

AMAZING STORIES

Boy King (Josiah)

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¹ Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years... ² He did what was pleasing in the LORD's sight and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right.

2 Kings 22:1-2 NLT

1. Josiah, the good king

- Restored the temple
- Finds the Book of the Law
- Genuinely sorry

⁹ Shaphan went to the king and reported, "Your officials have turned over the money collected at the Temple of the LORD to the workers and supervisors at the Temple." ¹⁰ Shaphan also told the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll." So Shaphan read it to the king. ¹¹ When the king heard what was written in the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes in despair.

2 Kings 22:9-11 NLT

2. God's punishment

- Israel will suffer and be conquered
- Josiah will live in peace

¹⁵ She said to them, "The LORD, the God of Israel, has spoken! Go back and tell the man who sent you, ¹⁶ 'This is what the LORD says: I am going to bring disaster on this city and its people. All the words written in the scroll that the king of Judah has read will come true. ¹⁷ For my people have abandoned me and offered sacrifices to pagan gods, and I am very angry with them for everything they have done. My anger will burn against this place, and it will not be quenched.' ¹⁸ "But go to the king of Judah who sent you to seek the LORD and tell him: 'This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the message you have just heard: ¹⁹ You were sorry and humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I said against this city and its people—that this land would be cursed and become desolate. You tore your clothing in despair and wept before me in repentance. And I have indeed heard you, says the LORD. ²⁰ So I will not send the promised disaster until after you have died and been buried in peace. You will not see the disaster I am going to bring on this city.'"

2 Kings 22:15-20 NLT

3. Josiah's lesson: Give your whole heart to God

Next Steps:

- I give my whole heart to God and choose to serve him only as my God and king
- I am sorry and genuinely want to change from my disobedience to God: _____
- Give thanks to God for his mercy and kindness in my life: _____
- Read 2 Kings 22 this week
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