

2 Kings 22

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22 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath. (Josiah was foretold to Jeroboam 360 earlier by one of God's prophets. Josiah was the 2nd youngest king to take power. He was the last good king of Judah)

(In his early days, God called Solomon Jedediah <the male version of Jedidah>, which means – beloved of Yah) 2Samuel-12:25

²And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. (No idolatry; he stayed true to God. As the king goes, so go the people)

(His mother raised him the right way. She taught him to be faithful to God. He remained that way throughout his whole life. Good parents are important to a child's development)

³And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying, (Josiah was 26 at this time)

⁴Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

⁵And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house, (The Temple was over 400 years old. It had fallen into disrepair)

⁶Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

⁷Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully. (There was no accounting for the money that was being taken in because the workmen were dealing honestly)

⁸ And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. (The high priest didn't even know about the Torah, until they found one in the ruins. No one in Judah even knew about the true Word of God) see Deuteronomy-31:26

NOTE: (How many people in the Christian nations today know what the Bible says? Not many. Most people have never read it)

⁹ And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.

¹⁰ And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.

¹¹ And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. (He realized how far off-course their "religion" had become; and how little the priests knew about God's Word)

Deuteronomy-28 (Do things God's way and receive His blessings. Go contrary to God's Word and receive the cursings of this wicked world)

Deuteronomy-17:14-on (There is a list of things that a new king is supposed to do when he takes power. One of those things is that he must write his own copy of the Torah; so that he will know what it says, and how to rule by it)

¹² And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying,

Jeremiah-26:24 (Ahikam is credited for saving Jeremiah's life, when Zedekiah would later become the king of Judah)

¹³ Go ye, enquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us. (God's Word had instructed all new kings of Judah to transcribe their own copy of the Torah; to ensure that they would know what it said and could rule by it)

(Instead, organized religion was doing the traditions of men instead of the Word of God – just like today)

¹⁴ So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her. (She was a prophetess and the head professor in the college) (Huldah means weasel – Irony?)

NOTE: (Don't listen to chauvinist, ignorant Christian preachers who say that only men can teach God's Word. God uses His sons and daughters to advance His Word throughout the world. He did it then, and He does it now) see Joel-2:28-32, Acts-2:17

¹⁵ And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, (She helped them to advise the king on what God's Word says. Josiah listened and learned)

(He set the faith back to what God had commanded of them. He removed all idol worship and desecrated the heathen altars that Manasseh had built)

¹⁶ Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: (evil = tumult, calamity)

¹⁷ Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. (Judgment upon Judah was pronounced)

(They did it to themselves. God sent them prophet after prophet but the people refused to listen. Turn against God and eventually He will remove His blessings from you. When that happens, you will have no defense against the other nations of this world)

NOTE: (Look at the US today. There is no difference. Politically correct is not morally correct. The left and the perverts rule our nation. Christians are discriminated against, and are portrayed as right wing religious nuts. And yet, people wonder why our nation is in decline)

¹⁸ But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard; (This will apply to King Josiah only)

¹⁹ Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. (God hears all of our prayers)

²⁰ Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again. (evil = tumult, calamity) (peace = Shalom – means peace; but also means to be slain in battle. Josiah will be slain in battle, but he will not see the catastrophe that Judah has brought down upon itself)

NOTES: (This promise holds true today. The Christian nations will be chastised, but the people who remain faithful to God will be protected. They will be shown God's great mercy)

(Even within a nation in chaos, God's faithful people can live a happy life and enjoy peace of mind. No government corruption or left wing perversion can interfere with God's blessings upon those who love Him and live by His Word)