

I. After The Celebration, The Fight Continues (2 Kings 23:24)

“Moreover, Josiah put away the mediums and the necromancers and the household gods and the idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might establish the words of the law that were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.”

**The unparalleled Passover came to an end and Josiah went right back to the hard work of his unpopular calling**

II. After Our Story Ends, Our Testimony Remains (2 Kings 23:25)

“Before him there was no king like him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his might, according to all the Law of Moses, nor did any like him arise after him.”

**Josiah is commemorated in the Word as the king without equal when it comes to wholehearted repentance & reformation**

III. After The Passing Of Years, God’s Word Proved True (2 Kings 23:26-27)

“Still the LORD did not turn from the burning of His great wrath, by which His anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him. 27 And the LORD said, “I will remove Judah also out of My sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.”

IV. After All Of His Glory, Josiah Proved Himself Human (2 Chronicles 35:20-27)

A. A fight that was not God’s will (20-21) – “After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight at Carchemish on the Euphrates, and Josiah went out to meet him. 21 But he sent envoys to him, saying, “What have we to do with each other, king of Judah? I am not coming against you this day, but against the house with which I am at war. And God has commanded me to hurry. Cease opposing God, who is with me, lest he destroy you.”

B. A restraint that was not Josiah’s choice (22) – “Nevertheless, Josiah did not turn away from him, but disguised himself in order to fight with him. He did not listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God, but came to fight in the plain of Megiddo.”

**The man who was born for war did not know how to say No to a fight which God had not assigned to him**

C. An outcome that was not anyone’s desire (23-25)- “And the archers shot King Josiah. And the king said to his servants, “Take me away, for I am badly wounded.” 24 So his servants took him out of the chariot and carried him in his second chariot and brought him to Jerusalem. And he died and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. 25 Jeremiah also uttered a lament for Josiah; and all the singing men and singing women have spoken of Josiah in their laments to this day...”