



LEGACY

OLD TESTAMENT LEADERS

Josiah, The Boy-King
2 Chronicles 34-35

2 Great Commandments

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:37-39

Josiah

Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.

2 Kings 23:25

810 - Assyrian Empire - 605

605 - Babylonian Empire - 539

539 - Persian Empire - 334

ISRAEL

Hoshea: 732-722
 Pekah: 740-732
 Pekahiah: 742-740
 Manahem: 752-742
 Shallum: 752
 Zechariah: 753-752
 Jeroboam II: 782-753
 Joash/Jehoash: 798-782
 Jehoahaz: 814-798
 Jehu: 841-814
 Joram/Jehoram: 852-841
 Ahaziah: 853-852
 Ahab: 875-853
 Omri: 886-875
 Zimri: 886
 Elah: 887-886
 Baasha: 910-887
 Nadab: 911-910
 Jeroboam: 931-911

Returns from Babylonian Exile under:
 1) Sheshbazzara (538)
 2) Ezra (458)
 3) Nehemiah (444)

Israel Falls to Assyria
 722

Nebuchadnezzar Attacks
 on Jerusalem:
 605, 597, 586

Three Primary Returns
 from Exile:
 538, 458, 444

DIVIDED MONARCHY
 931 - 722

EXILE
 586 - 538

Hosea: 755
 Micah: 742
 Isaiah: 740-681

Nahum: 660-630
 Zephaniah: 640-609
 Habakkuk: 640-609
 Jeremiah: 627
 Daniel: 605
 Ezekiel: 597
 Joel: 586
 Obadiah: ~586

Haggai: 520
 Zechariah: 520-510
 Malachi: 460

Rehoboam: 931-915
 Abijah/Abijam: 915-912
 Assa: 912-871
 Jehoshaphat: 871-849
 Jehoram/Joram: 849-842
 Ahaziah: 842-841
 Athaliah (a queen): 841-835
 Joash/Jehoash: 835-796
 Amaziah: 796-767
 Uzziah/Azariah: 767-740
 Jotham: 750-735
 Ahaz: 735-715
 Hezekiah: 715-687
 Manasseh: 687-642
 Amon: 642-640
 Josiah: 640-609
 Jehoahaz: 609
 Jehoiakim: 609-598
 Jehoiachin/Jeoaniah: 598-597
 Zedekiah: 597-586

Zerubabel Temple
 Rebuilt: 515
 Wall of Jerusalem Rebuilt: 445

JUDAH

-  = Good King
-  = Bad King
-  = Both

Prophecy of Josiah (~940BC)

By the word of the LORD a man of God came from Judah to Bethel, as Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make an offering. By the word of the LORD he cried out against the altar: “Altar, altar! This is what the LORD says: ‘A son named Josiah will be born to the house of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who make offerings here, and human bones will be burned on you.’”

1 Kings 13:1-2

Josiah's Character

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and followed the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

2 Chronicles 34:1-2

Josiah's Process

1. Seek God
2. Purge Evil
3. Build Good
4. Walk Well



Josiah's Process

1. Seek God



Seek God

In the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his ancestor David. In his twelfth year he began ridding Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, Asherah poles, idols, and images.

2 Chronicles 34:3

Josiah's Process

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1. Seek God
2. Purge Evil

Purge Evil

He ordered the altars of the Baals to be **torn** down, and **broke** the incense altars that were above them. He **smashed** the Asherah poles, idols and images, **crushed** them up and sprinkled the dust over the tombs of those who had sacrificed to them. He **burned** the bones of the pagan priests on their altars; he purified Judah and Jerusalem. In the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, as far as Naphtali, and in the ruins around them, he **tore** down the altars and Asherah poles, **demolished** the idols, and **smashed** all the incense altars throughout the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 34:4-7

Josiah's Process

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2. Purge Evil
3. Build Good

Build Good

In the eighteenth year of his reign, he continued his policy of purifying the land and the temple. He sent Shaphan son of Azaliah, Maaseiah the city official, and Joah son of Joahaz the secretary to repair the temple of the LORD his God.

2 Chronicles 34:8

Josiah's Process

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1. Seek God
2. Purge Evil
3. Build Good
4. Walk Well

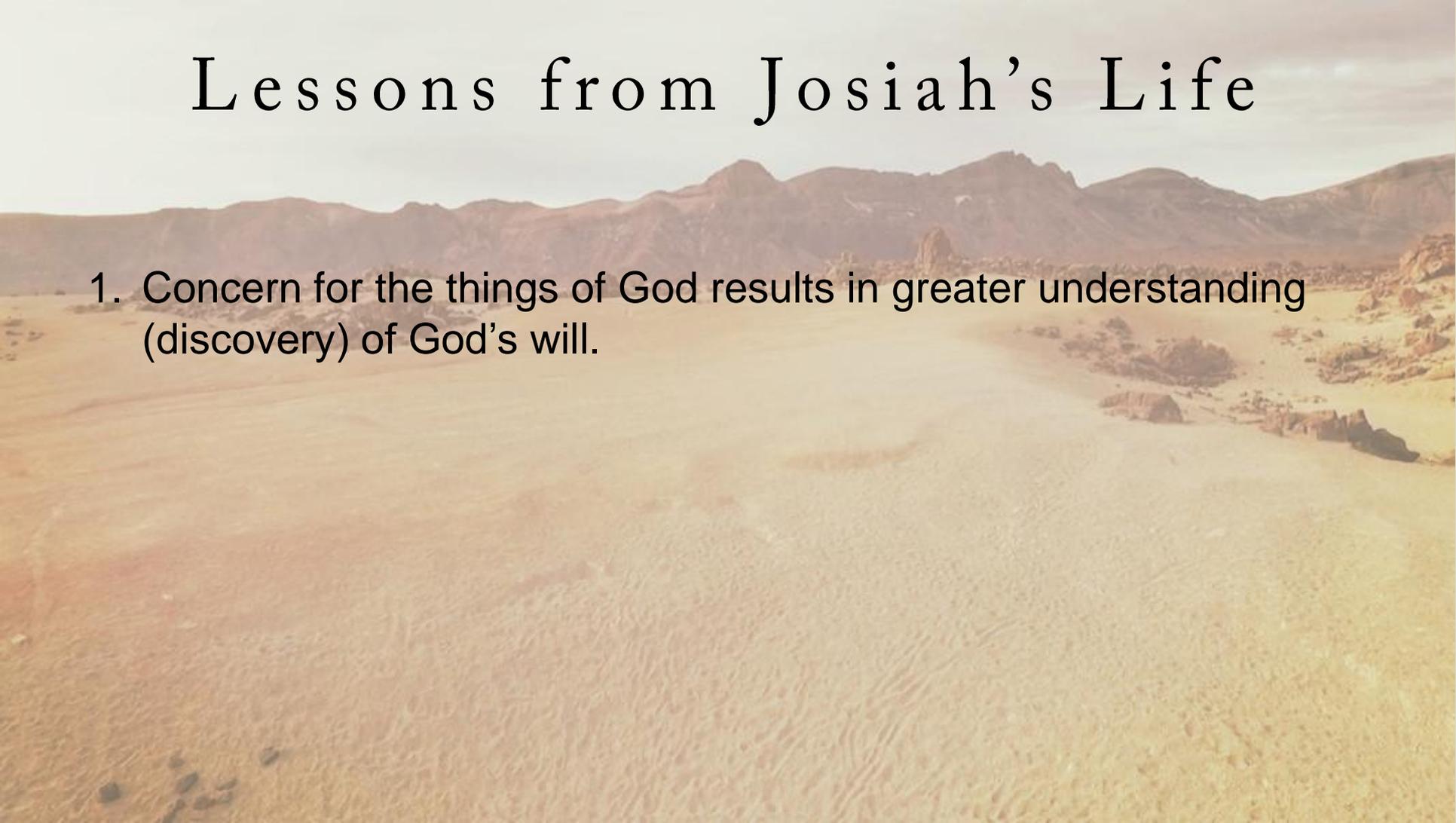
Walk Well

He made all who were in Jerusalem and Benjamin **agree** to it. The residents of Jerusalem **acted** in accordance with the covenant of God, the God of their ancestors. Josiah removed all the detestable idols from all the areas belonging to the Israelites and encouraged all who were in Israel to worship the LORD their God. Throughout the rest of his reign they did not turn aside from **following** the LORD God of their ancestors.

2 Chronicles 34:33

Lessons from Josiah's Life

1. Concern for the things of God results in greater understanding (discovery) of God's will.

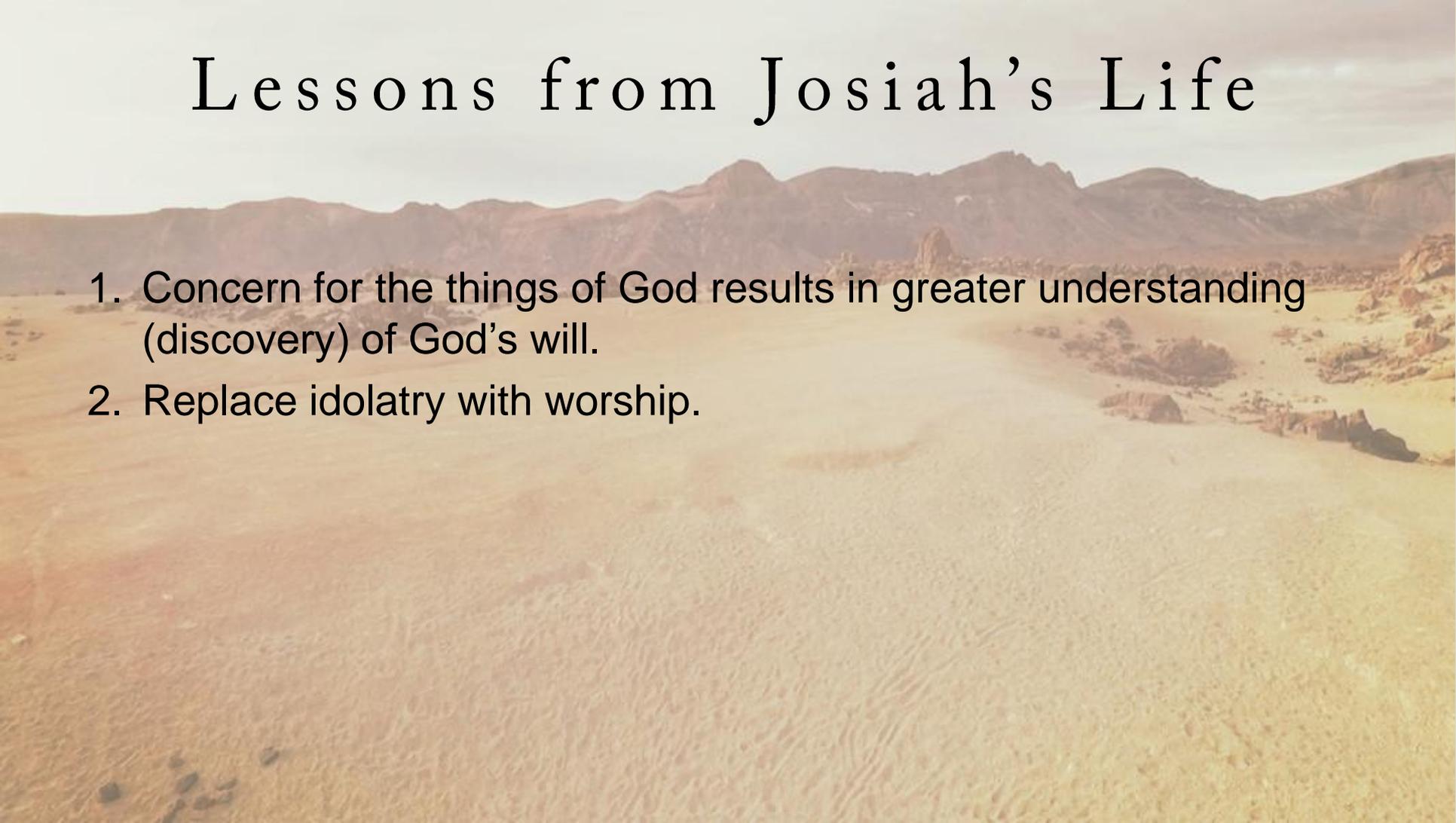


Finding the Book of the Law

When they took out the silver that had been brought to the LORD's temple, Hilkiah the priest found the law scroll the LORD had given to Moses. When the king heard the words of the law scroll, he tore his clothes.

2 Chronicles 34:14, 19

Lessons from Josiah's Life

A desert landscape with mountains in the background and a winding path in the foreground. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The mountains are rugged and brown, and the foreground is a vast, sandy desert with some sparse, low-lying vegetation.

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The Great Passover

A Passover like this had not been observed in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet. None of the kings of Israel had observed a Passover like the one celebrated by Josiah, the priests, the Levites, all the people of Judah and Israel who were there, and the residents of Jerusalem. This Passover was observed in the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign.

2 Chronicles 35:18-19

Lessons from Josiah's Life

1. Concern for the things of God results in greater understanding (discovery) of God's will.
2. Replace idolatry with worship.
3. You're never too young, too old, or too far away from God to begin a life of faithfulness.



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