

**Allen Temple**  
**Sunday School Lesson**  
**JOSIAH BRINGS REFORM**  
**2 KINGS 22:8-10; 23:1-3,21-23**



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## Lesson Text - 2 Kings 22:8-10

**22:8 Then Hilkiah the high priest said to 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.**

## Lesson Text - 2 Kings 22:8-10

**9 So Shaphan the scribe went to the king, bringing the king word, saying, "Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, who oversee the house of the Lord."**

## Lesson Text - 2 Kings 22:8-10

**10 Then Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king.**

**Lesson Text**  
**2 Kings 23:1-3**

**23:1 Now the king sent them to gather all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him.**

## Lesson Text - 2 Kings 23:1-3

**2 The king went up to the house of the Lord with all the men of Judah, and with him all the inhabitants of Jerusalem — the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the house of the Lord.**

## Lesson Text - 2 Kings 23:1-3

**3 Then the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to follow the Lord and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people took a stand for the covenant.**

## **Lesson Text 2 Kings 23: 21-23**

**21 Then the king commanded all the people, saying, "Keep the Passover to the Lord your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant."**



## **Lesson Text 2 Kings 23: 21-23**

**22 Such a Passover surely had never been held since the days of the judges who judged Israel nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah.**

## **Lesson Text 2 Kings 23: 21-23**

**23 But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah this Passover was held before the Lord in Jerusalem.**

# Lesson Objectives: Aim for Change

**EXAMINE:** the events that led Josiah to renew the covenant.

**SENSE:** our need for spiritual renewal

**SEEK:** spiritual renewal

**ENGAGE:** in at least one activity that will help us experience spiritual renewal

**WALK:** stand firm in faith, hope, and love while building a relationship with our Lord and Savior.

## Introduction

God gives us second chances if we accept responsibility and seek to reestablish a relationship with Him. In today's lesson, King Josiah calls the people together and leads them in a renewal covenant.

The King asked that the word of the Lord be read to him. When he heard the words of the Lord, (the book of the law), he tore his clothes. What is your response when you hear God's word?

# HISTORY OF KING JOSIAH

- 1. Josiah was a third-generation King at the age of eight (2 Chron 34).**
- 2. Josiah sought to do right in the sight of the Lord.**
- 3. Josiah served thirty-one years. His life's pattern is reflected in his genealogy:**

# HISTORY OF KING JOSIAH

continued

- a.** His grandfather, King Manasseh (2 Chron 33), was king for fifty-five years; Manasseh did evil in the sight of the Lord.
- b.** His father, King Amon (2 Chron 33), was king for two years. Amon did evil in the sight of the Lord.
- c.** Before the three of them, King Hezekiah (2 Chron 29), the father of Manasseh, was king for twenty-nine years, and Hezekiah did right in the sight of the Lord.

# HULDAH THE PROPHETESS

Huldah was a prophetess first mentioned in 2 Kings 22:13-20. According to Rabbinic interpretation, Huldah and Deborah were the first professed woman prophets in the Hebrew Bible, although other women were referred to as Prophets. Huldah was regarded as a Prophet accustomed to speaking the word of God directly to high Priests and Royal officials. She had the authority to determine what was and was not the genuine Law, and she spoke in a manner of stern command.

Huldah interpreted the Law and pronounced promise, pain, wrath, and judgment.



# Huldah answers the King...

## 2 Kings 22:14-20

1. She spoke to them (the delegation King Josiah had sent vs. 13.)
2. This is what the Lord God of Israel says: vs. 15-20
  - a. I'm about to bring disaster to this place and on its inhabitants, fulfilling ALL the words of the book that the King of Judah has read.
  - b. Because they have abandoned Me and burned incense to other gods in order to provoke Me with all the work of their hands.
  - c. My wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched.
  - d. Say this to the King of Judah who sent you; this is what the Lord God of Israel says: As for the words that you heard; vs. 19; because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and because you have torn your clothes and wept before Me, I Myself have heard you; this is the Lord's declaration vs. 20 "therefore, I will indeed gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster that I am bringing to this place."

**THEN THEY REPORTED TO THE KING.....**



## Summary

- In spite of parents and grandparents who have modeled ungodliness, we are to reject non-biblical values and follow God wholeheartedly.
- God wants us to renew the church of Jesus Christ by allowing His Word to transform our lives.
- Jesus offers us eternal life. He offers discipleship, relationship, and His abiding promise to be with us always, even until the end. He is willing to forgive our faults and transgressions, and He gives us another chance. You must know Him for yourself.

## Closing Thought

**\* When God's word reveals sin in our lives, we should allow god's spirit to convict us, humble us, and redirect our lives into His will.**

# Do you know Jesus? Hezekiah Walker

When the song is over, When the music stops, Do you know Jesus? Does He live in your heart? When your life is troubled, Jesus still wants to be a part Do you know Jesus? Does He live in your heart? Do you believe that He was born? Do you believe that He died? Do you believe your sins can be forgiven by the blood from His side? Do you believe His love can meet you right where you are?  
Do you know Jesus?