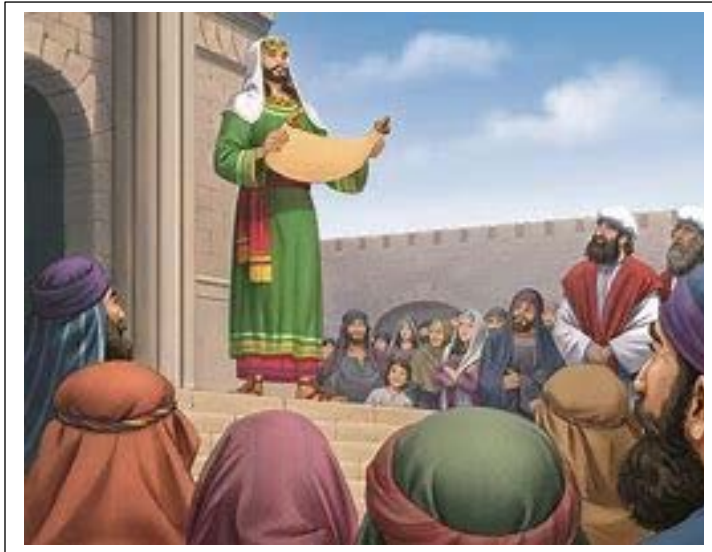


Lesson 59

King Josiah and the Book of the Law found

2 Kings 22:1-20; 23:1-30



Teacher, please remember that the commentary below is intended to help you in your study, not to be read to your students. Make your own list of applications, using the help from the commentary, but don't necessarily try to cover everything! Think of the students in your class, then be prayerfully selective.

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1. Preparation

- 1) Choose memory verse
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2. Memory verse

PSALM 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

3. Theme

God's Word should have an important place in our hearts. Humble obedience to God's Word pleases Him.

4. Lesson introduction

For over 50 years, Israel turned away from God. Israel was entrenched in sin and idolatry; the picture was dark, until Josiah came to the throne of Judah at only eight years old! The Bible says, "...There was no king like him, who turned to the Lord with all his heart, with all his soul, and with all his might..." to follow God's Word (2 Kings 23:25). Josiah was not only determined to serve the Lord personally; as a passionate leader, he desired to see the whole nation turn from their wickedness and re-establish a relationship with the one true God.

During his reign something existing happened- something lost for a long time had been found!

How do you feel when you find something that has been lost for a long time? Do you become excited? You probably do.

Verse by Verse Commentary

2 Kings 22:1-2

Josiah desired to obey and serve the Lord with his whole heart. In the eighteenth year of his reign, while the Temple was being repaired, the Book of the Law was recovered. When Josiah realized how disobedient the people had been, he tore his clothes which signified the breaking of his heart for the dishonor that had been done to God (2 Kings 22:11). Soon after, he received a message from God that his soul would be delivered, but the ruin of Jerusalem was inevitable (2 Kings 22:16-20). Josiah began to make changes in Israel based on God's Word. He eagerly desired to do all that God commanded (2 Kings 22). Humble obedience pleases God.

2 Kings 22:3-7

Josiah was determined to restore the temple. Manasseh, the wicked king who reigned for 55 years before Josiah had left the temple in much disrepair. Since Israel, steeped in idolatry, was not worshipping the one true God, the temple of God had probably been used to store things. It was a mess! Josiah sent Shaphan, one of his aides, to Hilkiah, the high priest, with instructions to pay the builders the money that had been collected from the people for repairing the temple by the Levites. The Bible says the workmen "dealt faithfully." No accounting was necessary for the money given them to use in repairing the temple. They were faithful men who could be trusted with the resources God gave them. What a testimony to their godly character. May we always "deal faithfully," living a life above reproach.

2 Kings 22:8-10

"I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD," Hilkiah declared. To those seeking to return to the worship of the one true God and follow His ways, no greater treasure could be found. The "Book of the Law" was the first five books of the Bible, also known as the Mosaic Law (because it was written by Moses) or the Pentateuch. Through the Bible, God is revealed. With joy, Shaphan brought the book to the king and read it. It seems that God's Word had been missing for a long period of time, perhaps buried under things thought to be more important or necessary at the time, perhaps covered by a thick layer of dust. How sad that the Word of God had been lost to them in the first place! It is no wonder that the nation had become so corrupted; for without the Word of God, they had little instruction nor did they have defense against the temptations. They had made themselves vulnerable to be carried into the idolatry and the evil practices of the nations around them. Where is God's Word in our heart today? Have we allowed dust to gather on our Bible? Has it become hidden under things (idols) that we deemed more important? If we neglect the study of the Word, over time the memory of God's Word will fade in our hearts. Without God's instruction, and guidance, and the understanding of who God is and who we are as revealed in His Word, we will become weak against our enemy, Satan, and vulnerable to be swayed by the temptations of world around us. For, God's Word is the Christian's defense and offense in the battle we face. Hebrews 4:12 says, "The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword...." If God's Word does not have an important place in your life today, it needs to be "re-discovered" -- for it is a great treasure! God's Word should have an important place in our hearts.

2 Kings 22:11-14

When Josiah heard the Words of the book, he tore his clothes expressing deep emotion at the shame of their sin. When people would tear their clothes in Bible times, it was a sign of deep sorrow or mourning. The light of God's Word reveals the darkness of one's sin and rebellion. Without God's Word, the people did not realize how far they had strayed from God's truth. In Psalm 119:105, the psalmist declares, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path." In the light of God's Word, we see where we are, and we know where to go. Until this time, the people had been focusing on the repair of the physical temple; now they would focus upon the "repair" of their hearts before the Lord. Josiah sent a delegation to the prophetess Huldah to request that she inquire of the Lord for the people of Judah concerning the things he had learned from the Book of the Law. Josiah realized the nation had turned away from God, neglected His Word, and deserved God's judgment. Now hearing God's Word, he was eager to make things right—to turn from sin and do what God required.

Suggested Activity: "A Lamp unto My Feet"

2 Kings 22:15-20

Galatians 6:7-8 tells us, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life." Judah had been steeped in idolatry, sin, and rebellion. What a man sows, what a nation sows, will be reaped. Unless the nation turned to God with genuine repentance, judgment for Judah would surely come. In His mercy, God gave Judah a good King, Josiah, who stood in the gap and sought to revive and renew the hearts of a people hardened through years rebellion. When Josiah heard the Word of God, he repented and genuinely sought God. Josiah's heart was tender and humble before the Lord. The Bible says God heard him. He would not be judged with the nation. God promised he would be gathered to his fathers in peace. King Josiah would be spared seeing the destruction and captivity of Jerusalem. James 4:10 says, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." Matthew Henry has said, "Those that most fear God's wrath are least likely to feel it." Judah had forgotten God's Word. How important is God's Word in your life? Do you spend time reading God's Word daily? In Psalm 1:1,2 we read: "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law, he meditates day and night." God's Word should have an important place in our hearts. God's Word is powerful. In the light of God's Word, our sin is revealed and restoration through faith in Jesus Christ is made possible. God's Word sown in the fertile ground of our hearts bears good fruit. As we grow in His grace and knowledge, we are changed "from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18) to be more like our Savior, Jesus Christ. We are made strong against the attacks of the enemy and the pressures of this world (1 John 2:14; Psalm 119:11). Consider the effects of God's Word upon your life—do not let your Bible gather dust!

Suggested Activity: "Remember" Toss

2 Kings 23:1-3

Josiah hoped that a public recommitment to serve God would spare Judah from God's judgment. He summoned a general assembly and publicly made a covenant (a promise) to follow the Lord and keep His

commandments, and he encouraged the people to do the same. May our commitment set an example for others to follow as did Josiah's commitment. Though a young man, Josiah was able to impact a nation, encouraging them to turn back to the Lord! If we have a heart like Josiah's, tender and humble before the Lord (2 Kings 22:19), we too can make a difference in the lives of others at any age. Humble obedience pleases God. All the evil influences around Josiah would not hinder him from becoming one of Israel's greatest kings. Josiah took a stand for the Lord, though it was not in line with the popular movement of Judah at the time. May we take a stand for the Lord. Let us not allow the attitudes of friends or people around us to influence us. Let us "lead" the way, without compromise, as one who loves the Lord with a whole heart.

Suggested Activity: We Found the Scroll

2 Kings 23:4-14

Josiah had most likely been keenly aware of the apostate conditions that surrounded him during the first eight years of his reign. Perhaps, he had godly tutors and political leaders who influenced him during these early years. At the age of 16, he began to seriously consider his relationship to God rather than conform to the idolatrous practices so prevalent in Jerusalem. When the people heard the covenant Josiah made publicly before the Lord, we can be sure they knew that major changes were about to take place. Now at the age of 20, his convictions were so firmly established that he used his royal authority to initiate a religious reformation (2 Chronicles 34:3-7). An idolatrous and rebellious lifestyle would no longer be permitted. He began to purge his kingdom, destroying the high places, the carved images, altars and all the different things used in idolatry. Such drastic measures were necessary in a nation that had been lulled to sleep through years of idolatry. Idolatry is worship, love, and devotion given to something other than God. Is anything in your life more important than God. Be careful! Like Josiah, we must get rid of any stumbling blocks—anything that draws us away—that could hinder us from living a life of obedience for the One who deserves our affection. Humble obedience pleases God.

2 Kings 23:15-20

As the ancient altar of Bethel was destroyed, Josiah fulfilled the prophecy of a young prophet during the reign of Jeroboam which declared God's judgment on the wickedness of the people of Israel (1 Kings 13). God will always do what He says He will do. To destroy the site forever, Josiah removed the bones of the people who had been buried in the tombs and burned them on the altar, and then the altar was crushed. Josiah was careful not to disturb the grave of the faithful young prophet who had predicted the destruction of Jeroboam's altar. Josiah even extended his purge into the old Northern Kingdom of Israel which was, at this time, controlled by the Assyrian Empire. He desired to do whatever it took to rid every obstacle that could make God's people stumble back into idolatry. May we as Josiah, rid ourselves of every stumbling block, anything that could hinder our relationship with the Lord. Hebrews 12:1 states, "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Let us close every door in our lives that allows us to be tempted (Colossians 3:5). Do you have rebellious friends who cause you to stumble? Do you watch movies that you know are sinful and dishonoring to God? What kinds of video games are we playing? Let's not give sin an opportunity to dwell in our hearts and hinder our relationship with God.

2 Kings 23:21-25

Plans were begun at once for the observance of the Passover. Great care was taken to make sure that the Passover was observed just as it was recorded in the Book of the Law. The Passover celebration was to have been a holiday celebrated every year in remembrance of the entire nation's deliverance from slavery in Egypt (Exodus 12), but it had not been kept for many years. Because Josiah was diligent to lead the people in observance of the Passover as God intended, this Passover observance was the greatest celebration since the days of Samuel (2 Chronicles 35:18). The Passover was a time to enjoy God's blessings, celebrating His love and faithfulness to His people. An atmosphere of spiritual renewal must have filled the air. Now was the time to reflect on God's commandments and His promises. If God's people were to be changed from within, they would need to repent and humbly turn to God with a desire to live in obedience. Humble obedience pleases God.

Suggested activity: Passover Meal

2 Kings 23:26-30

Josiah was willing to lay down his life to serve God and lay down his life to serve his people. Hoping to stop Egypt's attempt to form an alliance with Assyria, Josiah was killed and his army defeated. Judah lost a great king. Josiah had stood in the gap for the people of Judah as a humble and obedient king. His heart was fixed on the Lord and zealous to turn the hearts of the people back to God. Yet an outward conversion on the part of the people was not enough. Without genuine repentance, the people of Judah would face God's judgment. Oh that the personal relationship Josiah had with God—His passion and fervency—had been the experience of all the children of Israel. The nation would not be facing God's judgment; they would be receiving His blessing. The Bible says, "For whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7-8). May our commitment to the Lord be genuine, for God sees our hearts. May we determine as did Josiah to allow no compromise with sin and to serve the Lord wholly. Humble obedience pleases God.

5. Prayer

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to know and obey God's Word and serve the Lord. May God fan the flame of genuine revival in our hearts.

6. Attention Grabbers

What you will need:

- 1) Nothing
- 2) Masking tape.

Carrying out the attention grabber:

1) "Revival" Tag:

We will learn in today's lesson about the revival that came to the nation of Israel. When King Josiah stood for what was right, others joined in and got excited about serving the Lord. Here is how you play Revival Tag. One child is King Josiah. When you say, "Go!" King Josiah will run and tag another child. When he/she tags another child they shout, "Serve the Lord!" Then that child must join hands with King Josiah and they try to tag another child. When the next tag is made, they both say, "Serve the Lord!" Then the third child joins the group. Only the last child in the line can tag. Keep playing until all of the children have been tagged. The tag doesn't count though if the chain is broken. Explain to the children that when they stand up for what is right God can use their lives to influence others to what is right also; just like Josiah.

2) Race of Confusion

It is hard to get to where you are going without knowing how to get there! It is that way in our lives. We cannot do the things that God would have us to do without knowing His will and plans for us. How can we know His will and plan? Through the Word of God! Here is a game to help us to understand that we can get much more accomplished when we listen to God's instructions. Set up a goal line with masking tape at the end of the room. Form two teams of children and have them line up in two separate lines. To start the race, they must listen for your instructions and try to reach the finish line following your instructions. Have the first two children in line go first. Make up instructions for them to follow, with them ultimately reaching the finish line. (Example instructions: "Take 2 steps to the left and stop, hop one hop, turn around and take two steps to the right and stop, hop on 1 foot backwards and stop.") Keep them turning toward and away from the goal of the finish line several times. After they have struggled their way to the finish line, allow the next children in line to go and so on until everyone gets a turn. This is a lesson in listening to instructions. When everyone has had their turn, you can take the opportunity to share with the children how important it is to first have instructions and then to follow those instructions. God gave us instructions to follow! God's Word should have an important place in our hearts.

7. Activities:

What you will need:

- 1) A copy of the enclosed template and a paper plate for each child, yellow construction paper, crayons or markers, scissors, a hole punch, and glue.
- 2) Scratch paper or old newspaper to make paper wads and several questions relating to the lesson prepared before class.
- 3) An 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper for every two children in your class, two straws for each child, glue, scissors and markers or crayons
- 4) A nice sheet or tablecloth, paper plates and cups for each child, saltine crackers, applesauce, granola, green parsley, hard boiled eggs, and grape juice.

How to carry out the activities:

1) "A Lamp unto My Feet"

For this craft, you will need a copy of the enclosed template and a paper plate for each child, yellow construction paper, crayons or markers, scissors, a hole punch, and glue. The children will be making a candle picture with Psalm 119:105 written below it. Have the children cut out the candle from the enclosed template. Glue the candle to the paper plate. Allow the children to color the candle. With a marker, write out Psalm 119:105, "Your Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" below the candle. Next, have children cut out small strips of yellow construction paper to represent the glow of the candle and glue them to the plate above the flame. Punch a hole at the top of the plate and tie a loop of yarn through the hole to allow the picture to hang.

2) "Remember" Toss

This game will help us to remember that we should never take the Word of God for granted. Assign each child a number, either 1 or 2. Next form two teams, the ones and the twos. Set the "ones" on one side of the room and the "twos" on the opposite wall. Give each child a piece of scratch paper or a half sheet of newspaper to wad up. Pick a child from one side to answer a question regarding the lesson that you prepared before class. If they answer the question correctly, they get to throw the wad to the other team. If they can't answer the question after two tries the other team can have a try. But that is only after the original team has been given the opportunity to try answering the question at least two times. Keep asking questions back and forth. At the end of the game, count the number of paper wads for each team. The team with the least number of paper wads wins!

3) We Found the Scroll!

When Josiah found the scrolls containing God's Word, he immediately began to obey God's Word. We also need to obey God's Word. This craft will help us to remember the scrolls that Josiah found. Precut 8 1/2" x 11" paper in half (8 1/2" x 5 1/2"). Give each child one paper, two straws (may be precut to 7 inches), glue, scissors, and markers or crayons. Glue the straws to each ends of the paper. Write the memory verse or theme on the paper. Next allow the children to color or decorate their scroll. When done, roll both ends of the paper together.

4) Passover Meal

Josiah began to honor the Passover again in Israel. It had been set aside for a long time. You can demonstrate some of the elements of the Passover with the following items. You will want to bring a nice sheet or tablecloth and set out paper plates or cups for each child.

1. Matzah: Represents God's swift salvation (demonstrate with saltine crackers).
2. Charoseth: Mortar for bricks to remind the Israelites of their slavery in Egypt (applesauce with a little granola in it).
3. Green parsley: Hope to come in the spring.
4. Salt-water: The tears cried in sin and bondage in Egypt (use one small bowl of salt water to dip parsley into).
5. Hard boiled eggs: the rebirth as represented in Jesus (1/2 per child).

6. Grape juice: Blood of the Lamb.

Discuss with your class how the Passover meal creates a beautiful picture of our Messiah, Jesus.

8. Bible text (NIV):

2 Kings 22:1-20

The Book of the Law Found

1 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. 2 He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

3 In the eighteenth year of his reign, King Josiah sent the secretary, Shaphan son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, to the temple of the Lord. He said: 4 "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest and have him get ready the money that has been brought into the temple of the Lord, which the doorkeepers have collected from the people. 5 Have them entrust it to the men appointed to supervise the work on the temple. And have these men pay the workers who repair the temple of the Lord— 6 the carpenters, the builders and the masons. Also have them purchase timber and dressed stone to repair the temple. 7 But they need not account for the money entrusted to them, because they are honest in their dealings."

8 Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it. 9 Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: "Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the Lord and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple."

10 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.

11 When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. 12 He gave these orders to Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Akbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: 13 "Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger that burns against us because those who have gone before us have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us."

14 Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Akbor, Shaphan and Asaiah went to speak to the prophet Huldah, who was the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe. She lived in Jerusalem, in the New Quarter.

15 She said to them, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Tell the man who sent you to me, 16 'This is what the Lord says: I am going to bring disaster on this place and its people, according to everything written in the book the king of Judah has read. 17 Because they have forsaken me and burned incense to other gods and aroused my anger by all the idols their hands have made,[a] my anger will burn against this place and will not be quenched.' 18 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: 19 Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people—that they would become a curse[b] and be laid waste—and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I also have heard you, declares the Lord. 20 Therefore 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.'"

So they took her answer back to the king.

2 Kings 23:1-30

Josiah Renews the Covenant

1 Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 2 He went up to the temple of the Lord with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets—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. 3 The king stood by the 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, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

4 The king ordered Hilkiah the high priest, the priests next in rank and the doorkeepers to remove from the temple of the Lord all the articles made for Baal and Asherah and all the starry hosts. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron Valley and took the ashes to Bethel. 5 He did away with the idolatrous priests appointed by the kings of Judah to burn incense on the high places of the towns of Judah and on those around Jerusalem—those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and moon, to the constellations and to all the starry hosts. 6 He took the Asherah pole from the temple of the Lord to the Kidron Valley outside Jerusalem and burned it there. He ground it to powder and scattered the dust over the graves of the common people. 7 He also tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes that were in the temple of the Lord, the quarters where women did weaving for Asherah.

8 Josiah brought all the priests from the towns of Judah and desecrated the high places, from Geba to Beersheba, where the priests had burned incense. He broke down the gateway at the entrance of the Gate of Joshua, the city governor, which was on the left of the city gate. 9 Although the priests of the high places did not serve at the altar of the Lord in Jerusalem, they ate unleavened bread with their fellow priests.

10 He desecrated Topheth, which was in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, so no one could use it to sacrifice their son or daughter in the fire to Molek. 11 He removed from the entrance to the temple of the Lord the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun. They were in the court[a] near the room of an official named Nathan-Melek. Josiah then burned the chariots dedicated to the sun.

12 He pulled down the altars the kings of Judah had erected on the roof near the upper room of Ahaz, and the altars Manasseh had built in the two courts of the temple of the Lord. He removed them from there, smashed them to pieces and threw the rubble into the Kidron Valley. 13 The king also desecrated the high places that were east of Jerusalem on the south of the Hill of Corruption—the ones Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the vile goddess of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the vile god of Moab, and for Molek the detestable god of the people of Ammon. 14 Josiah smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles and covered the sites with human bones.

15 Even the altar at Bethel, the high place made by Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin—even that altar and high place he demolished. He burned the high place and ground it to powder, and burned the Asherah pole also. 16 Then Josiah looked around, and when he saw the tombs that were there on the hillside, he had the bones removed from them and burned on the altar to defile it, in accordance with the word of the Lord proclaimed by the man of God who foretold these things.

17 The king asked, “What is that tombstone I see?”

The people of the city said, “It marks the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and pronounced against the altar of Bethel the very things you have done to it.”

18 “Leave it alone,” he said. “Don’t let anyone disturb his bones.” So they spared his bones and those of the prophet who had come from Samaria.

19 Just as he had done at Bethel, Josiah removed all the shrines at the high places that the kings of Israel had built in the towns of Samaria and that had aroused the Lord’s anger. 20 Josiah slaughtered all the priests of those high places on the altars and burned human bones on them. Then he went back to Jerusalem.

21 The king gave this order to all the people: “Celebrate the Passover to the Lord your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant.” 22 Neither in the days of the judges who led Israel nor in the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah had any such Passover been observed. 23 But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, this Passover was celebrated to the Lord in Jerusalem.

24 Furthermore, Josiah got rid of the mediums and spiritists, the household gods, the idols and all the other detestable things seen in Judah and Jerusalem. This he did to fulfill the requirements of the law written in the book that Hilkiah the priest had discovered in the temple of the Lord. 25 Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.

26 Nevertheless, the Lord did not turn away from the heat of his fierce anger, which burned against Judah because of all that Manasseh had done to arouse his anger. 27 So the Lord said, “I will remove Judah also from my presence as I removed Israel, and I will reject Jerusalem, the city I chose, and this temple, about which I said, ‘My Name shall be there.’[b]”

28 As for the other events of Josiah’s reign, and all he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah?

29 While Josiah was king, Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt went up to the Euphrates River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah marched out to meet him in battle, but Necho faced him and killed him at Megiddo.

30 Josiah’s servants brought his body in a chariot from Megiddo to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz son of Josiah and anointed him and made him king in place of his father.

Template - A Lamp unto My Feet

