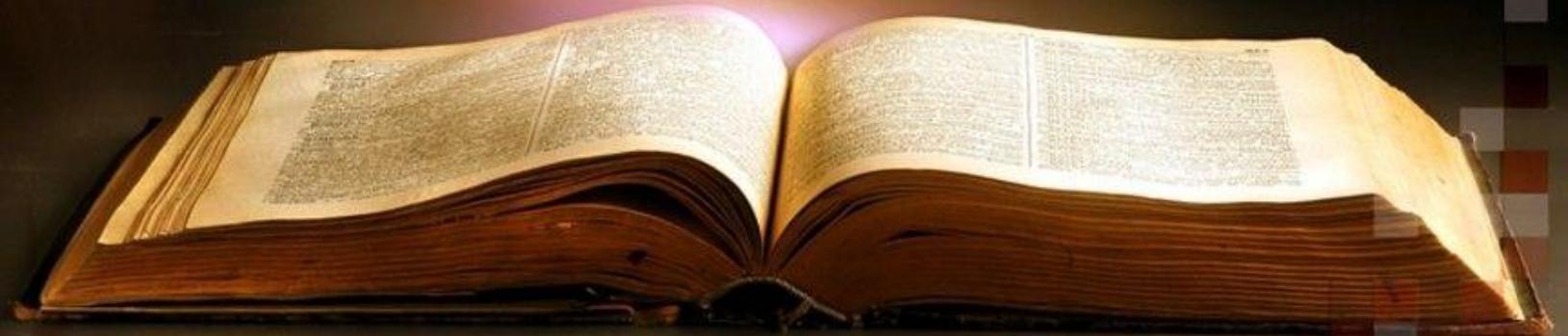


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2 Chronicles 34

Josiah's King of Judah



I. Historical Highlights surrounding this King.

A. Influences that surrounded King Josiah -- 2 Chronicles 33-34; 2 Kings 21

1. We first observe his family's influence

- Manasseh – Grandfather of Josiah
- Amon – Josiah's Father

verse 1-3a

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ² He did what **was right in the eyes of the LORD** and **followed the ways of his father David**, not turning aside to the right or to the left. ³ In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, **he began to seek the God of his father David.**

2. Those who influenced Josiah for good – 2

Chronicles 34:1-18

- King David – Role Model
- Shaphan the royal secretary
- Hilkiah the high priest
- Huldah the prophetess

Verse 3b-5

In his twelfth year he began to **purge** Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles and idols. ⁴ **Under his direction** the altars of the Baals were **torn down**; he cut to pieces the incense altars that were above them, and smashed the Asherah poles and the idols. These he broke to pieces and scattered over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. ⁵ He burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and so he purged Judah and Jerusalem.

verse 6-8

⁶ In the towns of Manasseh, Ephraim and Simeon, as far as Naphtali, and in the ruins around them,⁷ he tore down the altars and the Asherah poles and crushed the idols to powder and cut to pieces all the incense altars throughout Israel. Then he went back to Jerusalem. ⁸ In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign, to purify the land and the temple, he sent **Shaphan** son of Azaliah and Maaseiah the ruler of the city, with Joah son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the temple of the LORD his God.

verses 9-10

⁹ They went to **Hilkiah** the high priest and gave him the money that had been brought into the temple of God, which the Levites who were the gatekeepers had collected from the people of Manasseh, Ephraim and the entire remnant of Israel and from all the people of Judah and Benjamin and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ¹⁰ Then they entrusted it to the men appointed to supervise the work on the LORD's temple. These men paid the workers who repaired and restored the temple. ¹¹ They also gave money to the carpenters and builders to purchase dressed stone, and timber for joists and beams for the buildings that the kings of Judah had allowed to fall into ruin.

verses 11-13

¹¹ They in turn gave *it* to the carpenters and to the builders to buy quarried stone and timber for couplings and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had let go to ruin. ¹² The men did the work faithfully with foremen over them to supervise: Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites of the sons of Merari, Zechariah and Meshullam of the sons of the Kohathites, and the Levites, all who were skillful with musical instruments. ¹³ *They were* also over the burden bearers, and supervised all the workmen from job to job; and *some* of the Levites *were* scribes and officials and gatekeepers.

verses 14-16

14 When they were bringing out the money which had been brought into the house of the LORD, **Hilkiah** the priest **found the book of the law of the LORD** *given* by Moses. **15** Hilkiah responded and said to **Shaphan** the scribe, “**I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD.**” And **Hilkiah** gave the book to Shaphan. **16** Then **Shaphan brought the book to the king** and **[d]**reported further word to the king, saying, “Everything that was **[e]**entrusted to your servants they are doing.

verses 17- 20

¹⁷ They have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the supervisors and workers.” ¹⁸ Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

¹⁹ When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. ²⁰ He gave these orders to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan , Abdon son of Micah,^[a] Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king’s attendant:

verses 19-21

19 When the king **heard the words** of the law, **he tore his clothes.** **20** Then the king commanded **Hilkiah**, Ahikam the son of **Shaphan**, **[f]**Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, **21** "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book which has been found; for great is the wrath of the LORD which is poured out on us because **our fathers have not observed the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book.**"

verses 26-28

²⁶ Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard: ²⁷ Because your **heart was responsive** and you **humbled yourself before God** when you heard what he spoke against this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the LORD. ²⁸ Now I will gather you to your ancestors, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place and on those who live here.’” So they took her answer back to the king.

verses 23-25

²³ She said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Tell the man who sent you to me, ²⁴ ‘This is what the LORD says: I am going to bring disaster on this place and its people—all the curses written in the book that has been read in the presence of the king of Judah. ²⁵ Because they have forsaken me and burned incense to other gods and aroused my anger by all that their hands have made,^[e] my anger will be poured out on this place and will not be quenched.

verses 29-31

²⁹ Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.³⁰ He went up to the temple of the LORD with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites—**all the people from the least to the greatest.** He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the LORD. ³¹ The king stood by his pillar and **renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD—to follow the LORD and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book.**

3. LEGACY'S LESSONS that King Josiah leaves:

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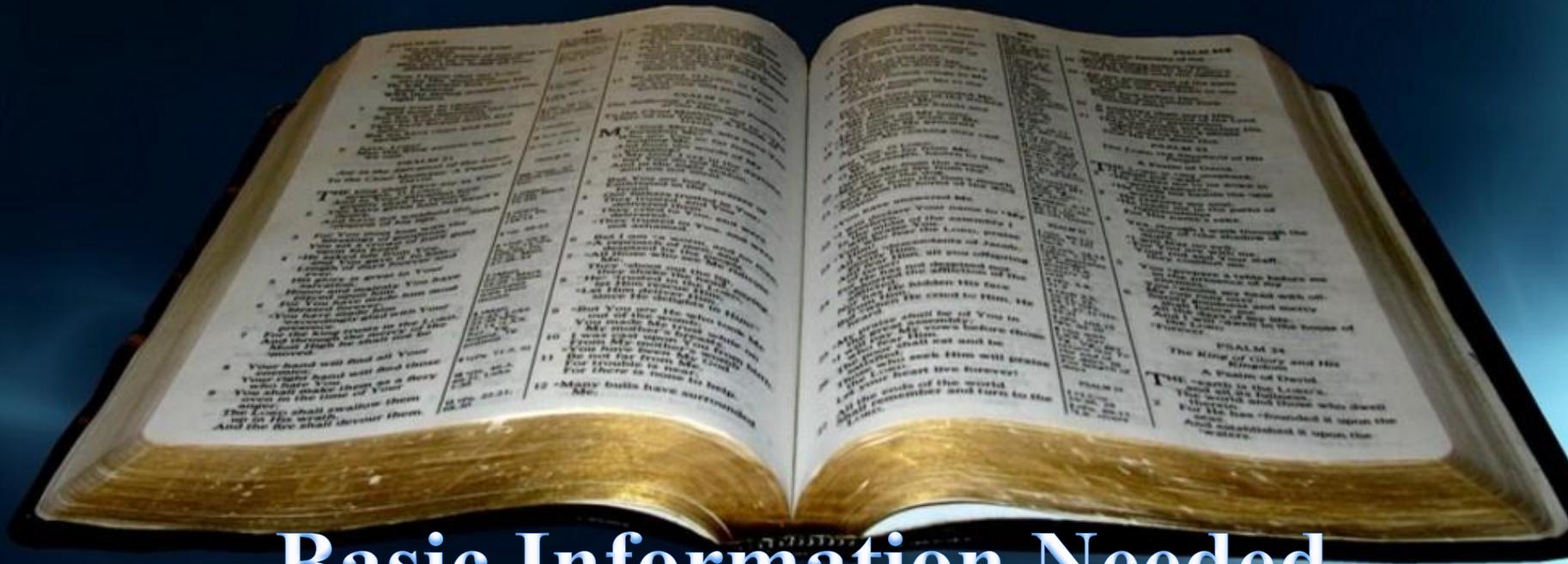
verses 32-33

32 Then he had everyone in Jerusalem and Benjamin **pledge themselves to it**; the people of Jerusalem did this in accordance with the covenant of God, the God of their ancestors. **33 Josiah removed all the detestable idols** from all the territory belonging to the Israelites, and he had all who were present in Israel serve the LORD their God. **As long as he lived, they did not fail to follow the LORD, the God of their ancestors.**

3. LEGACY'S LESSONS that King Josiah leaves:

- a. an example to seek after God**
- b. an example of 'Standing Alone'.**
- c. an example of influence.**
- d. an example of how to receive God's Word.**
- e. an example of how to serve God though no one else does.**
- f. an example of true zeal for the Lord.**
- g. an example of how critical our obedience to God is.**

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