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II KINGS 22:8-10; 23:1-3, 21-23

LESSON: JOSIAH CALLS THE PEOPLE BACK TO GOD

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INTRODUCTION:

AMON RULES JUDAH:

CHAPTER 21:19-26 **19**Amon was 22yrs old when he began to reign, and he reigned for 2yrs in Jerusalem. **20**During his reign, he did evil in the sight of the Lord like his father Manasseh. **21**His father served and worshiped idols, and so did Amon. **22**He forsook the Lord and did not walk in the way of the Lord. **23**His own servants conspired against him and killed him in his own house. **24**And the people of the land killed all those that had conspired against king Amon, and then made his son Josiah king in his place. **25**The rest of the acts of Amon, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the king of Judah? **26**And he was buried in the tomb in the garden of Uzza, and his son Josiah reigned in his place.

JOSIAH RULES JUDAH:

2nd Kgs. 22:1 **Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adalah of Boscath.** Josiah was 8 years old when he became king. He ruled in Jerusalem for 31 years. His mother's name was Jedidah, daughter of Adaiah. She was from Bozkath.

2nd Kgs. 22:2 **And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.** Josiah pleased the Lord in everything he did. He behaved in the same way as his ancestor David had done. He obeyed all God's laws.

2nd Kgs. 22:3 **And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying,—** In the 18th year when Josiah was ruling, he sent Shaphan the scribe or court secretary to the Lord's temple. Shaphan is the son of Azaliah's, and Meshullam's is the grandfather of Shaphan. So here you have Shaphan's father (Azaliah) and Shaphan's grandfather (Meshullam), and Meshullam is Azaliah's father.

2nd Kgs. 22:4 **Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:—** King Josiah tells Shaphan to go to Hilkiah, the chief priest, and he is to tell him to tell the keepers (the priests, Levites, porters, or treasurers) of the door that were on duty to get the money ready that had been gathered and collected from the people who brought whatever money they had into the Lord's temple.

2nd Kgs. 22:5 **And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house,—** After delivering this message to the high priest, then the keepers of the door were to give the money to the men that controlled the work in the temple. Those workers doing the work in the house of the Lord needed the money for repairing the Lord's temple.

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2nd Kgs. 22:6 **Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.** Those workers include men that work with wood. They include the builders. And they also include men that work with stone. They has to buy wood and stone to repair the temple.

2nd Kgs. 22:7 **Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.** They didn't calculate; they didn't estimate the amount of money that was put into their hands, because they were honest men. So they did not need to even tell how they spent the money.

LESSON:

I. 2 KINGS 22:8-10

JOSIAH COMES INTO PROCESSION OF THE BOOK OF THE LAW:

2nd Kgs. 22:8 **And Hilkiyah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.** A new situation has arisen, for Hilkiyah, the chief priest, told Shaphan the scribe that he has found the Book of the Law in the Lord's temple. He then handed the book to Shaphan, who read it.

2nd Kgs. 22:9 **And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD.** Shaphan, the scribe then gave a report to the king explaining that his servants have gathered the money that was in the Lord's temple, and they have given it to the men that do the work; that have watchful care, and supervision over the work at the temple.

2nd Kgs. 22:10 **And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiyah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.** And Shaphan the scribe told the king that Hilkiyah the priest has handed a book to him, and then Shaphan read it to the king.

II. 2 KINGS 23:1-3

THE COVENANT WITH THE LORD:

2nd Kgs. 23:1 **And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.** The king called together all the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem.

2nd Kgs. 23:2 **And the king went 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.** King Josiah went into the Lord's temple with the priests and the prophets and all the people in Judah and Jerusalem. Both rich and poor came. And in front of them all, King Josiah read in the ears of the people all the words of the book of the Covenant that contained the law. He read the entire Book which was found in the Lord's temple by the chief priest.

2nd Kgs. 23:3 **And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, 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 this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.** The king stood by the royal column, and he and the people made a solemn covenant with the Lord. They promised to serve and obey all the Lord's commands, rules, and laws; obey them with all their heart and all their soul; obey the orders that the written covenant in the book

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contained. They all promised God that they would obey His laws.

III. 2 KINGS 23:21-23

2nd Kgs. 23:21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, **Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant.** Then Josiah ordered all the people to celebrate the Passover in order to give honor to the Lord, their God. They were to follow the instructions that were in the book that contained the Covenant.

2nd Kgs. 23:22 Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;— There had not been a similar Passover since the time when the judges led the nation of Israel. And there was never another celebrated like it, in all of the years of the kings of Israel or of Judah.

2nd Kgs. 23:23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, wherein this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem. So in the 18th year of Josiah's rule, the people celebrated the Passover to give honor to the Lord in Jerusalem.

SUMMARY:

8A new situation has arisen, for Hilkiah, the chief priest, told Shaphan the scribe that he has found the Book of the Law in the Lord's temple. He then handed the book to Shaphan, who read it. **9**Shaphan, the scribe then gave a report to the king explaining that his servants have gathered the money that was in the Lord's temple, and they have given it to the men that do the work; that have watchful care, and supervision over the work at the temple. **10**And Shaphan the scribe told the king that Hilkiah the priest has handed a book to him, and then Shaphan read it to the King Josiah (**2 Kings 22:8-10**).

1The king called together all the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem. **2**And they go into the Lord's temple with all the people of Judah and Jerusalem. Both rich and poor came. And in front of them all, King Josiah read in the ears of the people all the words of the book of the Covenant that contained the law. He read the entire Book which was found in the Lord's temple by the chief priest Hilkiah. **3**The king stood by the royal column, and he and the people made a solemn covenant with the Lord. They promised to serve and obey all the Lord's commands, rules, and laws; obey them with all their heart and all their soul; obey the orders that the written covenant in the book contained. They all promised God that they would obey His laws (**2 Kings 23:1-3**).

21Then Josiah ordered all the people to celebrate the Passover in order to give honor to the Lord, their God. They were to follow the instructions that were in the book that contained the Covenant. **22**There had not been a similar Passover since the time when the judges led the nation of Israel. And there was never another celebrated like it, in all of the years of the kings of Israel or of Judah. **23**So in the 18th year of Josiah's rule, the people celebrated the Passover to give honor to the Lord in Jerusalem (**2 Kings 23:21-23**).