

# A Treasure Found in the House of Yahweh

*2<sup>nd</sup> Kings Chapters 22-23*

Josiah, son of Amon, was a king who reigned in Jerusalem for thirty-one years. He was only eight years old when he began his reign as king of Judah. He did good in the eyes of YAHWEH.

During the eighteenth year of his reign, Josiah told Hilkiah, the high priest, to use the silver brought into the house of YAHWEH to buy supplies to repair the house.

When the work was being carried out, Hilkiah found a book in the house of YAHWEH. He told Shaphan, the scribe, about the book of Torah he found and he gave it to him to read. Then Shaphan went to the king, and told him that Hilkiah gave him a book. He read it before the king.

When the king heard the Words of the Book of the Torah, he tore his clothes. He was in deep sorrow. He commanded Hilkiah, Shaphan, and his servants to go and ask of YAHWEH for him and all the people regarding the Words of the Book. Josiah knew YAHWEH's wrath was burning against them because they did not listen to the Words of the Book and they did not do what was written.

They went to speak to Huldah the prophetess, who lived in Jerusalem. She told them that YAHWEH would punish them and bring disaster upon them because they were not following Him and they were worshipping idols.

But Josiah was very humble toward YAHWEH when he heard the words of the Book and he tore his clothes. Because of this, YAHWEH would not send destruction during Josiah's time. YAHWEH would send destruction on Judah when Josiah died.

After hearing the words, they went back to the king to tell him what was said.

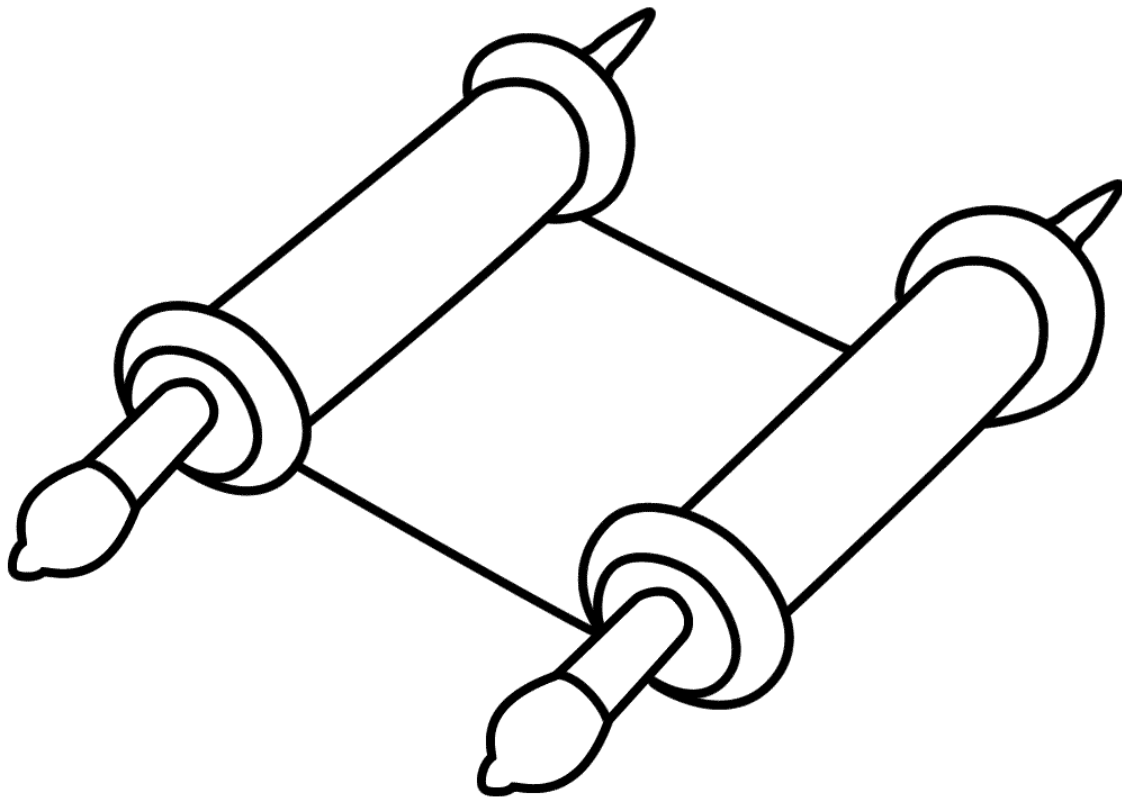
Josiah gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem and went up to the house of YAHWEH. All the people, from small to great were gathered also. He read all the Words of the Book of the covenant that was found in the house of YAHWEH. The king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before YAHWEH, to walk after YAHWEH, and to keep His commandments, and His testimonies, and His statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul. All the people stood to the covenant.

Then Josiah commanded all the altars and idols of false gods to be smashed and burned outside Jerusalem in the valley of Kidron. He killed and removed the priests who worshipped false idols. When the land was cleansed, they were once again able to celebrate Passover.

So the king commanded all the people to perform a Passover to YAHWEH in Jerusalem, as it was written in the Book of the covenant.

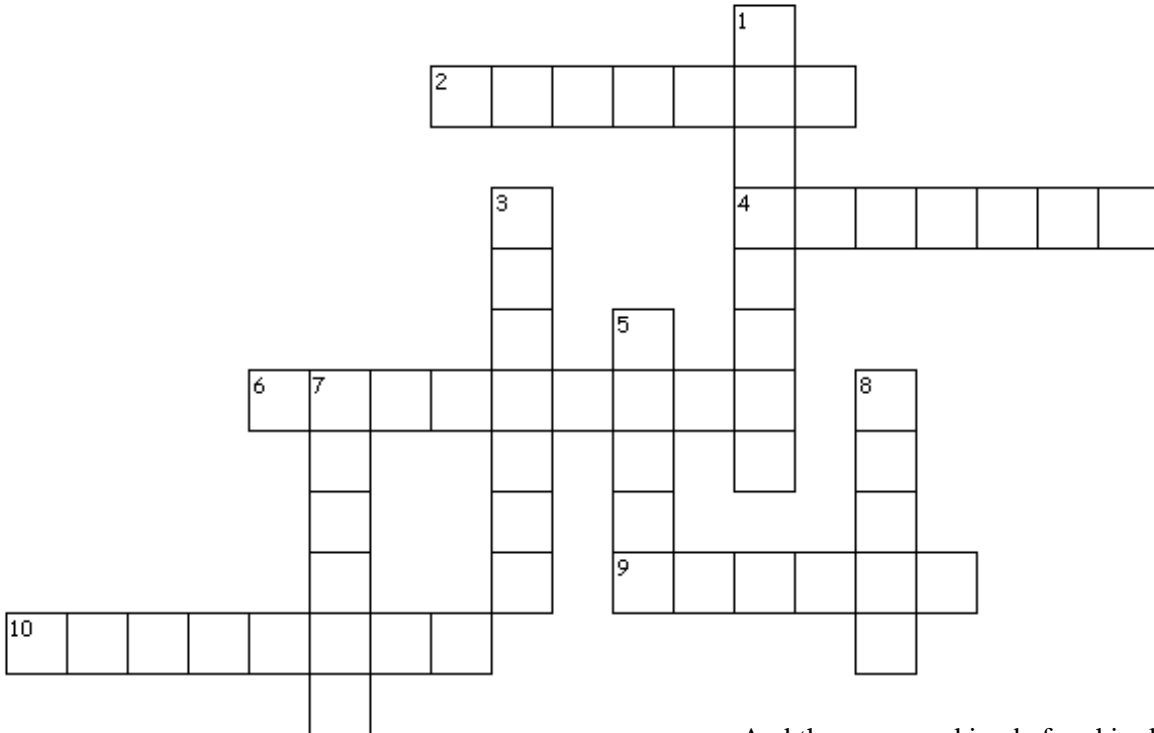
No other Passover was like this one, from the days of the Judges of Israel to all the days of the kings of Israel, and of the kings of Judah.

There was no king ever before Josiah who turned to YAHWEH with all his heart and with all his soul, and with all his might according to the Torah of Moses; nor any after arose like him.



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And there was no king before him like him,  
who turned to Yahweh with all his heart, and  
with all his soul, and with all his might,  
according to all the Torah of Moses; and after  
him none rose up like him.

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 23:25

## Across

2. Who found the book in the House of Yahweh?
4. Who read the book before the king?
6. How many years did Josiah reign in Jerusalem?
9. Josiah was very \_\_\_\_\_ before Yahweh when he heard the words of the book?
10. The king stood by a pillar and made a \_\_\_\_\_ before YAHWEH.

## Down

1. What did the people celebrate after the land was cleansed?
3. What did the king tear when he heard the book being read before him?
5. What book was found in the House of Yahweh?
7. What was the name of the prophetess living in Jerusalem?
8. What was burned in the Kidron Valley?



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H A I K L I H F O U N D S S F

Cleansed

Covenant

Destruction

Elders

Found

Hilkiah

House

Huldah

Israel

Jerusalem

Josiah

King

Passover

Repentance

Scribe

Shaphan

Silver

Sorrow

Torah

Tore

And he did the good in the eyes of Yahweh, and walked in all the way of his father David, and did not turn aside to the right or the left.

2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 22:2

