

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM 25-1**"JOSIAH . . . THE LAST GOOD KING"**

**2 Kings 21:1-23:30 and
2 Chronicles 33:1-36:1**

DAY 1 READ 2 Kings 21:1-23:30 and 2 Chronicles 33:1-36:1

1. What was a new thought to you from last week's lesson?
2. If black represented evil and white represented righteousness in today's reading, why could we consider the color . . .
 - a. . . . gray for Manasseh?
 - b. . . . black for Amon?
 - c. . . . white for Josiah?

DAY 2 REVIEW 2 Kings 21:1-18 and 2 Chronicles 33:1-20

3. Manasseh was ____ when he became king and ruled ____ years.
4. How did he undo the good work of Hezekiah?
5. What did he do in 2 Kings 21:6?
 . . . 21:9?

 . . . 21:16?
6. Turn to **2 Chronicles**. God had warned Manasseh and the people through the prophets but how had they responded in 2 Chronicles 33:10?
7. How was Manasseh chastised?
8. a. What was God's response to Manasseh's prayer?
b. What was Manasseh's response to God's mercy?

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DAY 2 (Continued) REVIEW 2 Kings 21:1-18 and 2 Chronicles 33:1-20

9. a. A transformed life is evidenced in change. Share a personal experience or a Biblical example of change in lifestyle when one has met the living God.
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- b. Manasseh was still termed an "evil" king. God knows if his was true repentance. We can trust what truth in Jeremiah 17:10?
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10. Who succeeded Manasseh to the throne?

DAY 3 REVIEW 2 Kings 21:19-26 and 2 Chronicles 33:21-25

11. Meditate a little on the relationship of Amon to Manasseh. What might Amon have thought about his father's leadership and/or character?
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12. In what path did Amon choose to walk?
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13. a. How was he removed from the throne?
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- b. What retribution followed?
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14. Another change in leadership. Who was made king?

DAY 4 REVIEW 2 Kings 22:1-20 and 2 Chronicles 34:1-28

15. From 2 Chronicles 34:1-8, what spiritual growth was evidenced in Josiah at . . .
 . . . age 16 (8th year)?
 . . . age 20 (12th year)?
 . . . age 26 (18th year)?
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16. As a result of the temple renovation, Hilkiah the priest found what?
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17. a. Upon hearing God's Word, what did Josiah realize?
- b. To whom did he turn for counsel?
- c. What was the message from God?
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18. Josiah might have found comfort in David's Psalm 103. Read it and select a verse that comforts you.

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DAY 5 REVIEW 2 Kings 23:1-30 and 2 Chronicles 34:29-36:1

19. Share at least five ways Josiah put his commitment to God into action from 2 Kings 23:1-20.

20. How was Josiah commended in 2 Kings 23:25?

21. a. How does 2 Chronicles 35:18 comment on the Passover celebration?

b. What occasion have you been a part of that reminds you of the joy and significance of this celebration? Please share.

22. a. How did Pharaoh Neco try to dissuade Josiah from entering the battle?

b. What happened as a result?

23. _____ composed laments at the death of Josiah and _____ became the new king.

24. **NEW TESTAMENT APPLICATION:** Covenant renewal was a solemn occasion for Judah. We participate in the New Covenant in the form of Communion/Lord's Supper.
 - a. What are the symbols of the New Covenant? (Matthew 26:26-29)

 - b. What is its significance from 1 Corinthians 10:16?

 - c. What is the sacredness from 1 Corinthians 11:26-29?

 - d. What is its satisfaction for you personally?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: