

2 Chronicles 35:1-27 **Josiah – Great Passover – Died in Battle**

Josiah Keeps the Passover (2 Kings 23:21-23)

1 Now Josiah kept a Passover to Yahweh (the Lord) in Jerusalem, and they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the first month.

2 And he set the priests in their duties and encouraged them for the service of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord).

3 Then he said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to Yahweh (the Lord): "Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, built. It shall no longer be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve Yahweh Eloheykem (the Lord your God) and His people Israel.

4 Prepare yourselves according to your fathers' houses, according to your divisions, following the written instruction of David king of Israel and the written instruction of Solomon his son.

5 And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brethren the lay people, and according to the division of the father's house of the Levites.

6 So slaughter the Passover offerings, consecrate yourselves, and prepare them for your brethren, that they may do according to the word of Yahweh (the Lord) by the hand of Moses."

7 Then Josiah gave the lay people lambs and young goats from the flock, all for Passover offerings for all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, as well as three thousand cattle; these were from the king's possessions.

8 And his leaders gave willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of Beit Elohiym (the house of God), gave to the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand six hundred from the flock, and three hundred cattle.

9 Also Conaniah, his brothers Shemaiah and Nethanel, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave to the Levites for Passover offerings five thousand from the flock and five hundred cattle.

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their places, and the Levites in their divisions, according to the king's command.

11 And they slaughtered the Passover offerings; and the priests sprinkled the blood with their hands, while the Levites skinned the animals.

12 Then they removed the burnt offerings that they might give them to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the lay people, to offer to Yahweh (the Lord), as it is written in the Book of Moses. And so they did with the cattle.

13 Also they roasted the Passover offerings with fire according to the ordinance; but the other holy offerings they boiled in pots, in caldrons, and in pans, and divided them quickly among all the lay people.

14 Then afterward they prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aaron, were busy in offering burnt offerings and fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared portions for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aaron.

15 And the singers, the sons of Asaph, were in their places, according to the command of David, Asaph, Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer. Also the gatekeepers were at each gate; they did not have to leave their position, because their brethren the Levites prepared portions for them.

16 So all the service of Yahweh (the Lord) was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the Lord, according to the command of King Josiah.

17 And the children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days.

18 There had been no Passover kept in Israel like that since the days of Samuel the prophet; and none of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover as Josiah kept, with the priests and the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

19 In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this Passover was kept.

Josiah Dies in Battle (2 Kings 23:28-30)

20 After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates; and Josiah went out against him.

21 But he sent messengers to him, saying, "What have I to do with you, king of Judah? I have not come against you this day, but against the house with which I have war; for Elohiym (God) commanded me to make haste. Refrain from meddling with Elohiym (God), who is with me, lest He destroy you."

22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself so that he might fight with him, and did not heed the words of Necho from the mouth of Elohiym (God). So he came to fight in the Valley of Megiddo.

23 And the archers shot King Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am severely wounded."

24 His servants therefore took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had, and they brought him to Jerusalem. So he died, and was buried in one of the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

25 Jeremiah also lamented for Josiah. And to this day all the singing men and the singing women speak of Josiah in their lamentations. They made it a custom in Israel; and indeed they are written in the Laments.

26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and his goodness, according to what was written in the Law of Yahweh (the Lord),

27 and his deeds from first to last, indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

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Facts Revealed:

Josiah Keeps the Passover (2 Kings 23:21-23) [2 Chronicles 35:1-19]

- ✧ Josiah kept a Passover to Yahweh (the Lord) in Jerusalem, and they slaughtered the Passover lambs on the fourteenth day of the first month. [2 Chronicles 35:1]
- ✧ Josiah arranged for Passover celebration in the eighteenth year of his reign at age 26.
- ✧ He appointed the Priests and Levites according to the order established by king David. [2 Chronicles 35:2-6]
- ✧ Josiah and his leaders provided lambs, young goats, and cattle in abundance to suffice the needed Passover offerings for all who were present. [2 Chronicles 35:7-9]
- ✧ The Priests and Levites worked together that they might give the Passover meal to the people.
- ✧ The Priests were busy with the blood and burnt offerings and the Levites prepared portions for themselves and for the Priests.

- ✧ The singers sons of Asaph and the Gate keepers were in their places and the Levites prepared portions for them.
- ✧ They kept the Passover on its appointed day, and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days.
- ✧ There had been no such Passover kept in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet.

Josiah Dies in Battle (2 Kings 23:28-30) [2 Chronicles 35:20-27]

- ✧ After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates; and Josiah went out against him. [2 Chronicles 35:20]
- ✧ Necho king of Egypt sent a message to Josiah saying that Elohiym had sent him to war against Carchemish and asked him to refrain from meddling lest he be destroyed by Elohiym Who sent him to this battle.
- ✧ Josiah refused to turn back, disguised himself and came to fight at Megiddo.
- ✧ Archers shot Josiah who was transferred to another chariot and brought to Jerusalem where he died on the thirty-first year of his reign at age of 39.
- ✧ It does not benefit anyone to disregard warnings from Elohiym.
- ✧ Josiah was buried in one of the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.
- ✧ Josiah is mentioned in the Lamentations of Jeremiah and spoken of by the singing men and women.
- ✧ The rest of the acts of Josiah, his goodness according to the Law of Yahweh are written in the books of the Kings of Israel and Judah.