

“King Josiah’s impact on Daniel”

2 Chronicles 34:1–33

Intro:

I. Background: Josiah’s Godly reign

A. What do we learn about the Josiah in his early age?

2 Chronicles 34:1–2 — ¹ *Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. ² He did right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.*

1. His reign, his walk, His example: _____

2. Observation about David: _____

B. At what ages did God begin to move in Josiah’s life?

2 Chronicles 34:3 — ³ *For in the eighth year of his reign while he was still a youth, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, the carved images and the molten images.*

1. In the 8th year –

2. In the 12th year –

3. In the 18th year –

2 Chronicles 34:8 — ⁸ *Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah an official of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the Lord his God.*

4. What promise does God give to those who seek Him? - Proverbs 8:17 — ¹⁷ *“I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me.”*

5. And what is the first practical step to seeking the Lord? - Jeremiah 29:12–13 — ¹² *‘Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ ‘You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.’*

II. The impact of scriptures on Josiah’s life: 2 Chronicles 34:14-

A. What had been lost that was found in the temple? -v14

2 Chronicles 34:14 — ¹⁴ *When they were bringing out the money which had been brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the Lord given by Moses.”*

B. How did Josiah respond to God in the face of pending judgement? -v19

2 Chronicles 34:19 — ¹⁹ *When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.”*

2 Chronicles 34:21 — ²¹ *“Go, inquire of the Lord for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book which has been found; for great is the wrath of the Lord which is poured out on us because our fathers have not observed the word of the Lord, to do according to all that is written in this book.”*

1. What does tearing the clothes reflect about the King? _____

C. How did God respond to Josiah's reaction to His word? -v27-28

2 Chronicles 34:27–28 — ²⁷ “Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and because you humbled yourself before Me, tore your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you,” declares the Lord. ²⁸ “Behold, I will gather you to your fathers and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, so your eyes will not see all the evil which I will bring on this place and on its inhabitants.” ’ ’ And they brought back word to the king.”

1. **Application:** What can we learn about what God wishes to see in us when we hear his word?

III. Josiah transfers his own zeal for the Lord to the people of the Lord:**A. After the reading of the Law to the people (v30), what actions were taken in response?**

2 Chronicles 34:31–32 — ³¹ Then the king stood in his place 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 his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant written in this book. ³² Moreover, he made all who were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand with him. So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.”

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B. What were the long-lasting results of this spiritual commitment to God? -v33

2 Chronicles 34:33 — ³³ Josiah removed all the abominations from all the lands belonging to the sons of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel to serve the Lord their God. **Throughout his lifetime they did not turn from following the Lord God of their fathers.”**

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