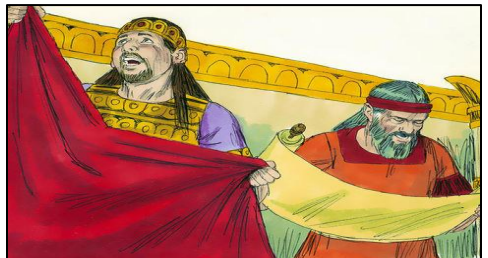
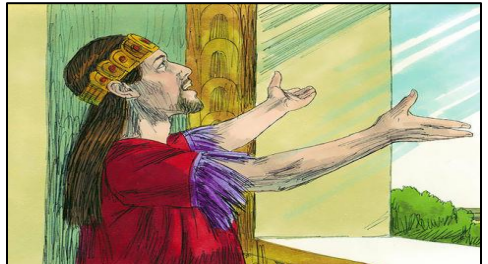
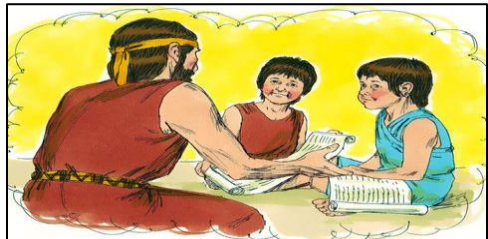
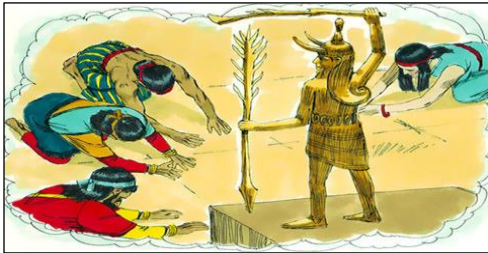


Lesson 12

Josiah, A man of Faith Who Sought the Lord

Lesson Text: 2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34



Josiah was the great grandson of King Hezekiah. His father was Amon and his grandfather was Manasseh. Sadly, after Hezekiah died, his son Manasseh reigned and was an evil king. After Manasseh died, his son Amon reigned and he took after his father, Manasseh.

Both men were idol worshippers. They erected groves and places of worship to Baal, to the sun god, to the moon god and all the planets.

Amon reigned two years before he was killed by his own servants. After he was killed, the people made his son, Josiah king of Judah when he was only eight years old.

He was 16 years old when he sought after the Lord. *“For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.”* (2 Chronicles 34:3)

King Josiah was trying to do what was right by seeking after the Lord when he was 16 years old. However, it took four years for the book of the law to be discovered. This is when Josiah realized he was not doing all God commanded.

Hilkiah the high priest found the book of the law. This book had just been thrown aside. It not been loved, respected and obeyed for many years.

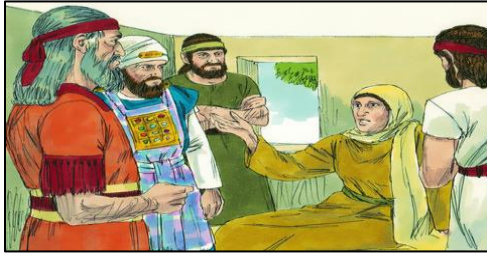
Hilkiah said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it to King Josiah.

When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he rent his clothes. He was so upset that they had not been following what was written in the law.

He then moved to find out what the Lord wanted him and the people to do.



"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 to go inquire 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." (2 Kings 22:12-13)



So, these men went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum and they communed with her.

She told them that the Lord said He will bring evil upon this place, and upon the people, because they had forsaken Him. They had burned incense unto other gods and provoked God's anger with their actions.



But God would not take vengeance while Josiah lived. He would not because Josiah humbled himself before the Lord, because his heart was tender when he heard the law, because he tore his clothes and wept before the Lord.

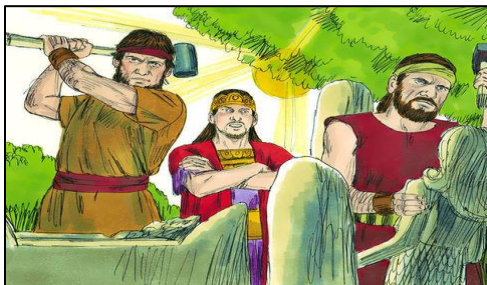
Therefore, the Lord said He would gather Josiah unto his fathers and gather him into his grave in peace; and his eyes would not see all the evil which the Lord would bring upon this place. And they brought the king word of all the things the prophetess told them from the Lord.



And the king brought all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord.



And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after Him, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in the book of the Law. And all the people stood to the covenant while Josiah lived.



Josiah removed all the vessels that were made to worship the idol Baal from the temple of the Lord and burned them.

2 Kings 23:25 best describes Josiah, *"And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him."*

Thought Questions

Josiah searched for God. He searched to know His will. Then he did his best to be obedient to God's will. Today, we have the Bible at our fingertips. We know God's will! What a blessing for us to have this! Now to do our best to be obedient!

1. Read 2 Kings 23:25. How would you describe Josiah to someone who knows nothing about him using this verse?
2. What are some ways you can humble yourself before the Lord?
3. Write down one example of obedience to God.
4. Think of and write down one thing you will do to be this week to be obedient to our Lord.

Multiple Choice

1. Josiah was the son of _____.
a. Aaron b. Amon c. Athaliah d. Ahab
2. God _____ _____ take vengeance during Josiah's lifetime.
b. decided to b. would not c. thought to d. wanted to
3. King Josiah read all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the _____.
c. Ahaz b. Lord c. Araz d. Oded

True/False

1. Huldah the prophetess was the sister of Shallum. _____
2. And the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the Lord. _____
3. Amon reigned two years before he was killed by his own son. _____
4. Josiah removed all the vessels that were made to worship the idol Baal from the temple of the Lord and burned them. _____

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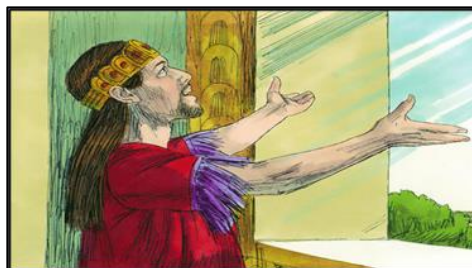
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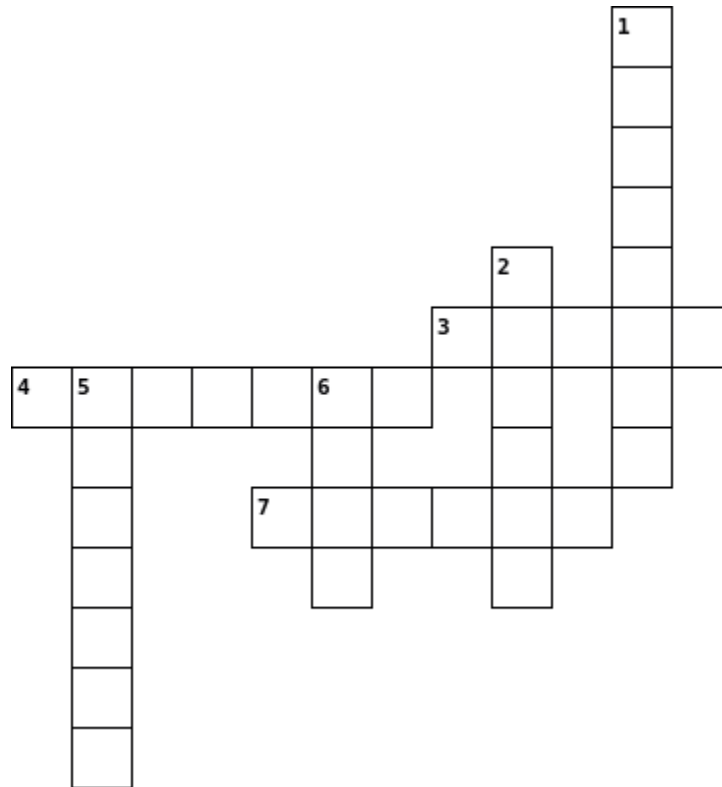
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Across

3. Josiah was made king of this place at eight
4. Read the book of the Law to King Josiah
7. Great grandson of King Hezekiah

Down

1. The King stood by a pillar and made this with the Lord
2. Prophetess; the wife of Shallum
5. Found the book of the Law
6. Son of Manasseh