

2 Chronicles 35

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35 Moreover Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. (The first month - AbeeB = green ears <of grain>)

2Kings-23:23 (This was the 18th year of Josiah's reign)

²And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD, (He renewed the 24 courses of the priests)

³And said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; it shall not be a burden upon your shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his people Israel, (The Koathites would now have other duties, since the Ark was no longer moved. Under Josiah, the Levites resumed teaching the people the Word of God)

John-21:15-17 (That duty is still called for today. A pastor's duty is to teach the Word of God – properly translated and complete <chapter by chapter, verse by verse>. Instead, most preachers teach traditions of men and preach "sermons" that they wrote)

⁴And prepare yourselves by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. (The 24 courses were set for service in the temple) 1Chronicles-28:19

⁵And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and after the division of the families of the Levites. (your brethren the people = sons of the people <in the Hebrew>. These were the laymen, the common citizens, not the priests)

⁶So kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that they may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses. (The Levites killed the Passover for the people who were not sanctified to do it)

⁷And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty

thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of the king's substance. (The Assyrians had pretty much cleaned the people of the ten northern tribes out of their herds and other possessions; so Josiah used animals from his own herds for the offerings)

⁸And his princes gave willingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred small cattle and three hundred oxen. (These were offered during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, after the Feast of the Passover) Leviticus-7:16

⁹Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for passover offerings five thousand small cattle, and five hundred oxen.

¹⁰So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment. (As the king goes, so goes the nation)

¹¹And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Levites flayed them.

¹²And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so did they with the oxen. (The burnt offerings were for the forgiveness of sins)

¹³And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the other holy offerings sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them speedily among all the people. (sod = boiled; for the feast of unleavened bread)

Exodus-12:8-9 (The Passover meal was to be roasted and eaten with unleavened bread and bitter herbs)

¹⁴And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

¹⁵And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the

king's seer; and the porters waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them. (The priests, porters and singers couldn't prepare their own offerings because they were on duty in the temple)

¹⁶ So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah. (Jesus became our Passover for all time. Our offering today is our love for God; and our obedience to His commandments) 1Corinthians-5:6-7

¹⁷ And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days.

¹⁸ And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (Josiah kept the Passover in strict accordance to the Word of God)

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

2Kings-23:24-27 (Josiah got rid of all the idolatry and heathen perversion, so the people would obey God's commandments)

(Still, the people would revert back to those idols after Josiah's death. That brought down God's wrath upon the last years of Judah)

²⁰ After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Charchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him. (Pharaoh Necho was the founder of the 25th dynasty in Egypt)

(The Assyrians, who took Israel captive, are now losing and falling to the Babylonians and the Medes. Necho, of Egypt, wants a share of the spoils from the doomed Assyrian Empire)

²¹ But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not. (God = El-o-Heem) (This was a warning to Josiah. God gave Josiah a way out. Necho even realized it and tried to warn Josiah to stay out of this battle. Josiah didn't listen)

Chapter-34:28 (God told Josiah he would go to his grave in peace. He might have died in his old age had he stayed out of this battle)

²² Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. (This place is in the 10 northern tribes, on the border of Manasseh & Isacar. It is believed that the Egyptians sailed the Med to go around Judah in order to fight the Assyrians. Josiah had no business getting involved in this battle)

²³ And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded. (He was hit)

²⁴ His servants therefore took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in one of the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. (The people loved him because he was a righteous king. He was the last righteous king of Judah)

²⁵ And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations. (Josiah is mentioned in Lamentations-4:20, and in Jeremiah-22:10->on)

²⁶ Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to that which was written in the law of the LORD, (goodness = kindnesses – better translation)

²⁷ And his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

NOTE: (From this day going forward, Judah slipped back into idolatry and perversion. The last few kings were evil. Judah was under siege by the Babylonians and finally fell to them. This was prophesied to Hezekiah, after he flaunted all of his riches to them)