

**HOPE ... PURPOSE ... STRENGTH ... INFLUENCE**  
**Our Lives Were Meant For More**

**Week One - Review:**

2 Chronicles 34:1- *Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years.*

2- *He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.*

3a- *In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David.*

**Spiritual Transformation Through Seeking God**

3b- *In his twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of high places, Asherah poles, carved idols and cast images.*

4- *Under his direction the altars of the Baals were torn down; he cut to pieces the incense altars that were above them, and smashed the Asherah poles, the idols and the images. These he broke to pieces and scattered over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.*

5- *He burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and so he purged Judah and Jerusalem.*

6- *In the towns of Manasseh, Ephraim and Simeon, as far as Naphtali, and in the ruins around them,*

7- *he tore down the altars and the Asherah poles and crushed the idols to powder and cut to pieces all the incense altars throughout Israel. Then he went back to Jerusalem.*

**Spiritual Influence Through Serving God**

8- *In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign, to purify the land and the temple, he sent Shaphan son of Azaliah and Maaseiah the ruler of the city, with Joah son of Joahaz, the recorder, to repair the temple of the LORD his God....*

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

19- *When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes.*

20- *He gave these orders to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant:*

21- *"Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the LORD's anger that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book."...*

26- *Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, 'This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard:*

27- *Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before God when you heard what he spoke against this place and its people, and because you humbled yourself before me and tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the LORD.*

28- *Now I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place and on those who live here.'" So they took her answer back to the king.*

**Spiritual Blessing Through Submission to God**

**Week Two**

29- *Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.*

30- *He went up to the temple of the LORD with the men of Judah, the people of Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites—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.*

31- *The king stood by his pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD—to follow the LORD and keep his commands, regulations and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book.*

32- *Then he had everyone in Jerusalem and Benjamin pledge themselves to it; the people of Jerusalem did this in accordance with the covenant of God, the God of their fathers.*

33- *Josiah removed all the detestable idols from all the territory belonging to the Israelites, and he had all who were present in Israel serve the LORD their God. As long as he lived, they did not fail to follow the LORD, the God of their fathers*

2 Chronicles 35:1 *Josiah celebrated the Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem, and the Passover lamb was slaughtered on the fourteenth day of the first month.*

2- *He appointed the priests to their duties and encouraged them in the service of the LORD's temple.*

3- *He said to the Levites, who instructed all Israel and who had been consecrated to the LORD: "Put the sacred ark in the temple that Solomon son of David king of Israel built. It is not to be carried about on your shoulders. Now serve the LORD your God and his people Israel.*

4- *Prepare yourselves by families in your divisions, according to the directions written by David king of Israel and by his son Solomon.*

5- *"Stand in the holy place with a group of Levites for each subdivision of the families of your fellow countrymen, the lay people.*

6- *Slaughter the Passover lambs, consecrate yourselves and prepare the lambs for your fellow countrymen, doing what the LORD commanded through Moses."*

7- *Josiah provided for all the lay people who were there a total of thirty thousand sheep and goats for the Passover offerings, and also three thousand cattle—all from the king's own possessions.*

8- *His officials also contributed voluntarily to the people and the priests and Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah and Jehiel, the administrators of God's temple, gave the priests twenty-six hundred Passover offerings and three hundred cattle.*

9- *Also Conaniah along with Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah, Jeiel and Jozabad, the leaders of the Levites, provided five thousand Passover offerings and five hundred head of cattle for the Levites.*

10- *The service was arranged and the priests stood in their places with the Levites in their divisions as the king had ordered.*

11- *The Passover lambs were slaughtered, and the priests sprinkled the blood handed to them, while the Levites skinned the animals.*

12- *They set aside the burnt offerings to give them to the subdivisions of the families of the people to offer to the LORD, as is written in the Book of Moses. They did the same with the cattle.*

13- *They roasted the Passover animals over the fire as prescribed, and boiled the holy offerings in pots, caldrons and pans and served them quickly to all the people.*

14- *After this, they made preparations for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the descendants of Aaron, were sacrificing the burnt offerings and the fat portions until nightfall. So the Levites made preparations for themselves and for the Aaronic priests.*

15- *The musicians, the descendants of Asaph, were in the places prescribed by David, Asaph, Heman and Jeduthun the king's seer. The gatekeepers at each gate did not need to leave their posts, because their fellow Levites made the preparations for them.*

16- *So at that time the entire service of the LORD was carried out for the celebration of the Passover and the offering of burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD, as King Josiah had ordered.*

17- *The Israelites who were present celebrated the Passover at that time and observed the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days.*

18- *The Passover had not been observed like this in Israel since the days of the prophet Samuel; and none of the kings of Israel had ever celebrated such a Passover as did Josiah, with the priests, the Levites and all Judah and Israel who were there with the people of Jerusalem.*

19- *This Passover was celebrated in the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign.*

