

# King Josiah

According to **2 Kings**:

**21:23-22:1**-Began 31 years of ruling at age 8 when his father was murdered;

**2 Chronicles 34:3**-In 12<sup>th</sup> year of rule, began purge of evil worship;

**22:3-10**-In the 18<sup>th</sup> year of rule, his servants "found the Book of the Law" and observed "the Passover"

**22:11-20**-Evil reigned in Judah while God's Book had been forgotten

**23:25**-God's epitaph

**2 Chronicles 34:1-7**

# Lessons Learned From Josiah

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- We do **NOT** have to act like our family members
  - Manasseh (2 Chronicles 33:1-20)
  - Amon (2 Chronicles 33:21-25)

Just because our ancestors did not do what was pleasing to God, that we too must follow their paths

# Lessons Learned From Josiah

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- Young people do a lot in service to God
  - Josiah became king at age 8
  - He began seeking the Lord at age 16
    - **2 Chronicles 34:3**
  - Solomon – **Ecclesiastes 12:1**
  - Paul – **1 Timothy 4:12**

Young people can do many things  
for the cause of Christ

# Lessons Learned From Josiah

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- God had confidence in Josiah – even before he was born
  - God knows all things – **1 Kings 13:1-2**
    - Fulfillment came years later – **2 Kings 23:15-16**
  - Good if God had that much confidence in us

God knows whether this world will be better because we came this way

# Lessons Learned From Josiah

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- Josiah loved the word of God
  - Told of his love – **2 Kings 23:24-25;**  
**2 Chronicles 34:19**
  - He read the words of God to the people – **2**  
**Chronicles 34:30**
- Josiah was determined to restore true religion
  - Knew he must put into action God's plan
    - **2 Chronicles 34:19-21; 35:1-3**

# Lessons Learned From Josiah

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- Sometimes bad things happen to good people
  - Although a good man – he still made a bad choice
    - **2 Chronicles 35:20-24**

# Lessons Learned From Josiah

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- Our children will not always follow in our footsteps
  - The sons of Josiah did **NOT** follow his love of God
    - Jehoahaz, Eliakim/Jehoiakim
      - **2 Chronicles 36:1-3;**  
**Jeremiah 36:28-30**

# Truths learned

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- Must realize that no life is lived correctly without God
- Must seek God while we are young
- Must make a difference for good in the world
- Must stand opposed to religious error
- Must restore the truth of God's Holy Word
- Our children might not appreciate where we stood
- Please God in all aspects of our life
- Should be bothered when error is running rampant



# This Is Your "Age Of Accountability"

"Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, **what shall we do?**' Then Peter said to them, '**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins;** and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"'

**Acts 2:37-38**