

## JOSIAH PROJECT

### 2 KINGS 23:1-27

11/16/25

## I. JOSIAH'S DAYS

### A. Josiah rebuilds the temple

*2 Kings 22:3-7 - "In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, the secretary, to the house of the Lord, saying,<sup>4</sup> 'Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the money that has been brought into the house of the Lord, which the keepers of the threshold have collected from the people. <sup>5</sup>And let it be given into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord, and let them give it to the workmen who are at the house of the Lord, repairing the house <sup>6</sup>(that is, to the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons), and let them use it for buying timber and quarried stone to repair the house.<sup>7</sup> But no accounting shall be asked from them for the money that is delivered into their hand, for they deal honestly.'"*

### B. The Book of the Law is discovered

*2 Kings 22:8-10 - "And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, '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. <sup>9</sup>And Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, 'Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord.'<sup>10</sup> Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, 'Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.' And Shaphan read it before the king."*

### C. They inquire of the Lord

*2 Kings 22:16-20 - "'Thus says the Lord, Behold, I will bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read.<sup>17</sup> Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. <sup>18</sup>But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, <sup>19</sup>because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before the Lord, when you heard how I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the Lord. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place.'" And they brought back word to the king."*

- The future is bleak for Judah

## II. JOSIAH'S RESPONSE

### A. Reads the Book of the Law

*2 Kings 23:1-3 - "Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. <sup>2</sup>And the king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>And the king stood by the 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 his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant."*

- Commitment - Make God's word prominent

## **B. Removes the idols of the land**

*2 Kings 23:4-20*

- Commitment - Make worship of God singular

## **C. Reinstates Passover**

*2 Kings 23:21-22 - "And the king commanded all the people, 'Keep the Passover to the Lord your God, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant.' <sup>22</sup>For no such Passover had been kept since the days of the judges who judged Israel, or during all the days of the kings of Israel or of the kings of Judah."*

- Commitment - Celebrate the Gospel

## **III. THE EFFECT**

### **A. Young people were raised up to affect a dark world**

## **COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you or challenged your thinking in the message this week?
2. Take some time as a group and pray for the future vision of our church.
  - Pray for God's Guidance – In the vision and direction of our church as we grow. For the leaders to lead and be obedient to God's leading.
  - Pray for God's provision – In the funds, bids, and volunteers to accomplish the vision.
    - Pray that God would supply the monies needed to accomplish the Josiah Project
  - Pray for "One More" – Pray that in this expansion God would allow us to reach and disciple one more person with the Gospel.
  - Pray for the Next Generation – Pray that God would use MCC to steward well with the Gospel, the little lives He has placed in our care.