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2 Kings 22

Verses 1-2

- How old was Josiah when he became king?
- What was he like?

Verses 3-7

- How old would Josiah be in the 18th year of his reign?
- He was still a young man. I hope we never forget to teach and pray for the next generation.
- Who did the king wish to pay at the house of the LORD?

Verses 8-10

- What was Hilkiah's position?
- What did he find? What is this? (Hint: think about Exodus and Deuteronomy)
- Where did he find it? So, where had it been lost?
- What is the application for us here?

Verses 11-13

- Tearing your clothes was a sign of grief. Why would Josiah have been grieved by hearing the words from this book? The last verse will answer this question.

Verses 14-20

- For whom did Huldah speak? This is what a prophetess is, a woman who speaks on behalf of God. A prophet is a man who speaks on behalf of God. Words or prophecy do not have to be futuristic. Speaking the truth of God's word into the life of someone is acting as a prophet. All pastors are prophets in that they speak on behalf of God. They may say they don't have the gift of prophecy, but one who speaks on God's behalf is speaking as a prophet.
- What did she say?
- What was Josiah's heart like? This should be what every parent prays for and desires for their child, that their hearts would be tender toward God.
- What did God say He would do for Josiah because his heart was tender and he was humble toward God, and grieved over the sin of the people?

2 Kings 23

Verses 1-3

- What did Josiah read to the people?
- To how many of the people?
- What did He and the people do? Have we seen this before?

Verse 4-14

- When Josiah started making reforms, what did he bring first out of the temple of the LORD? What did he do with them?
- What did he do with the high places (places of idol worship)? Do you remember how many kings though they were good kings, did not take down the high places?
- To which god had the kings of Judah dedicated the horses and chariots?
- What did he do with the altars?
- What did he do with the pillars and the Asherim? Remember, in Hebrew “im” is plural, so this means there were more than one Asherim.

Verses 15-20

- How did Josiah undo what Jeroboam had done?
- What did he do with the bones of the prophet? Do you remember him?
- What did he do with the priests of the false gods?

Verses 21-23

- Josiah reinstated the Passover. How long had it been since they had done this?
- In what year of Josiah’s reign did he do this? So, the same year in which he found the book of the law. He got right on it. What is the application for us?

Verses 24-25

- What did he do with those who practiced withcraft?

Verses 26-27

- What was God going to do now to Judah? What does this tell us about the northern kingdom of Israel?

Verses 28-30

- What did pharaoh, King Neco, do to Josiah?
- Where? Ever heard of Armageddon?
- Who succeeded Josiah?

Verses 31-33

- What was Jehoahaz like? Can you believe it? Yet we all make our own choices.
- What did Neco do?

Verses 34-35

- Who became king after Jehoahaz?
- To what did he change his name?
- Eliakim means “God Rises”. Remember, Josiah was his father. He changed it to Jehoiakim which means “Raised by Yahweh”.

Verses 36-37

- What was he like? Maybe he changed his name because he was saying Josiah was so busy reforming the country he wasn't there for his kids. I don't know, I'm just thinking it through, but doesn't this happen in ministry families sometimes?

2 Chronicles 34

- This is the parallel passage from that above.

Verses 1-7

- How many years did Josiah reign?
- We were told about the 18th year of his reign before, but now we are backing up to pick up at the 8th year of his reign, so how old was he in the 8th year of his reign?
- What did he begin to do in this 8th year of his reign? Again, are we faithful to pray for the next generation? Think about it, after we're gone, our prayers now will still affect them.
- What did he do in the 12th year of his reign? How old was he then? Wow, that's pretty impressive. Remember, he was doing these things PRIOR to finding the book.

Verses 8-13

- So, he started in the 12th year by purging the country of idolatry. Now in the 18th year, he begins to repair the temple.
- Now we know what materials were purchased and which craftsmen were paid. Don't you just love that God gives the craftsmen credit by naming them here? Men are usually overlooked on these types of jobs.

Verses 14-18

- If we weren't sure what the book of the law in the previous passages was, we are told now that it is the book which contains the law of the LORD which He gave to Moses.
- Who read from the book in the hearing of the king? What was his position? We get our words, Scripture, and scribble from this word.

Verses 19-21

- What did Josiah command Hilkiah and the other men to do?

Verses 22-28

- Of what was Huldah keeper? What do we find in a wardrobe? If she was the keeper, the items weren't hers. What garments would have been found in this wardrobe? For what?

Verses 29-30

- What is the book called in this passage? Is it the same book? Do you remember Moses and the people and sprinkling the blood on the book and on the people, then the covenant meal with the elders?
- How many of the words were read to the assembly? What is the application for us?

Verses 31-33

- A "covenant" is a solemn, binding agreement made by the cutting of flesh, which represents death to the one who breaks it.
- What were the terms of the covenant Josiah made with God?
- What did the inhabitants of Jerusalem do? How long had it been since they had done this? How long did they continue to do this?

2 Chronicles 35

Verses 1-6

- What did Josiah re-institute in this passage?

Verses 7-9

- In what way did Josiah contribute?

Verses 10-15

- Do you remember when David instituted the singing? Remember all the psalms used for song? Remember these names written in the psalms?

Verses 16-19

- What is another name for Passover?

Verses 20-27

- Now we know why Neco came up, to wage war?
- What do you think about God speaking through Neco about not going to war against him?
- In the parallel passage we were told Neco killed Josiah but we were not told it was in battle and we were not given the specifics. How was Josiah wounded? Did he die right away?
- What city was he in when he died?
- How did the people feel about his death?
- Where can we find other information on Josiah? Yes, the Book of the Kings, the parallel passage we read first.

See you tomorrow.