

2 KINGS WEEK EIGHT – March 3, 2022

Questions for 2 Kings 22-25

This is a LOT to read, and I apologize (sort of), but I wanted to make sure that we finished this study with King Josiah's last-ditch effort to reform Judah before the Babylonians conquered the land.

1. Who is Josiah and how was he different than other kings?
2. Why would the Deuteronomic writer heap such praise on Josiah?
3. Who was Hilkiah and what did he discover? What was Josiah's response to this discovery and how did this change the course of Judah?
4. Who was Huldah and what was her role? What promise did she make to Josiah?
5. What are the highlights of Josiah's religious reforms? Who did he surround himself with and how was this different than other kings?
6. What are the highlights of Josiah's political reforms? How did this help or hinder Judah?
7. What religious observance did Josiah reinstitute and why was this significant?
8. How did God respond to all of the effort and energy that Josiah put into his religious and political reforms? Does this bother you? Does it make sense in the context of the Books of Kings?
9. How was Josiah's death unlike other kings? How was Josiah judged according to the "Davidic criteria?"
10. How did Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim fare as kings? How were they judged?
11. Who was Nebuchadnezzar and what was his greatest accomplishment?
12. What contributed to Babylon's success in assimilating Judah?

13. Who was Jehoiachin and what was his “claim to fame” (or shame?) as Judah’s “king?”

14. Who was Zedekiah and what do you think of his last-ditch effort to resist Babylon? How did that work out for him?

15. What happened to Jerusalem and what kind of an impact did this have on the morale of God’s people?

16. What kind of government did the Babylonians set up in Judah and how did the people respond to this?

17. Why was Jehoiachin released from prison and what did he do when he was released? How is this a fitting end to the story of Israel’s desire to be a monarch “just like all the other nations?”