

Legacy of a GOAT King

2 Chronicles 34

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Child #1: "This is Dad" – The Happiest Day of My Life



Legacy of a **GOAT** King

Introduction: **This type of Goat?**



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Introduction: **Or this type of Goat?**



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G = **Greatest**

O = **Of**

A = **All**

T = **Time**

A **GOAT** King = a **Greatest Of All Time** King

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Introduction: 3 GOAT Kings

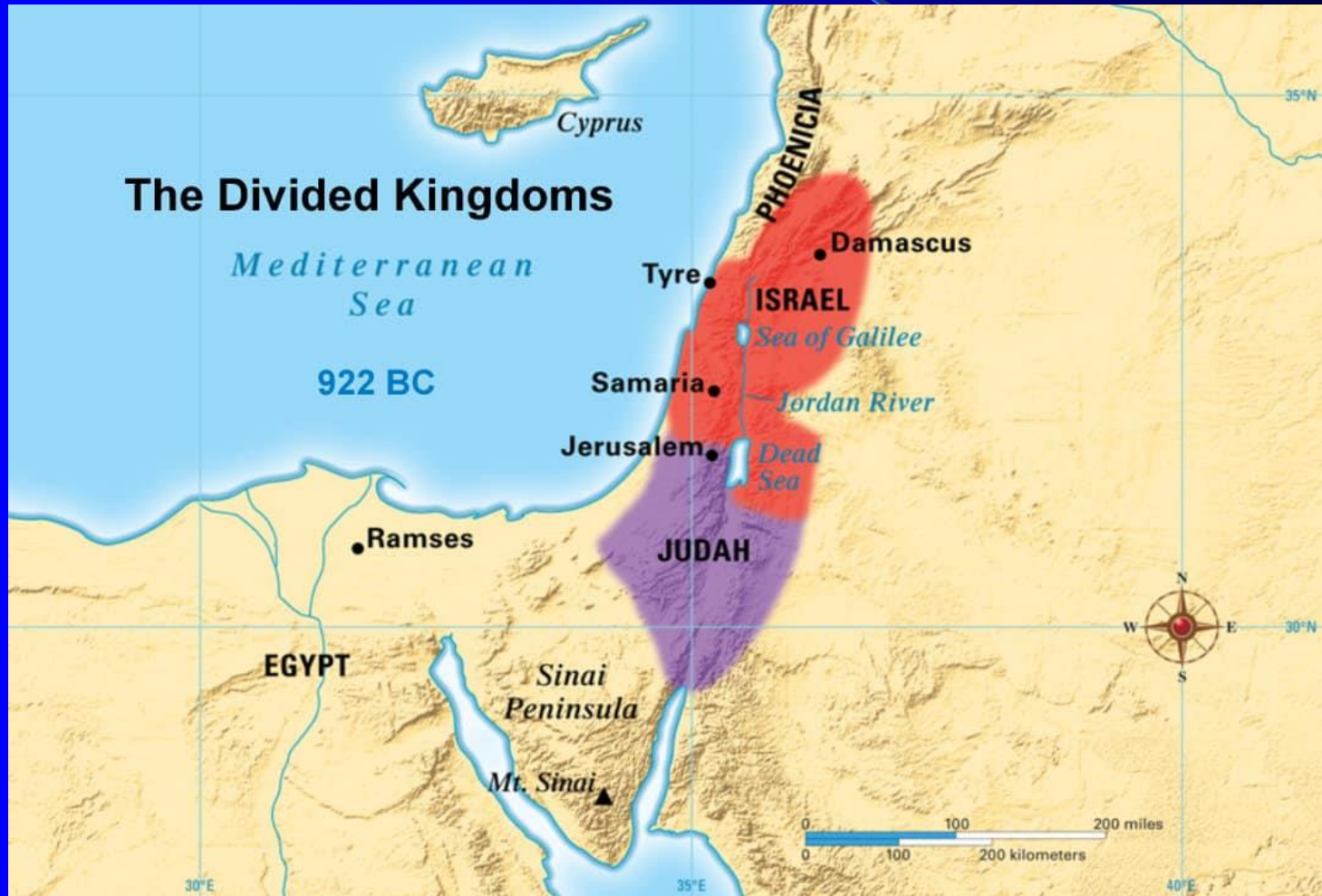
King David – “a man after His (God’s) own heart”
(1 Sam 13:14, Acts 13:18)

King Hezekiah – “...so that after him there was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among those who were before him.” (2 Kings 18:5)

King Josiah – “Before him there was no king like him...nor did any like him arise after him.”
(2 Kings 23:25)

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The Last 8 Kings of Judah / Old Testament

King Hezekiah – a GOAT King; Reign = 29 years

King Manasseh – the WOAT King, Worst; 55 years

King Amon – a WOAT King, Worst; 2 years

King Josiah – a GOAT King; 31 years

Josiah's 3 Sons + Grandson – All Bad; 22.5 years

Judah taken into captivity by Babylonians (70 years)

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1. Josiah's Reign over Judah (2 Chr. 34:1-2)

2 Chronicles 34:2

He did right in the sight of the Lord,
and walked in the ways of his father David
and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.

His legacy: loved and obeyed God with his all

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2. Josiah's Reform of Judah (2 Chr. 34:3-7)

2 Chronicles 34:3

For in the eighth year of his reign while he was still a youth, **he began to seek the God of his father David...**

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek Me and find Me **when you search for Me with all your heart.**

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2. Josiah's Reform of Judah (2 Chr. 34:3-7)

Josiah purged from Judah/Jerusalem:

- The High Places – local places of worship
- The Asherim/Asherah – wooden pole/tree
- The carved images and molten images
- Altars of the Baals and incense altars

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2. Josiah's Reform of Judah (2 Chr. 34:3-7)

4 ...**he chopped down...he broke** in pieces...**ground** to powder...and **scattered**

5 Then **he burned...and purged** Judah and Jerusalem.

7 **he also tore down...and beat...and chopped down**

4 **They tore down** the altars of the Baals in his **presence...**

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His legacy:
please God

sought to know and
with his all

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3. Josiah's Remarkable 18th Year as King

- He repairs the Temple and (2 Chr. 34:8-10)
- He recovers God's Word (ver. 14-18)
- He rightly responds to God's Word (ver. 19-28)

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3. Josiah's Remarkable 18th Year as King

19 When the king heard the words of the law, **he tore his clothes.**

27 **Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God** when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and **because you humbled yourself before Me, tore your clothes and wept before Me,** I truly have heard you," declares the Lord.

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3. Josiah's Remarkable 18th Year as King

- He renews the Covenant (2 Chr. 34:29-33)
- He revives a deeper reform of Judah

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3. Josiah's Remarkable 18th Year as King

Josiah's 2nd Purge of Judah/Jerusalem:

(2 Chr. 34:33; 2 Kings 23:4-20)

- Includes everything from 1st purge plus:
- Worship of Host of Heaven (sun, moon, stars...)
- Prostitution houses next to the Temple
- Chemosh – detestable idol of Moab
- Molech – idol of sons of Ammon, child sacrifice
- Milcom – the abomination of sons of Ammon
- **Altar at Bethel**

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3. Josiah's Remarkable 18th Year as King

- He reinstates Passover Celebration

2 Chronicles 35:18-19

18 There had not been celebrated a Passover like it in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet; nor had any of the kings of Israel celebrated such a Passover as Josiah did with the priests, the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19 **In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign this Passover was celebrated.**

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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.

His legacy:

- **turned to God in repentance with his all**
- **esteemed the Word of God with his all**

Application

- **Recognize the powerful impact of a godly legacy**
- **Build a godly legacy that points to Christ and the need for a Savior**