

Exploring Lives that Made a Difference in God's Kingdom





**I JUST CAN'T WAIT
TO BE KING!**

King Josiah

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath.

He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

2 Kings 22:1-2

Just a Kid

We are told he was 8 years old when he came to power

When you are 8 there are many things, you can't do in our culture: Vote and Drive

You are required to go to school

You pretty much don't have much choice, you get bossed around by a lot of adults

KING!



Poor Role Models

**Grandpa Manasseh
(2 Kings 21:1-2)**

**Daddy Amon
(2 Kings 21:19-22)**

We are told they did evil in the eyes of the Lord

They worshipped idols

Let God's temple fall apart

They were not willing to obey



The Impressive Decision

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In spite of the examples, he had he decided to do things the way king David did

David was the man after God's own heart

While he did have many sinful moments in his life, he always ran back to God

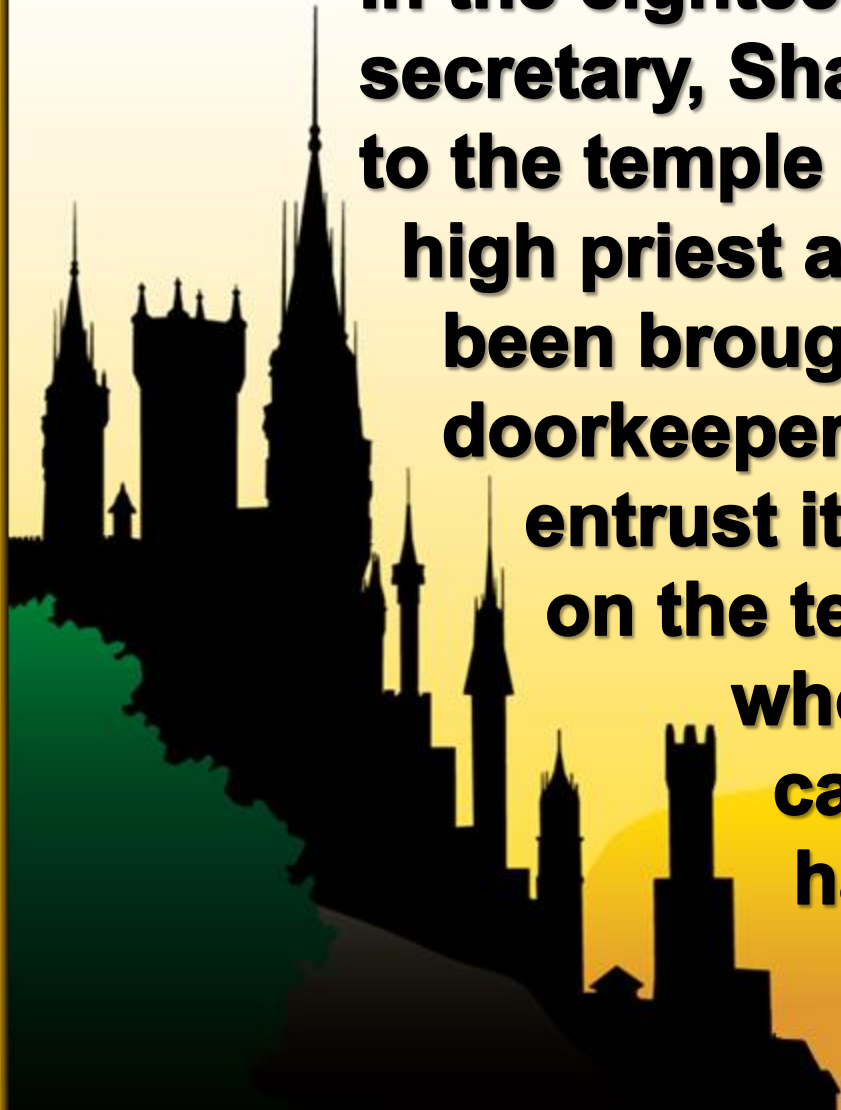


Only Worship
Jehovah!

Restoring the Temple

In the eighteenth year of his reign, King Josiah sent the secretary, Shaphan son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, to the temple of the Lord. He said: “Go up to Hilkiah the high priest and have him get ready the money that has been brought into the temple of the Lord, which the doorkeepers have collected from the people. Have them entrust it to the men appointed to supervise the work on the temple. And have these men pay the workers who repair the temple of the Lord — the carpenters, the builders and the masons. Also have them purchase timber and dressed stone to repair the temple.

2 Kings 22:3-6



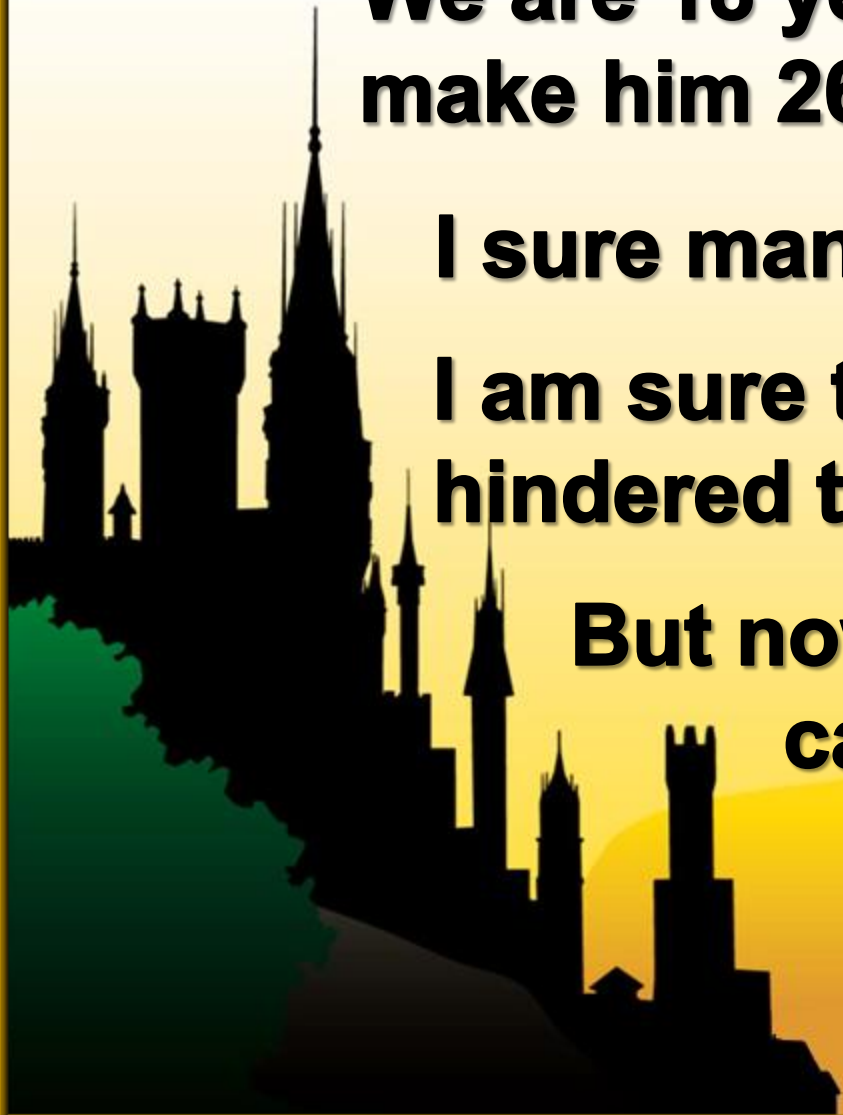
Restoring the Temple

We are 18 years into Josiah's reign so that would make him 26

I sure many of those early years were hard

I am sure there were many adults that helped and hindered the young king

But now he is a man, and he is definitely calling the shots



Restoring the Temple

He collects the money

He hires a foreman

Then hires the skilled workers

And the job is underway

An Unexpected Discovery

2 Kings 22:8-10



The Unexpected Discovery

During the construction they made a historic find

They found a copy of the book of the law written by Moses

“Take this Book of the Law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God. There it will remain as a witness against you.”

Deuteronomy 31:26



Something to Think About

They were supposed to be God's nation but had no godly influence

The fact they found the book during construct leads us to believe it was buried in the rubble

It definitely means nobody had been reading it



A Godly Response

When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes. He gave these orders to Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Akbor son of Micaiah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: "Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger that burns against us because those who have gone before us have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accord with all that is written there concerning us."

2 Kings 22:11-13

God's Story



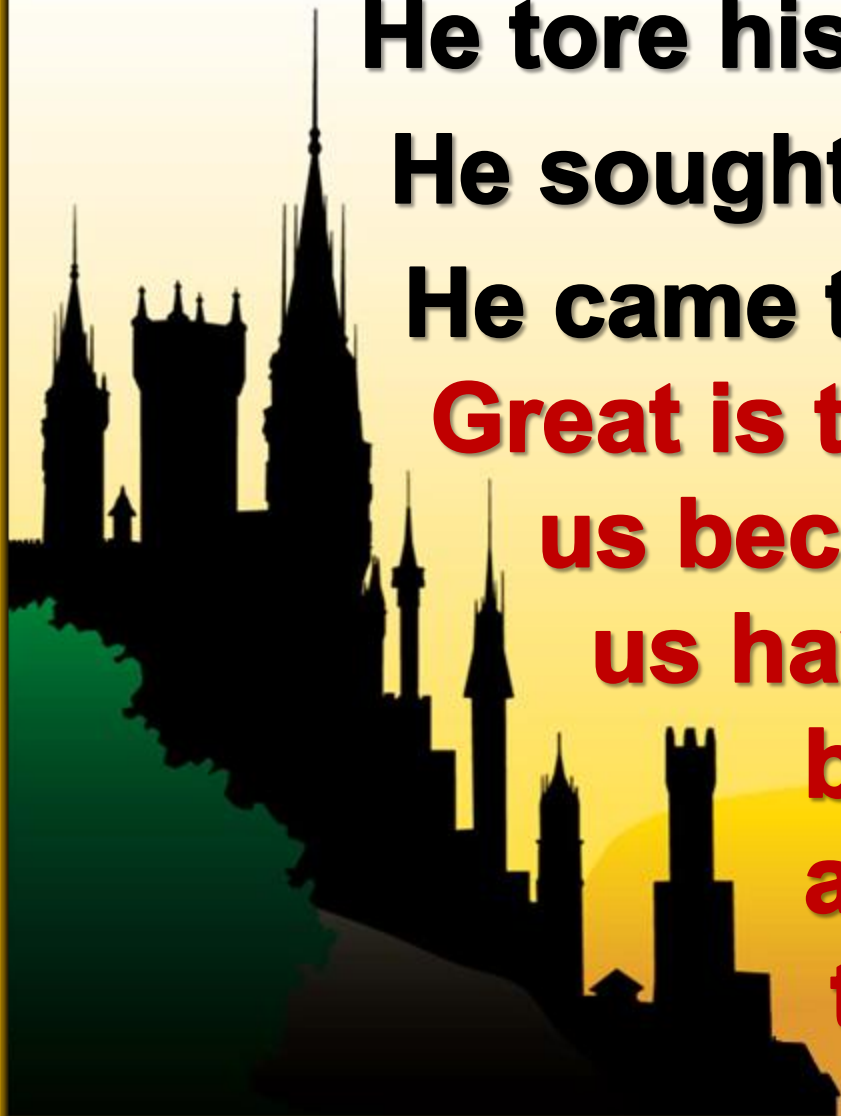
A Godly Response

He tore his robes.

He sought further answers

He came to a conclusion

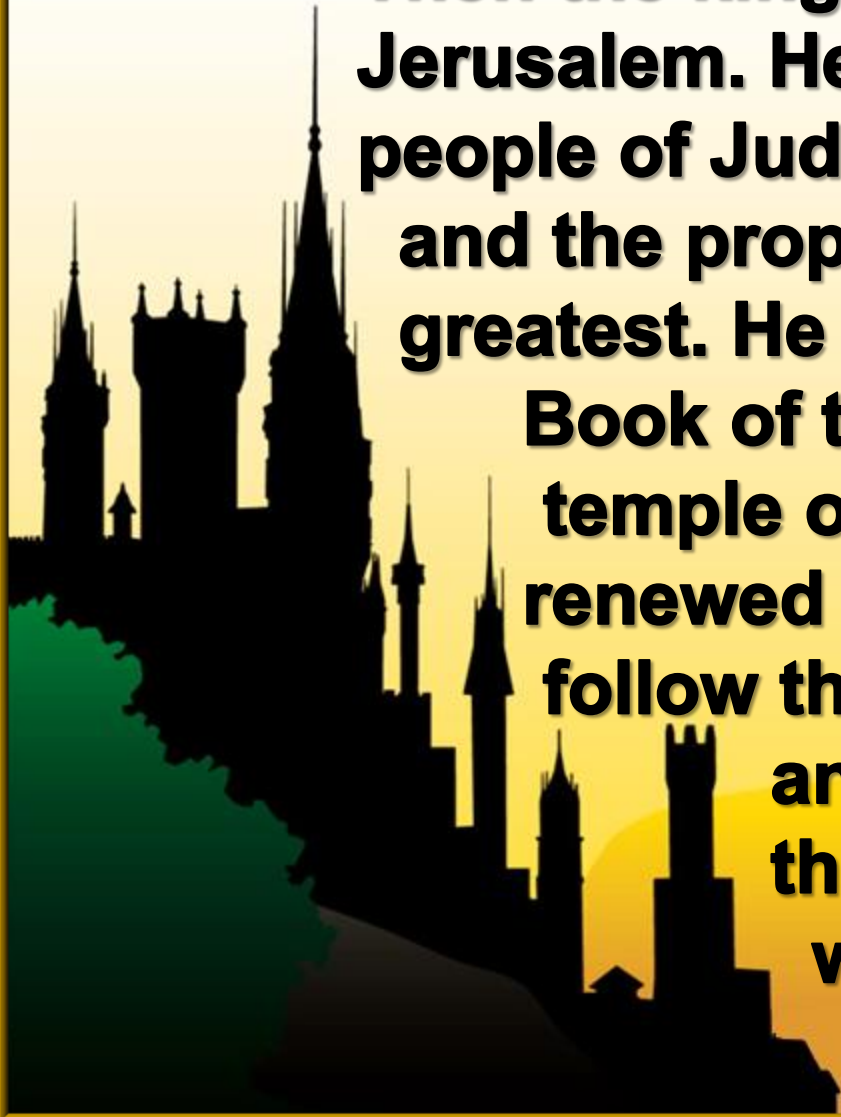
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A Godly Leader

2 Kings 23:1-3

Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the Lord with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord. The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus, confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.



A Godly Leader

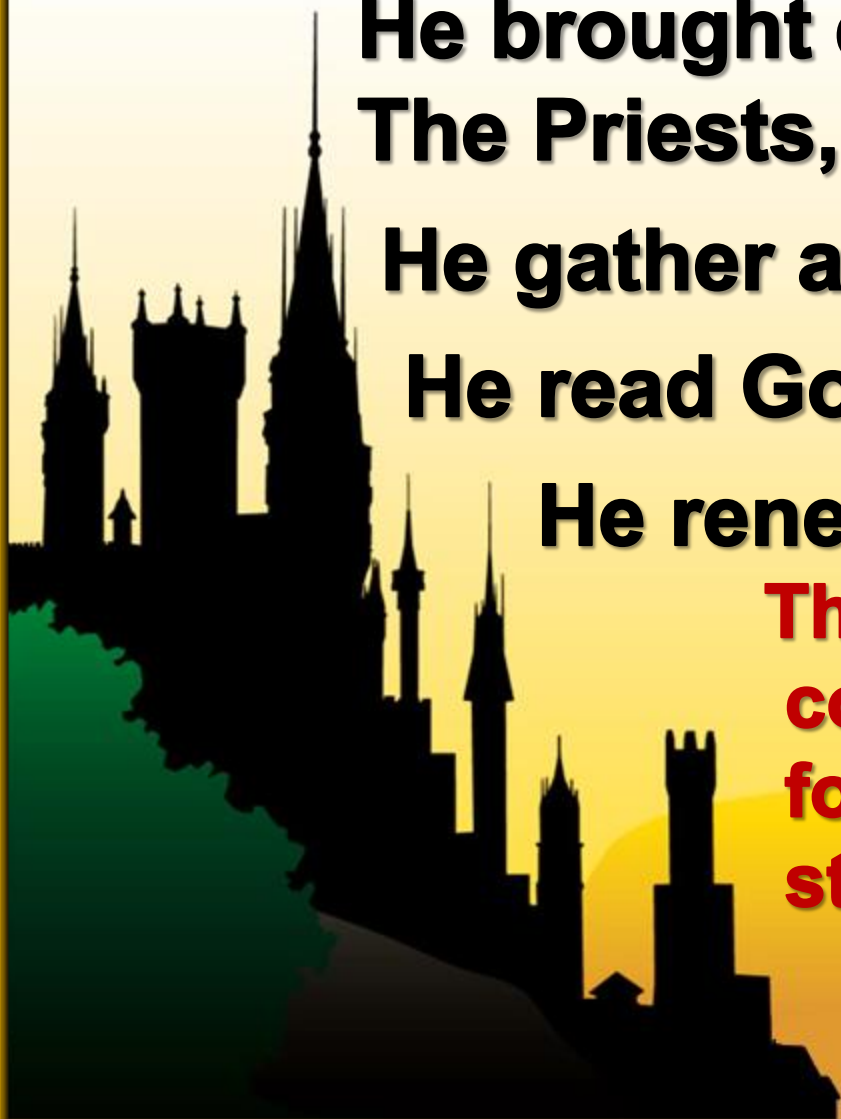
**He brought everybody together: The Elders,
The Priests, The People (Greatest and Least)**

He gather at God's house

He read God's word

He renewed His commitment to God

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Living IN not OF...



**Means Placing Value on God's Word
Enough to Live by It**