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[12_2KI_23_01 And the king sent , And they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah And of Jerusalem .](#)

[12_2KI_23_02 And the king went up into the house of the LORD , And all the men of Judah And all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him , And the priests , And the prophets , And all the people , Both small And great : And he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD .](#)

[12_2KI_23_03 And the king stood by A pillar , And made A covenant before the LORD , to walk after the LORD , And to keep his commandments And his testimonies And his statutes with all \[their \] heart And all \[their \] soul , to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book . And all the people stood to the covenant .](#)

[12_2KI_23_04 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest , And the priests of the second order , And the keepers of the door , to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal , And for the grove , And for all the host of heaven : And he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron , And carried the ashes of them unto Bethel .](#)

[12_2KI_23_05 And he put down the idolatrous priests , whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah , And in the places round about Jerusalem ; them also that burned incense unto Baal , to the sun , And to the moon , And to the planets , And to all the host of heaven .](#)

[12_2KI_23_06 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD , without Jerusalem , unto the brook Kidron , And burned it at the brook Kidron , And stamped \[it \] small to powder , And cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people .](#)

[12_2KI_23_07 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites , that \[were \] by the house of the LORD , where the women wove hangings for the grove .](#)

[12_2KI_23_08 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah , And defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense , from Geba to Beersheba , And brake down the high places of the gates that \[were \] in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city , which \[were \] on A man's left hand at the gate of the city .](#)

[12_2KI_23_09 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem , but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren .](#)

[12_2KI_23_10 And he defiled Topheth , which \[Is \] in the valley of the children of Hinnom , that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech .](#)

[12_2KI_23_11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun , at the entering in of the house of the LORD , by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain , which \[was \] in the suburbs , And burned the chariots of the sun with fire .](#)

[12_2KI_23_12 And the altars that \[were \] on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz , which the kings of Judah had made , And the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD , did the king beat down , And brake \[them \] down from thence , And cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron .](#)

[12_2KI_23_13 And the high places that \[were \] before Jerusalem , which \[were \] on the right hand of the](#)

mount of corruption , which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians , And for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites , And for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon , did the king defile .

12_2KI_23_14 And he brake in pieces the images , And cut down the groves , And filled their places with the bones of men .

12_2KI_23_15 moreover the altar that [was] at Bethel , [And] the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat , who made Israel to sin , had made , Both that altar And the high place he brake down , And burned the high place , [And] stamped [it] small to powder , And burned the grove .

12_2KI_23_16 And as Josiah turned himself , he spied the sepulchres that [were] there in the mount , And sent , And took the bones out of the sepulchres , And burned [them] upon the altar , And polluted it , according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed , who proclaimed These words .

12_2KI_23_17 Then he said , what title [Is] that that I see ? And the men of the city told him , [it Is] the sepulchre of the man of God , which came from Judah , And proclaimed These things that thou hast done against the altar of Bethel .

12_2KI_23_18 And he said , let him alone ; let no man move his bones . So they let his bones alone , with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria .

12_2KI_23_19 And all the houses also of the high places that [were] in the cities of Samaria , which the kings of Israel had made to provoke [the LORD] to anger , Josiah took away , And did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel .

12_2KI_23_20 And he slew all the priests of the high places that [were] there upon the altars , And burned men's bones upon them , And returned to Jerusalem .

12_2KI_23_21 And the king commanded all the people , saying , keep the passover unto the LORD your God , as [it Is] written in the book of this covenant .

12_2KI_23_22 surely there was not holden such A passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel , nor in all the days of the kings of Israel , nor of the kings of Judah ;

12_2KI_23_23 but in the eighteenth year of king Josiah , [wherein] this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem .

12_2KI_23_24 moreover the [workers with] familiar spirits , And the wizards , And the images , And the idols , And all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah And in Jerusalem , did Josiah put away , that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD .

12_2KI_23_25 And like unto him was there no king before him , that 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 ; neither after him arose there [any] like him .

12_2KI_23_26 Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath , wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah , because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal .

12_2KI_23_27 And the LORD said , I will remove Judah also out of my sight , as I have removed Israel , And will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen , And the house of which I said , my name shall be there .

12_2KI_23_28 now the rest of the acts of Josiah , And all that he did , [are] they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah ?

12_2KI_23_29 in his days Pharaohnechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates : And king Josiah went against him ; And he slew him at Megiddo , when he had seen him .

12_2KI_23_30 And his servants carried him in A chariot dead from Megiddo , And brought him to Jerusalem , And buried him in his own sepulchre . And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah , And anointed him , And made him king in his father's stead .

12_2KI_23_31 Jehoahaz [was] twenty And three years old when he began to reign ; And he reigned three months in Jerusalem . And his mother's name [was] Hamutal , the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah .

12_2KI_23_32 And he did [that which was] evil in the sight of the LORD , according to all that his fathers had done .

12_2KI_23_33 And Pharaohnechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath , that he might not reign in Jerusalem ; And put the land to A tribute of an hundred talents of silver , And A talent of gold .

12_2KI_23_34 And Pharaohnechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his Father , And turned his name to Jehoiakim , And took Jehoahaz away : And he came to Egypt , And died there .

12_2KI_23_35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver And the gold to Pharaoh ; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh : he exacted the silver And the gold of the people of the land , of every one according to his taxation , to give [it] unto Pharaohnechoh .

12_2KI_23_36 Jehoiakim [was] twenty And five years old when he began to reign ; And he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem . And his mother's name [was] Zebudah , the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah .

12_2KI_23_37 And he did [that which was] evil in the sight of the LORD , according to all that his fathers had done .