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**Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.**



**And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father; and he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.**



**For in the eighth year of his  
reign, while he was yet a boy,  
he began to seek the God of  
David his father...**



**...and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the carved and the metal images.**



**And they chopped down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and he cut down the incense altars that stood above them.**



**And he broke in pieces the  
Asherim and the carved and the  
metal images, and he made dust  
of them and scattered it over  
the graves of those who had  
sacrificed to them.**



**He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem.**



**And in the cities of Manasseh,  
Ephraim, and Simeon, and as far  
as Naphtali, in their ruins all  
around...**



**...he broke down the altars and beat the Asherim and the images into powder and cut down all the incense altars throughout all the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.**



Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had cleansed the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.



**While they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD given through Moses.**



**Then Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the LORD."**



**Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it before the king.**



**And when the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his clothes.**



**"Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found."**



**"For great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book."**



**Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and its inhabitants...**



**...and you have humbled  
yourself before me and have  
torn your clothes and wept  
before me, I also have heard  
you, declares the LORD.**



**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 its inhabitants.**



**Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up to the house of the LORD, with all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the Levites, all the people both great and small.**



**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.**



**And 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 all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.**



**Then he made all who were present in Jerusalem and in Benjamin join in it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.**



**And Josiah took away all the abominations from all the territory that belonged to the people of Israel and made all who were present in Israel serve the LORD their God.**



All his days they did not turn  
away from following the LORD,  
the God of their fathers.



**No Passover like it had been  
kept in Israel since the days of  
Samuel the prophet.**



None of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover as was kept by Josiah, and the priests and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.



**In the eighteenth year of the  
reign of Josiah this Passover  
was kept.**



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