

Josiah Renewal of Covenant & Death; Jehoahaz

Josiah gathered all the people together and went up to the temple to renew their covenant with God. He read God's Law to the people then he renewed the covenant. Josiah and the people promised to follow God and obey **ALL** His commandments. What a happy day in Judah!

Josiah went out into the land and began destroying all the high places and alters of idols. He destroyed all the objects of idolatry that were in the temple of God. Josiah even went up to Bethel, where Jeroboam had set up the golden calves. He destroyed the alter and high place, then burned the bones of the priests who served the idols. Josiah saw a monument and asked about it. He was told it was tomb of the prophet who foretold of the very things Josiah was doing. This was the prophet of 1Kings 13, who told of the actions Josiah would take and who was deceived by the prophet in Samaria. The two prophets were buried together and Josiah left them alone. This prophesy was fulfilled 300 years after it had been made!

Josiah also had the people keep the Passover. There had not been a Passover like this one since the days of the judges. Do you remember what the Passover was about? They were careful to observe the Passover just as God had commanded. Even people from old Israel came to the feast.

Then, Pharaoh Necho's army from Egypt wanted Josiah to let them pass through the land of Judah to fight the Babylonians. Josiah did not want them to pass through, so he disguised himself and went out into the battle. The Egyptian archers shot Josiah, so he commanded his chariot to drive him away. Josiah died and was buried with his fathers. The whole land was sad at the death of Josiah. No king before had turned to God with his whole heart like Josiah; neither any after him.

When Josiah died, his son Jehoahaz ruled. He was a wicked king. He ruled only a little while before Pharaoh Necho took him to Egypt in chains. He put Jehoahaz's brother, Jehoiakim on the throne to rule. The prophet Jeremiah said that Jehoahaz would not see his homeland again and he would die in Egypt. Huldah the prophetess had told Josiah that punishment would not come on the land during his life, but now he was gone. The punishment was coming!

Main Points:

1. God wants us to obey **ALL** His commandments.
2. What God says will happen, will happen!
3. God will punish the wicked.
4. God is with those who are with Him.

Lesson 17 Questions: Josiah & Jehoahaz

1. What is a covenant?

A box

A promise

2. How many of God's commands did the people promise to keep?

10

All

3. Did Josiah work to rid the land of idols?

Yes

No

4. Did Josiah fulfill a prophecy that had been made long ago?

Yes

No

5. What feast did Josiah have the people keep?

Thanksgiving

Passover

6. Who wanted to pass through Judah's lands?

Sennacherib

Pharaoh Necho

7. What happened to Josiah in the battle?

He won

He was shot with an arrow

8. Had there been a king like Josiah before?

Yes

No

9. What kind of king was Josiah's son, Jehoahaz?

Good

Bad

10. Who took him to Egypt in chains?

Sennacherib

Pharoah Necho

11. Who told that Jehoahaz would never come home?

Isaiah

Jeremiah

12. What would happen to Judah with Josiah dead?

Blessings

Punishment

Draw a picture of Jehoahaz being taken to Egypt.



