

“When Hope is Lost”  
2 Chronicles 34:1-33

**I. King Josiah faithfully served God even when there was no hope in his people being saved.**

- A. King Josiah was a king who was faithful to the Lord (vs. 1-3).
- B. King Josiah attempted to lead his people back to God (vs. 4-13).
- C. King Josiah was confronted by the Word of God (vs. 14-19).
- D. King Josiah responded by acting on what he received from God’s word (vs. 20-33).

(Deuteronomy 31:26; 2 Kings 23:25-26; 24:3-4; 2 Chronicles 35:25)

**II. God’s people always have the opportunity to remain true to Him.**

- A. We must recognize that the situation that we are in.
- B. We must realize that we have the choice to do what is right.

(Genesis 15:13-15; Romans 1:18-24; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12; James 1:14-15)

**Scripture References and Notes**

Jeremiah 15:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to me, "Even if Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My mind *would not be* favorable toward this people. Cast *them* out of My sight, and let them go forth. <sup>2</sup> And it shall be, if they say to you, 'Where should we go?' then you shall tell them, 'Thus says the LORD: "Such as *are* for death, to death; And such as *are* for the sword, to the sword; And such as *are* for the famine, to the famine; And such as *are* for the captivity, to the captivity." ' <sup>3</sup> "And I will appoint over them four forms *of destruction*," says the LORD: "the sword to slay, the dogs to drag, the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy. <sup>4</sup> I will hand them over to trouble, to all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 7:16

“As for you, do not pray for this people, and do not lift up cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you.

2 Chronicles 35:25

Then Jeremiah chanted a lament for Josiah. And all the male and female singers speak about Josiah in their lamentations to this day. And they made them an ordinance in Israel; behold, they are also written in the Lamentations.

Deuteronomy 31:26

“Take this book of the law and place it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may remain there as a witness against you.

### **Josiah found the book of Deuteronomy**

“spiritists”

Compare 2 Kings 23:24 to Deuteronomy 18:9-22

2 Kings 23:24

Moreover, Josiah removed the mediums and the spiritists and the teraphim and the idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might confirm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.

“curse”

Compare 2 Chronicles 34:24 to Deuteronomy 11:26, 28-29; 27:1, 13, 15-26; 28:15-20, 45; 29:19-21, 27; 30:1, 7, 19

2 Kings 23:26

However, the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath with which His anger burned against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked Him.

2 Kings 24:3-4 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> Surely at the command of the LORD it came upon Judah, to remove *them* from His sight because of the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done, <sup>4</sup> and also for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the LORD would not forgive.

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.

James 1:14-15

<sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. <sup>15</sup> Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

Genesis 15:13-15

<sup>13</sup> Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. <sup>14</sup> And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup> Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. <sup>16</sup> But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites *is* not yet complete."

Romans 1:18-24

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup> because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has

shown *it* to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup> because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. <sup>24</sup> Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves...

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

<sup>9</sup> The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup> And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, <sup>12</sup> that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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