

**Lesson 24**  
Josiah Reigns Over Judah  
( 2 Kings 22:1 – 23:30; 2 Chronicles 34:1 – 35:27 )

**Questions**

1. How long did Josiah reign over Judah and what kind of king was he (2 K. 22:1-2; 2 Chron. 34:1-2)?
  
2. What did Josiah do in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> years of his reign (2 Chron. 34:3-7)?
  
3. What did Josiah do in the 18<sup>th</sup> year of his reign (2 K. 22:3-7; 2 Chron. 34:8-13)?
  
4. What did Josiah do when he heard the words of the book of the law that was found in the temple (2 K. 22:8-13; 2 Chron. 34:14-21)?
  
5. What word from the Lord did Huldah the prophetess have for Jerusalem and for Josiah (2 K. 22:14-20; 2 Chron. 34:22-28)?
  
6. What restorations did Josiah initiate involving the following items during his reign as king (2 K. 23:1-25; 2 Chron. 34:29 – 35:19)?
  - The covenant to keep the Lord's commandments (2 K. 23:1-3; 2 Chron. 34:29-33) –
  
  - The idolatry and immorality in and around Jerusalem (2 K. 23:4-14) –
  
  - The idolatry in Bethel and idolatrous priests (2 K. 23:15-20) –
  
  - The Passover (2 K. 23:21-22; 2 Chron. 35:1-19) –

- The abominations in the land of Judah (2 K. 23:24-25) –

7. What did the Lord promise to do to Judah and Jerusalem and why (2 K. 23:26-27)?

8. How and where did Josiah die and who lamented his death (2 K. 23:28-30; 2 Chron. 35:20-27)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. What are the approximate dates for Josiah's reign over Judah (2 K. 22:1 – 23:30)?

2. What "major" prophet and "minor" prophet ministered during the reign of Josiah?

3. What did the Lord say to Jeremiah during the days of Josiah concerning Israel and Judah (Jer. 3:6-18)?

4. What did Josiah hear in the book of the law that made him conclude that the Lord's wrath was poured out upon the people (2 K. 22:13; 2 Chron. 34:21)?

5. What are the following: Baal, Asherah and Asherim, the host of heaven, the high places, the sodomites, hangings for the Asherah, the fire of Molech, the chariots of the sun, Ashtoreth, Chemosh, and Milcom (2 K. 23:4-14).

6. Where in the OT had David and Solomon written concerning the work of the priests and Levites in the temple (2 Chron. 35:4) and the singers in the temple (2 Chron. 35:15)?

7. What were the “Passover-offerings” (2 Chron. 35:8-9)?
8. Where in 1 Kings is the prophecy made that Josiah fulfilled and approximately how many years passed between the prophecy and the fulfillment (2 K. 23:16-17)?
9. Who was Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt and who was the king of Assyria at this time (2 K. 23:29)?
10. What role does Megiddo play in the book of Revelation (Rev. 16:16)?
11. Locate the following on a map: the brook Kidron (2 K. 23:6), Geba to Beersheba (2 K. 23:8), Topheth in the valley of Hinnom (2 K. 23:10), the mount of corruption (2 K. 23:13), Megiddo (2 K. 23:29-30), and Carchemish by the Euphrates (2 Chron. 35:20).

### **Applications for Today**

1. Walk straight in the Lord’s word and do not turn to the right hand or left (2 K. 22:2; Deut. 5:32; 17:20; 28:14).
2. Seek the Lord to do his will while you are young (2 Chron. 34:3; Eccl. 12:1; 1 Tim. 4:12).
3. Remove any idol from your life that would stand in the way to your true devotion to the Lord (2 Chron. 34:3-7; 1 Cor. 10:14; 1 Jn. 5:21).
4. Be faithful (trustworthy) in whatever job you are given (2 K. 22:7; 2 Chron. 34:12; Psa. 12:1).
5. Be a “bearer of burdens” and teach your children to do the same (2 Chron. 34:13; Num. 4:24, 47; Neh. 4:10; Gal. 6:1-2).
6. Have a humble and contrite heart when you hear God’s word and desire to know what God’s word means for your life (2 K. 22:11, 13, 19; Isa. 57:15).
7. Breaking God’s law angers God and brings his severe punishment (2 K. 22:16-17; 23:19, 26-27; Psa. 78:58; 106:29).

8. Read God's word and then make a covenant to keep his word with all your heart and soul (2 K. 23:1-3; 1 Sam. 7:3; 12:20, 24).
9. Be a leader and make the necessary restorations to come back to God's word even though it may be hard to do so (2 K. 23:4-25; Deut. 4:30; 30:2; Isa. 55:7).
10. Be different (2 K. 23:25; Rom. 12:1-2; Phil. 2:15).
11. Encourage your brethren to do what is right and be willing to give them what they need to do what is right (2 Chron. 35:2, 7-9; Judg. 20:22; Acts 18:27).
12. Worship according the pattern of God's word (2 Chron. 35:6, 12-13; 2 Tim. 1:13).