

I. The Boy Was A Wonder (22:1)

“Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.”

- A. His grandfather was, King Manasseh, the most wicked king of Israel.**
- B. His father was, Amon, also wicked and was murdered when Josiah was 8 years old.**
- C. All we know of his mother is her name, Jedidah.**
- D. Josiah ascended the throne as a 3rd grader, with no bible and no godly heritage.**
- E. Josiah reigned for 31 years until his death in battle at age 39.**

II. The King Was A Reformer (22:2)

“And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in all the way of David his father, and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left.”

- A. With no holy example, Josiah's heart yearned for purity.**
- B. With no copy of the Scriptures, Josiah began to cleanse Israel of its pagan influences.**
- C. Between the age of 20-26, Josiah purged Israel of its sexualized paganism.**
- D. At age 26, Josiah's repairs to the temple led to the discovery of the forgotten Scriptures.**
- E. Now armed with God's Word, Josiah reinstated the culture to align with the Scriptures.**
- F. Josiah made loyalty to Jehovah the firm law in Israel via a national covenant.**
- G. Josiah reinstated the Passover and brought holy celebration back to Israel.**
- H. Josiah exterminated from the land all child sacrifice to pagan gods.**
- I. Josiah rid the land of both heterosexual and homosexual fornication.**
- J. Josiah purged from Israel the pornographic sculptures and carvings from the high places.**

III. The Man Was A Rarity (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.”