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SYNOPSIS:

THE MULTIPLYING OF THE POOR WIDOW'S OIL TO PAY HER DEBTS:

Elisha is the prophet of God who encounters a certain widow woman whose name is not even mentioned in Chapter 4. She had no means to pay her debt, and she's threatened with the enslavement of her two sons. The only thing she had was a pot of oil. Elisha instructs her to borrow vessels from her neighbors, go in and shut her door along with her sons, and start pouring the oil into the containers until all are full, and she finally runs out of vessels. The oil had kept flowing until there were no more vessels to fill; it ceased. Then the prophet of God told her to go sell the oil and pay her debt, and support her family with the rest of the money (**2Kings.4:1-7**).

RAISING THE SHUNAMITE'S SON FROM THE DEAD:

One day Elisha went over to Shunem, where he meets a wealthy prominent woman who persuades him to stay for lunch. Since he passed by so often, and she perceived that he was a holy man, she persuaded her husband to make a private chamber on the housetop completely furnished for the man of God when traveling. Truly grateful, Elisha wanted to reward her for her generosity. Gehazi, his servant tells him that they have no children and her husband is old. Elisha promises her that she would have a son in one year. She says *"don't lie to me."* But, just as Elisha speaks it, it happens (**2 Kings 4:8-17**).

Time has passed, and the child has grown (old enough to accompany his father to the reapers, but young enough to sit on his mother's knees). He said to his father, *"My head, my head"*, and he was taken back to his mother, and the boy sat upon her knees till noon and died. The mother then laid the boy on the bed of the *"man of God"*, and shut the door, and leaves. She doesn't tell her husband that he's dead at all. She just says *"I'm going to see the man of God! It Shall Be Well!"* She goes to Mt. Carmel! When she finally gets to him, he asks her *"Is it well with thee?"* She answers back *"It is well with my husband! It is well with my child...It is well!"* She catches him by the feet. Elisha tell his servant that her soul is vexed within, and the Lord hasn't revealed to him what it is (**2 Kings 4:8-27**).

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As the Shunemite woman confronts Elisha, she asks *"Did I desire a son of my lord? Did I not say, do not deceive me?"* Elisha sends Gehazi ahead to lay his staff on the child's face. The mother would not give up, nor leave the man of God until he made the effort to go to her child. And Elisha arose and followed her. Gehazi did what he was told to do, but the child did not come to life, so Elisha went into the room and shut the door behind him leaving the servant and mother on the outside, and prayed unto the Lord. Just reading this is so powerful! **"ELISHA WENT UP, LAID UPON THE CHILD; MOUTH UPON MOUTH; EYES UPON EYES; HANDS UPON HANDS; STRETCHED HIMSELF UPON THE CHILD, AND THE CHILD'S FLESH BECAME WARM."** **"THEN HE WALKED TO AND FRO IN THE HOUSE; WENT UP AND STRETCHED HIMSELF UPON THE CHILD AGAIN, AND THE CHILD SNEEZED 7 TIMES AND OPENED HIS EYES."** This was persistent faith in him waiting on God to answer his prayer!!! The child was returned to the mother, and she fell at the feet of the man of God again, this time in humble gratitude, for the boy is restored to life at the feet of the man of God, this time in humble gratitude, for the boy is restored to life (**2 Kings 4:28-37**).

THE HEALING OF POISON POTTAGE IN A FAMINE

Elisha returns to Gilgal, and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him as his students. Due to the famine in the land, they were forced to make pottage from whatever herbs, and they found a wild vine and wild gourds in which they shredded into the pot. And upon eating from this pottage, they cried out to the man of God that it was not eatable for them, for there was death in the pot (poisonous). And the man of God told them to bring meal (flour) and he threw it into the pot. Then at that time they were able to eat and no harm came to them which show another miracle of God through Elisha (**2 Kings 4:38-41**).

THE MULTIPLYING TO HAVE PLENTY TO EAT

Now a man coming from Baal-Shalisha brought to Elisha, the man of God, bread of the firstfruits, 20 loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk and Elisha told his servant Gehazi to feed the young prophets. Gehazi then exclaimed, feed 100 men with only this? Elisha told him to give it to the people, for the Lord says there will be plenty and even leftovers. And surely as the Lord had spoken it, it was so! Everyone had enough. This reminds you Jesus feeding the five thousand (**2 Kings 4:42-44**).

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II KINGS 5:1-15NEXT 6:24-33—7**INTRODUCTION:**

CHAPTER 4 gives us a glimpse of the many miracles of the Prophet Elisha. It begins with the multiplying of the poor widow's oil to pay her debts (4:1-7). Then there's the miracle of raising the Shunamite's son from the dead (4:8-37). The healing of poison pottage in a famine (4:38-41), and the miracle of feeding a hundred with less (4:42-44).

2nd Kgs. 5:1 **Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.** ¹Naaman was an important man who led a powerful army. Naaman was the leader of the army of the king of Syria, and the king of Syria had benefited greatly from Naaman's skill. The Lord had given him this success and honor. At that time, Naaman did not know the Lord, but the Lord was using Naaman to bring about His (the Lord's) purposes. He was a mighty man of valor, but he had a serious disease in his skin. He was a leper.

2nd Kgs. 5:2 **And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.** The soldiers of the Syrian army had made attacks against Israel. During one attack, they captured a little Israelite girl. She became the maid for Naaman's wife. His great success in battle could not keep him in good health. So, even the strongest person is actually weak. Even a person who gains the whole world will lose his soul (Matthew 16:26).

2nd Kgs. 5:3 **And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.** The girl spoke to her master's mistress. She did not forget God. She told Naaman's wife about the Prophet Elisha that's in Samaria. She believed that God would use Elisha to cure her master, and he would recover from leprosy! That was strong faith.

2nd Kgs. 5:4 **And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.** Naaman discussed this with the king of Syria of what the Israelite girl had said, for he's in the land of Israel, their enemy. Naaman did not want to leave the country unless the king agreed.

2nd Kgs. 5:5 **And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten**

¹<https://www.easyenglish.bible/bible-commentary/2kings-lbw.htm>
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changes of raiment. The king strongly urged Naaman to go to the king of Israel for help, for he wanted the leader of his army to be healthy. And the king even said he would send a letter to the king of Israel in order to support Naaman in every possible manner, so, Naaman left and took with him 10 talents (750 pounds or 340 kilos) of silver, 6000 shekels (pieces) (150 pounds or 70 kilos) of gold, and 10 sets of fine clothes (raiment).

SYNOPSIS: 2ND KINGS 5:6-8

6 Naaman took the letter to the king of Israel. it says *"The man bringing this letter is my servant Naaman; I want you to heal him of his leprosy."* **7** When the king of Israel read it, he tore his clothes and said, *"This man sends me a leper to heal! Am I God, that I can kill and give life? He is only trying to get an excuse to invade us again."* The king of Israel was in a desperate state. He thought that the king of Syria was trying to start a war. The king of Israel had no power over what God did. The king of Israel did not even worship the real God. So it was clearly impossible for the king of Israel to help Naaman. **8** But when Elisha the prophet heard about the king of Israel's plight (the ripping and tearing of his clothes), he sent this message to him: *"Why are you so upset (tearing of your clothes)? Send Naaman to me, and I'll will know that there is a true prophet of God here in Israel."* (TLB). Elisha's name means *"God of Salvation."* Elisha knew that God could cure illnesses. He would show Himself mightily and Naaman would see the true God, and that God was working by his prophet.

²Like the wise men who followed the star (Matthew 2:1-8), Naaman also first went to the king's palace. Like the wise men, he also came from abroad in order to see a very important person. And like the wise men, he discovered that the king was unable to introduce him to that person or their need.

2nd Kgs. 5:9 **So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.** Naaman went with his horses and chariots. He stopped at the door of Elisha's house.

2nd Kgs. 5:10 **And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean.** Naaman was in for a rude awakening. Elisha didn't even come to the door to meet or greet this important powerful Syrian soldier. He sent a messenger saying to Naaman *"Go and wash 7 times in the Jordan river and that he would be clean. This will cure you of your disease."* Naaman did not know that God's healing grace is free.

2nd Kgs. 5:11 **But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper.** But Naaman was very angry when he went away. He said this. *"I thought that Elisha would come out to me. I thought that he would pray to the Lord, his God, then he would wave his hand over the part of my body that is ill, and so he would cure me."* Yes, like

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so many of us, we thought it would be a certain way; our way... He had money to pay him...
"Surely there would be an audience. No way, a servant came out to tell me this?"

2nd Kgs. **5:12** **Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage.** Naaman was thinking to himself and he started to compare the rivers to the one he was instructed to go to. He started to compare the width of them to the ones in Syria. *"Surely the Abana river and the Pharpar river in Damascus are better than Israel's waters. I would rather wash in those rivers in order to be healthy and be clean."* So Naaman turned and went away in great anger. He didn't realized that we can only receive God's blessing and forgiveness in the way God tells us. Jesus said, *"Nobody comes to the Father unless that person comes by means of Me"* (the Son) **John 14:6**. Elisha was dealing with Naaman's proudful attitude. While he can give orders to others, nobody can give orders to God. So in order to become well, Naaman would have to obey a mere servant, but, he turned and went away in rage.

2nd Kgs. **5:13** **And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bld thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?—** It would be feasible to use tact at this emotional time. So, Naaman's servants went to him and they spoke to him. *"Sir, if the prophet had told you to do a difficult thing, you would have done it. Surely it is much easier to wash. It is much easier to get a remedy in that way."* However, in his thinking, he almost thought that he preferred to be ill. But his servants showed wisdom telling Naaman that he would have done a difficult action if the prophet said it face to face, but surely this was a simple and more easier thing to obey even from the servant of Elisha.

2nd Kgs. **5:14** **Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.** So Naaman followed their advice, and he went to the Jordan River. He bathed in the Jordan River 7 times, and God cured him. So, Naaman obeyed Elisha, the man of God. His skin was restored and became healthy like the flesh of a little child, and he was cleansed.

2nd Kgs. **5:15** **And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant.** Naaman and all his men went back to Elisha, the man of God, and stood in front of him. Naaman said this to him. *"Now I know that the God of Israel is the only God. Please accept a gift from me; I am your servant."* Many people still want to do things in order to earn that freedom. But they must be humble in front of God. They must confess their sin to Him. And they must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. If they do so, He will make them free. It is impossible to earn that freedom, because it is a free gift from God. The 16th verse shows that Elisha refused the present (**5:16**). He wanted to show that God's love is free. You cannot work for it and you cannot buy it.

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SUMMARY:

1Naaman is captain of the army of the king of Syria; great and honorable because the Lord had given deliverance unto Syria. The Lord was using Naaman to bring about His purposes. He was a mighty man of valor, but he had a serious disease in his skin. He was a leper. **2**The soldiers of the Syrian army had made attacks against Israel, and during one attack, they captured a little Israelite girl, who became the maid for Naaman's wife. **3**She told Naaman's wife about the Prophet Elisha that's in Samaria who would heal leprosy. **4**Naaman discussed this with the king of Syria of what the Israelite girl had said, for he's in the land of Israel, their enemy. **5**The king strongly urged Naaman to go to the king of Israel for help, with gifts, for he wanted the leader of his army to be healthy (**2Kings 5:1-5**).

9Naaman came standing at the door of the house of Elisha with his horses and chariot. **10**But, Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, *"Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean."* **11**But Naaman was so upset and went away. **12**Naaman was thinking about the rivers in Damascus was better than the rivers in Israel that he could go to, and went away in a rage! **13**The servants of Naaman showed wisdom telling him that he would have done a difficult action if the prophet said it face to face, but surely this was a simple and more easier thing to obey even from the servant of Elisha. **14**So Naaman followed their advice, and he went to the Jordan River. He bathed in the Jordan River 7 times, and God cured him. His skin was restored and became healthy like the flesh of a little child, and he was cleansed. **15**Naaman and all his men went back to Elisha, the man of God, and stood in front of him. Naaman began to say *"Now I know that the God of Israel is the only God. Please accept a gift from me; I am your servant"* (**2Kings 5:9-15**).

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HISTORY:

³The study of 2 Kings, we observe the consequences of sin – CAPTIVITY - upon the two kingdoms, Israel and Judah. Both kingdoms are taken into captivity in this Book. 2 Kings begins with the death of King Ahaziah, and chronicles the last 11 kings of Israel. Continuing the history of Jehoshaphat as king over Judah, 2 Kings covers the history of the last 16 Kings of Judah. In all, seven dynasties rule over Israel, and one dynasty of David rules over Judah. All eleven kings of Israel do that which is evil in the sight of the Lord (2 Kings 3:2, 10:31, 13:11, etc. - 17:2). Counting Jehoshaphat, seven of the last sixteen Kings Of Judah did what is right in the eyes of the Lord (2Kings 12:2, 14:3, 15:3, 15:34, 18:3, 22:2, - Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham, Hezekiah and Josiah).

The author of 2 Kings is unknown but writes about the events in both of these kingdoms. In 1 Kings, the author said a lot about the prophet called Elijah. In 2 Kings, he says a lot about another prophet called Elisha. The author of 2 Kings believes that the people should obey the laws in the Book of Deuteronomy.

SYNOPSIS:

2 Kings 6:24-33 Ben-Hadad, king of Syria decides to march on Samaria again and Syria besiege it. Israel is evidently weak because of a long and great famine. Food was expensive and very scarce. The conditions were so bad that the king learns that the people are killing and eating their children for survival. Jehoram, king of Israel blames Elisha for these conditions and vows to kill him. The king sends his messenger to Elisha and follows him. Elisha is aware of what is happening. Now the king accuses the Lord for their problems. ⁴Wicked men will blame anyone as the cause of their troubles, rather than themselves, and will not leave their sins. The king does not want to wait on the Lord any longer.

³ parkviewcoc.org/.../II%20Kings/2%20KINGS%20INTRODUCTION

⁴ <http://www.christnotes.org/commentary.php?com=mhc&b=12&c=6>

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2 Kings 7 covers the Lord now rescuing Samaria. Elisha gives a prophecy of plenty. Elisha assures them the famine and siege will end about this time tomorrow a measure of fine flour will be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel in the gate of Samaria. But the king's officer did not believe it. He laughed at the prophecy. He insisted that even God could not carry out that prophecy. Elisha told him that he (the officer) would see it happen, but he would not have any part of the food. ⁵Four men with leprosy decide to seek help from the Aramean camp and/or die there rather than die outside Samaria. They find the Aramean camp vacant because the Lord caused the Arameans to think that they were being attacked by the Hittite and Egyptian armies. It was the Lord's army that they heard. The Aramean camp was loaded with money and food. The four lepers after taking enough food and plunder for themselves went back and reported this to Samaria and the king. The king thinks this is a trap but decides to send out scouts to investigate. They return and report that the "*rumor*" is true. ⁶So Elisha's prophecy became true. People sold flour and barley cheaply. But the king's officer who laughed at God's promise was not among them. The crowd had rushed through the gates to get the goods. The officer could not manage to control the crowd. They trampled on the officer as they went in, and he died.

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⁵ <http://greenleycommentary.wordpress.com/2010/10/13/20-elishas-miraculous-ministry-part-iii/>

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2nd Kgs. 8:1 Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, **Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the Lord hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years.** ⁷This verse refers to the events in 2 Kings 4:8-37. This woman had helped Elisha by preparing a room for him. Afterwards, God helped the woman to have a son. The son died, but God made him alive again through Elisha. At some time after those events, God showed Elisha what would happen during the next 7 years. Almost everything that happened in the way of miracles with Elijah was doubled with Elisha. The famine in the days of Elijah was 3½ years while the famine prophesied by Elisha was 7 years. So Elisha began to speak and warn the woman that there would be a serious lack of food in Israel.

2nd Kgs. 8:2 And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. She and her family went to live in the country called Philistia. They stayed there for 7 years. The Lord sent the famine on Israel because of her sin. The famine didn't include the land of the Philistines.

2nd Kgs. 8:3 And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. While the woman was abroad, the government or some neighbours had taken her land. So she went to see the king about it. The rights to land in Israel were very ancient. Originally, God gave land to each family in Israel. So there was a relationship between the land and God's promises to Israel. The land usually belonged to the male members of the family. This passage does not mention the woman's husband, so perhaps he was dead. But this woman had a son. And that son had the right to own his father's land on behalf of the family. So the woman brought her son with her. The kings of Israel did not serve God. So they did not respect the rights that God had given to the people (for example, 1 Kings 21:1-16). The woman could not be sure that the king would help her. But the kings acted as judges in Israel.

2nd Kgs. 8:4 And the king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, **Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done.** The king was sitting on his royal seat. But he was not issuing judgments at that time. Instead, he was listening to stories. God knows the perfect time to do his work. And this was God's time as the king listened.

2nd Kgs. 8:5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life,

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that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life. Elisha's servant Gehazi was telling the king about Elisha's miracles. And they were great miracles. Even a dead person had become alive again. And at that moment, the woman arrived with her son. Gehazi recognized her. Talking about timing?

2nd Kgs. 8:6 And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now. The woman was introduced to the king. Of course, it was the right moment. The king was curious about her. He asked questions. She told the king how Elisha had brought her son back to life. And, of course, she had the opportunity to ask the king about her land. So the king was happy to give her land back to her. Also, people that had sold crops and profited from it; they had harvested from the woman's land, the king made sure that she got the money from their sale. The woman made a request. At this point it was who you know. Even though the king had some authority, she knew the man of God, who knew the King of kings.

SUMMARY:

⁸Elisha had sent the Shunammite woman and her son away from Israel because of this famine. She was gone for seven years, living in the land of the Philistines. She returns and asks that her land be restored to her. At this time Gehazi was talking to the king telling him stories about the great things Elisha had done. He tells the story of the Shunammite woman whose son was brought back to life, and at that moment, the woman arrived with her son. Gehazi recognized her. And when the king asked the woman, she told him. Elisha's former servant confirms her story and the king [Jehoram] restores her land (**2 Kings 8:1-6**).

Restoration is the key word. In the instance of the woman (the Shunammite woman), upon coming back after the famine and even losing her property, she was given back all she had lost and more. And if you go back and look at the instance of the younger son (the Prodigal Son) after coming back from riotous living and being in a famine was brought back to right standing and more with God and the father; both restored by the hand of God's compassion.

APPLICATION:

This is a good example of how God can make things happen at the right time. It is also an example of how God can even use an evil king to carry out his purposes. Make right decisions by depending on God. He will always come through for your good.

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⁸ <http://greenleycommentary.wordpress.com/2010/10/13/20-elishas-miraculous-ministry-part-iii/>
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II KINGS 22:1-10NEXT 23:1-3, 21-23**INTRODUCTION:**AMON RULES JUDAH:

CHAPTER 21:19-26 **19**Amon was 22yrs old when he began to reign, and he reigned for 2yrs in Jerusalem. **20**During his reign, he did evil in the sight of the Lord like his father Manasseh. **21**His father served and worshiped idols, and so did Amon. **22**He forsook the Lord and did not walk in the way of the Lord. **23**His own servants conspired against him and killed him in his own house. **24**And the people of the land killed all those that had conspired against king Amon, and then made his son Josiah king in his place. **25**The rest of the acts of Amon, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the king of Judah? **26**And he was buried in the tomb in the garden of Uzza, and his son Josiah reigned in his place.

JOSIAH RULES JUDAH:

2nd Kgs.22:1 **Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adalah of Boscath.** Josiah was 8 years old when he became king. He ruled in Jerusalem for 31 years. His mother's name was Jedidah, daughter of Adaiah. She was from Bozkath.

2nd Kgs.22:2 **And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.** Josiah pleased the Lord in everything that he did. He behaved in the same way as his ancestor David had done. Josiah obeyed all God's laws.

2nd Kgs.22:3 **And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azallah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying,—** In the 18th year when Josiah was ruling, he sent Shaphan the scribe or court secretary to the Lord's temple. Shaphan is the son of Azaliah's, and Meshullam's is the grandfather of Shaphan. So here you have Shaphan's father (Azaliah) and Shaphan's grandfather (Meshullam), and Meshullam is Azaliah's father.

2nd Kgs.22:4 **Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:—** Josiah tells Shaphan to go to Hilkiah, the chief priest. And Hilkiah is to tell those that were on duty to get the money ready that the priests, Levites, porters, or treasurers have gathered and collected from the people who brought whatever money they had into the Lord's temple.

2nd Kgs.22:5 **And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the**

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oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house,— After delivering the message to the high priest, then those priests were to give the money to the men that controlled the work in the temple. Those workers doing the work in the house of the Lord who are repairing the Lord's temple must be paid.

2nd Kgs. 22:6 Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house. Those workers include those men that work with wood. They include the builders. And they also include those men that work with stone. Those men must also buy wood and stone to repair the temple.

2nd Kgs. 22:7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully. They didn't calculate; they didn't estimate the amount of money that was put into their hands, because they were honest men. So they did not need to even tell how they spent the money.

JOSIAH COMES INTO PROCESSION OF THE BOOK OF THE LAW:

2nd Kgs. 22:8 And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. A new situation has arisen, for Hilkiah, the chief priest, told Shaphan the scribe that he has found the Book of the Law in the Lord's temple. He then handed the book to Shaphan, who read it.

2nd Kgs. 22:9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD. Shaphan, the scribe then gave a report to the king explaining that his servants have gathered the money that was in the Lord's temple, and they have given it to the men that do the work; that have watchful care, and supervision over the work at the temple.

2nd Kgs. 22:10 And Shaphan the scribe shewed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And Shaphan the scribe told the king that Hilkiah the priest has handed a book to him, and then Shaphan read it to the king.

SUMMARY:

1 Josiah was 8 years old when he became king, and ruled in Jerusalem for 31 years. His mother's name was Jedidah, daughter of Adaiah. She was from Bozkath. **2** He pleased the Lord in everything he did. He behaved in the same way as his ancestor David had done. He obeyed all God's laws. **3** In the 18th year when Josiah was ruling, he sent Shaphan the scribe or court secretary to

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the Lord's temple. And Shaphan, the son of Azaliah's, and the grandson of Meshullam **4**was to go and tell Hilkiah, the high priest that the keepers (the priests, Levites, porters, or treasurers) of the door that were on duty were to get the money ready that had been gathered and collected from the people who brought whatever money they had into the Lord's temple. **5**After delivering this message to the high priest, then the keepers of the door were to give the money to the men that controlled the work in the temple. Those workers doing the work in the house of the Lord needed the money for repairing the damages of the Lord's temple. **6**Those workers include men that work with wood. They include the builders. And they also include men that worked with stone. They had to buy wood and stone to repair the temple. **7**They didn't calculate; they didn't estimate the amount of money that was put into their hands, because they were honest men. So they did not need to even tell how they spent the money (**2 Kings 22:1-7**).

8A new situation has arisen, for Hilkiah, the chief priest, told Shaphan the scribe that he has found the Book of the Law in the Lord's temple. He then handed the book to Shaphan, who read it. **9**Shaphan, the scribe then gave a report to the king explaining that his servants have gathered the money that was in the Lord's temple, and they have given it to the men that do the work; that have watchful care, and supervision over the work at the temple. **10**And Shaphan the scribe told the king that Hilkiah the priest has handed a book to him, and then Shaphan read it to the King Josiah (**2 Kings 22:8-10**).

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THE COVENANT WITH THE LORD:

2nd Kgs. **23:1** **And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.** The king called together all the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem.

2nd Kgs. **23:2** **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.** King Josiah went into the Lord's temple with the priests and the prophets and all the people in Judah and Jerusalem. Both rich and poor came. And in front of them all, King Josiah read in the ears of the people all the words of the book of the Covenant that contained the law. He read the entire Book which was found in the Lord's temple by the chief priest.

2nd Kgs. **23:3** **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.** The king stood by the royal column, and he and the people made a solemn covenant with the Lord. They promised to serve and obey all the Lord's commands, rules, and laws; obey them with all their heart and all their soul; obey the orders that the written covenant in the book contained. They all promised God that they would obey His laws.

2nd Kgs. **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.** Then Josiah ordered all the people to celebrate the Passover in order to give honor to the Lord, their God. They were to follow the instructions that were in the book that contained the Covenant.

2nd Kgs. **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;—** There had not been a similar Passover since the time when the judges led the nation of Israel. And there was never another celebrated like it, in all of the years of the kings of Israel or of Judah.

2nd Kgs. **23:23** **But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, wherein this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.** So in the 18th year of Josiah's rule, the people celebrated the Passover to give honor to the Lord in Jerusalem.

SUMMARY:

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1The king called together all the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem. **2**And they go into the Lord's temple with all the people of Judah and Jerusalem. Both rich and poor came. And in front of them all, King Josiah read in the ears of the people all the words of the book of the Covenant that contained the law. He read the entire Book which was found in the Lord's temple by the chief priest Hilkiah. **3**The king stood by the royal column, and he and the people made a solemn covenant with the Lord. They promised to serve and obey all the Lord's commands, rules, and laws; obey them with all their heart and all their soul; obey the orders that the written covenant in the book contained. They all promised God that they would obey His laws (**2 Kings 23:1-3**).

21Then Josiah ordered all the people to celebrate the Passover in order to give honor to the Lord, their God. They were to follow the instructions that were in the book that contained the Covenant. **22**There had not been a similar Passover since the time when the judges led the nation of Israel. And there was never another celebrated like it, in all of the years of the kings of Israel or of Judah. **23**So in the 18th year of Josiah's rule, the people celebrated the Passover to give honor to the Lord in Jerusalem (**2 Kings 23:21-23**).

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