

Flight of the Prisoners
(1896) by James Tissot
Exile of Jews from
Canaan to Babylon

8-24-22

2nd Kings

22:14 Hilkiyah the priest, Ahikam, Akbor, Shaphan and Asaiah went to speak to the prophet Huldah, who was the wife of Shallum son of Tikvah ...

keeper of the wardrobe.

She lived in Jerusalem, in the New Quarter.

2 Kings 1-5

– Elisha's Enlightenment

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– Joash Repairs Temple

2 Kings 13-17

– Assyria Takes Israel - 722 B.C.

2 Kings 18-20

– Hezekiah's TWO Prayers

2 Kings 21-25

– Prophetess Huldah's Honesty

Alternate Title

Men Rule

Women

Get the Job **DONE**



Where we've come a long way ...

- 1 Kings 1-11 – Solo Solomon
- 1 Kings 12-14 – Rebellious Rehoboam
- 1 Kings 15-17 – Asa's Ascendancy
- 1 Kings 16-18 – Elijah's Exhibition
- 1 Kings 19 – Elijah's Escape & Exit
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2 Kings 20:20 – Hezekiah dies ...

See Book of Annals of the Kings of Judah

2 Kings 21 ... Manasseh reigns 55 yrs

Does Evil ...

Rebuilt altars to Baal ... etc

2 Kings 21 ... Amon reigns 2 yrs

Does Evil ...

For both—their deeds are recorded in

Book of Annals of the Kings of Judah



2 Kings 22 Josiah reigns 31 years
in his 18th year ... his people **FIND**
Book of the Covenant in the Temple

Prophetess Huldah *Consulted*

Josiah comes to the throne 8 years old

2 Chron 34 **ADDS** info on 12th year

Josiah **PURGES** Land of Idols

2 Kgs 22:8 - 18th Year **PURGES** Temple

Sends Shaphan his secretary / Chief of Staff
to look after things



2 Kings 22 High Priest Hilkiah
FOUND Book of the Law in Temple
Gave it to Shaphan, who read it

Shaphan reports to Josiah

Money is being paid to workers, etc

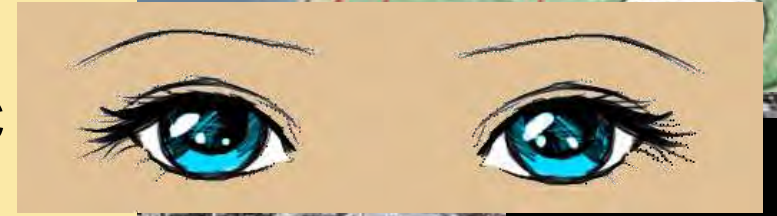
AND LOOKY LOOKY ... at this BOOK

When Josiah hears ... tears robe

You See This ODD too

Clear as the blue sky—How Long had

Book of Law been **HIDDEN?**



**2 Kings 22 Josiah ORDERS
Hilkiah, Hilkiah's son Ahikam,
Akbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah**

**Go, inquire of the Lord for me, the
people, all of Judah about what is
Written in this book that was found.
Great is the Lord's anger that burns
against us because those who have
gone before us have not obeyed
the words of this book....**

**Notice HERE ...
Josiah isn't playing
No GAMES**

**Josiah is ASKING
for ALL ... for himself
for the people
ALL of Judah**

**Josiah sincerely
wants TRUTH**

**2 Kings 22 Hilkiah & son Ahikam,
Akbor, Shaphan, & Asaiah ... go**

**Listen closely to this precious passage
went to speak to the prophet Huldah ...
wife of Shallum ... keeper of the wardrobe.
She lived in Jerusalem ... New Quarter.**

**SEE what's happened here?
When ORDERED to inquire of the LORD
King's Secretary & High Priest
Only Prophet Huldah Sought**



FIVE Prophetesses in OT

Huldah (weasel) wife of Shallum

2 Kings 22:14 & 2 Chron 34:22

Miriam (of sea or bitter) Moses/Aaron's sister

Exodus 15:20

Deborah (bee or wasp) wife of Lappidoth

Judges 4:4

Noadiah (tryst of Yah) with other prophets

tried to “intimidate” Nehemiah

Nehemiah 6:14

Unnamed prophetess bore Isaiah's 2nd son

Isaiah 8:3 ... *his wife* — *hang onto that thought*



Prophet נָבִיא *nabi* = masculine

316x in O.T. in 36 varieties

Masculine used in 1 Kings 18, for both
Elijah & plural *Prophets* of Baal

Prophetess נְבִיאָה *nebiah* = feminine

5x ... 1x as han-nabiah

C.B. Reynolds makes case Isaiah's
wife was **prophetess before Isaiah's call**

Isaiah's 1st son in Isa. 7 NOT a baby was
named *before* Isaiah's commission

Isaiah calls her such & other prophets call theirs "wife"



C. B. Reynolds (1832–1896),
"Isaiah's Wife," *The Journal of
Theological Studies* 36, No. 142
(April, 1935): 182–185.

[www.PreciousHeart.net/
SS/Isaiah-Wife.pdf](http://www.PreciousHeart.net/SS/Isaiah-Wife.pdf)

MINIMIZING by MEN Scholars

Online *Jewish Encyclopedia* says
King Josiah

“addressed her, and not Jeremiah,
because he thought women are more
easily stirred to pity than men, and
“therefore, the prophetess would be
more likely than Jeremiah to intercede
with God in his behalf”



★ Jerusalem

Nahh ... **NOT**
BEST reading
of 2 Kings 22
Chauvinistic

● *Encyclopedia Judaica* says similar
Apparently, Cyclopedia folk never met
Judge Judy

2 Kings 22 doesn't READ like that
Verses do NOT intimate **FLUFF**

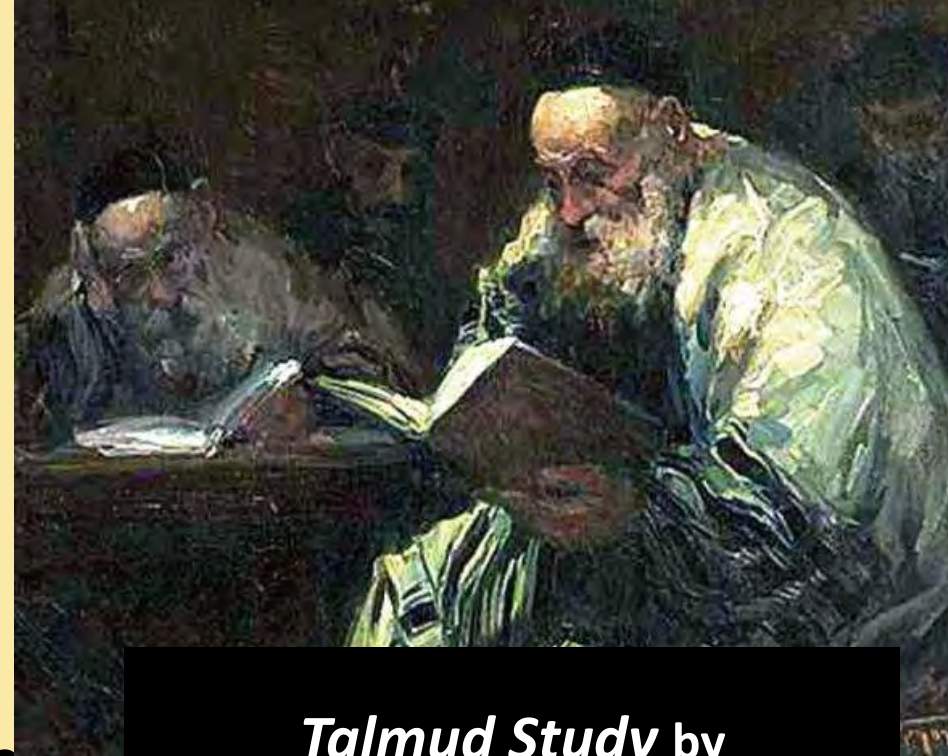
Chap 22 SAYS for DECADES Josiah
Was NOT to be Trifled with

Verses say Josiah ORDERD they
Inquire of the Lord
Huldah's 1st Up



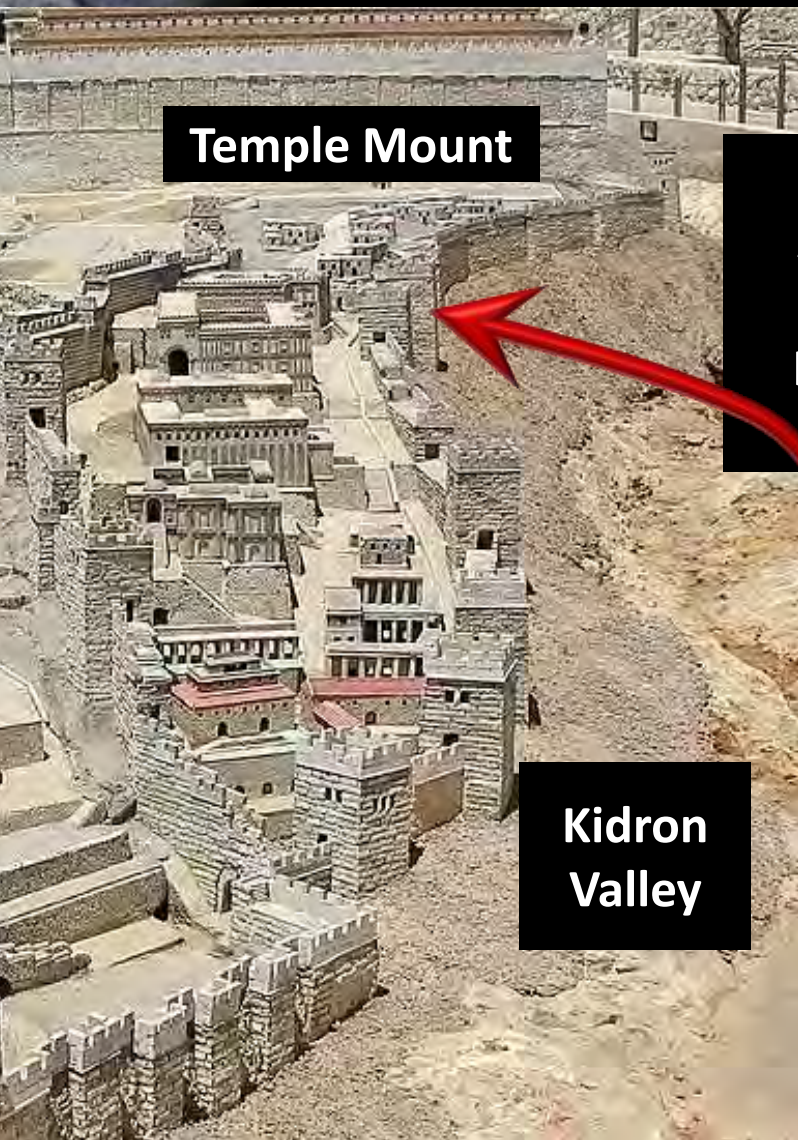
What the
Cyclopeia folk
are pulling
King & Men
wanted to **FLUFF**
God's Work

Interestingly ... in the **Aggadah**
1st–10th cen. narratives in classical
rabbinic lit., esp. **Talmud** & **Midrash**
Talmud is center of Jewish Life
Midrash is extended explanations
Aggadah: Huldah is kin to Jeremiah
Both descendants of Joshua & Rahab
Huldah had an academy in Jerusalem
“Gate of Huldah” led to her schoolhouse



Talmud Study by
Adolf Behrman (1876–1942)

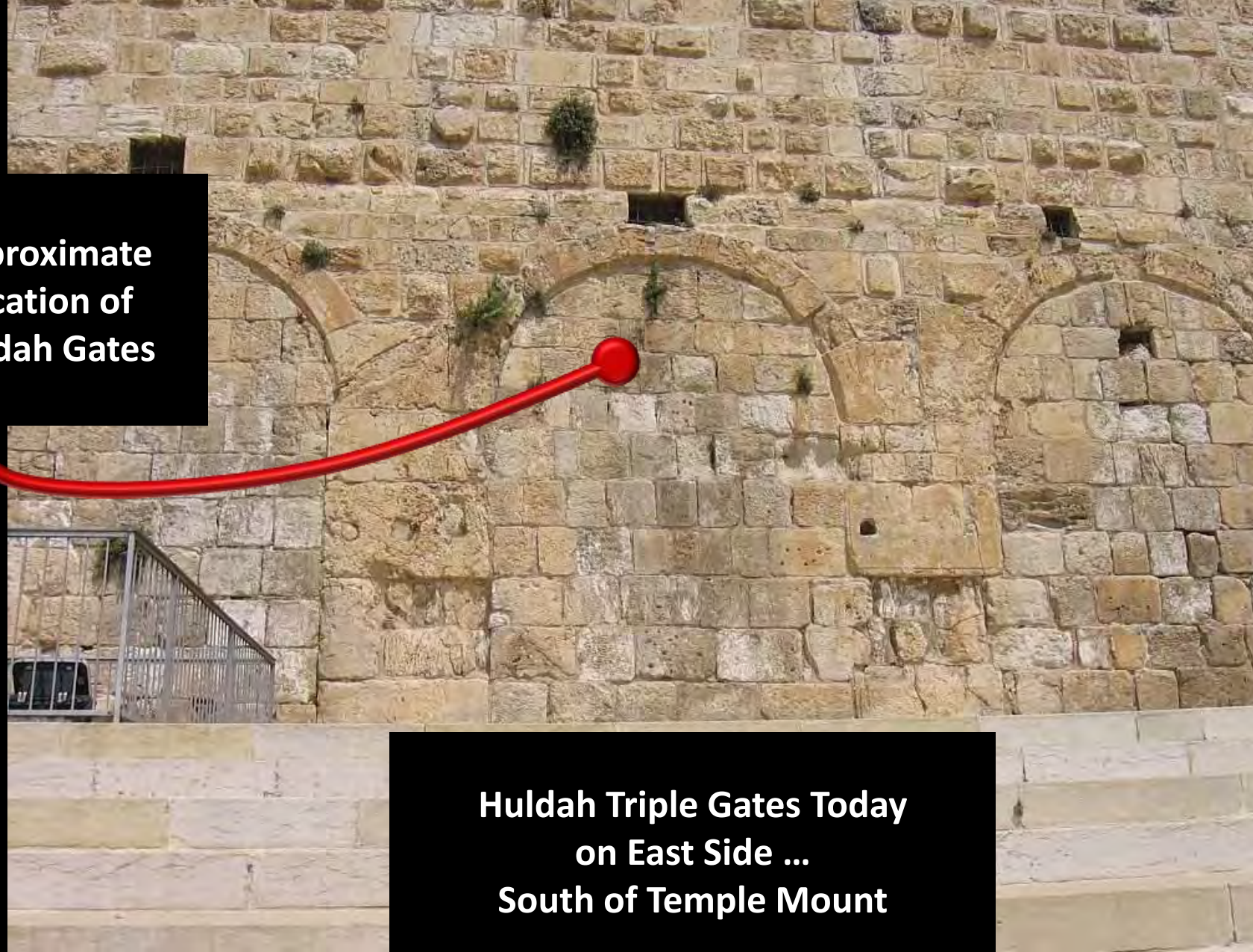




Temple Mount

**Kidron
Valley**

**Approximate
location of
Huldah Gates**



**Huldah Triple Gates Today
on East Side ...
South of Temple Mount**

Before Huldah's words to ALL the King's MEN ...

You know Huldah **KNEW** what they **WANTED** her to say

Fifth World Government Summit 2017 in Dubai

> https://youtu.be/rCoFKUJ_8Yo

Elan Musk > 30-minute interview

UAE Minister of Cabinet Affairs and
Chairman of the Summit,
Mohammad Al Gergawi asks Musk ...



What was your BIGGEST challenge in LIFE?

PACKED Auditorium with 1,000s

1,000s bus / gov leaders = Who's Who of World Shakers



“One of the biggest challenges, I think, is making sure you have a corrective feed-back loop and maintaining that corrective feed-back loop over time even when people **WANT TO TELL YOU EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT TO HEAR.** That’s very difficult.”

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GOODNESS ...

**If we EVER needed a good
Corrective Feed-back Loop**

It's TODAY

**Thank our Good Lord that roughly ...
in 609 B.C. Josiah had at least *ONE***

Corrective Feed-back Loop

Her name was

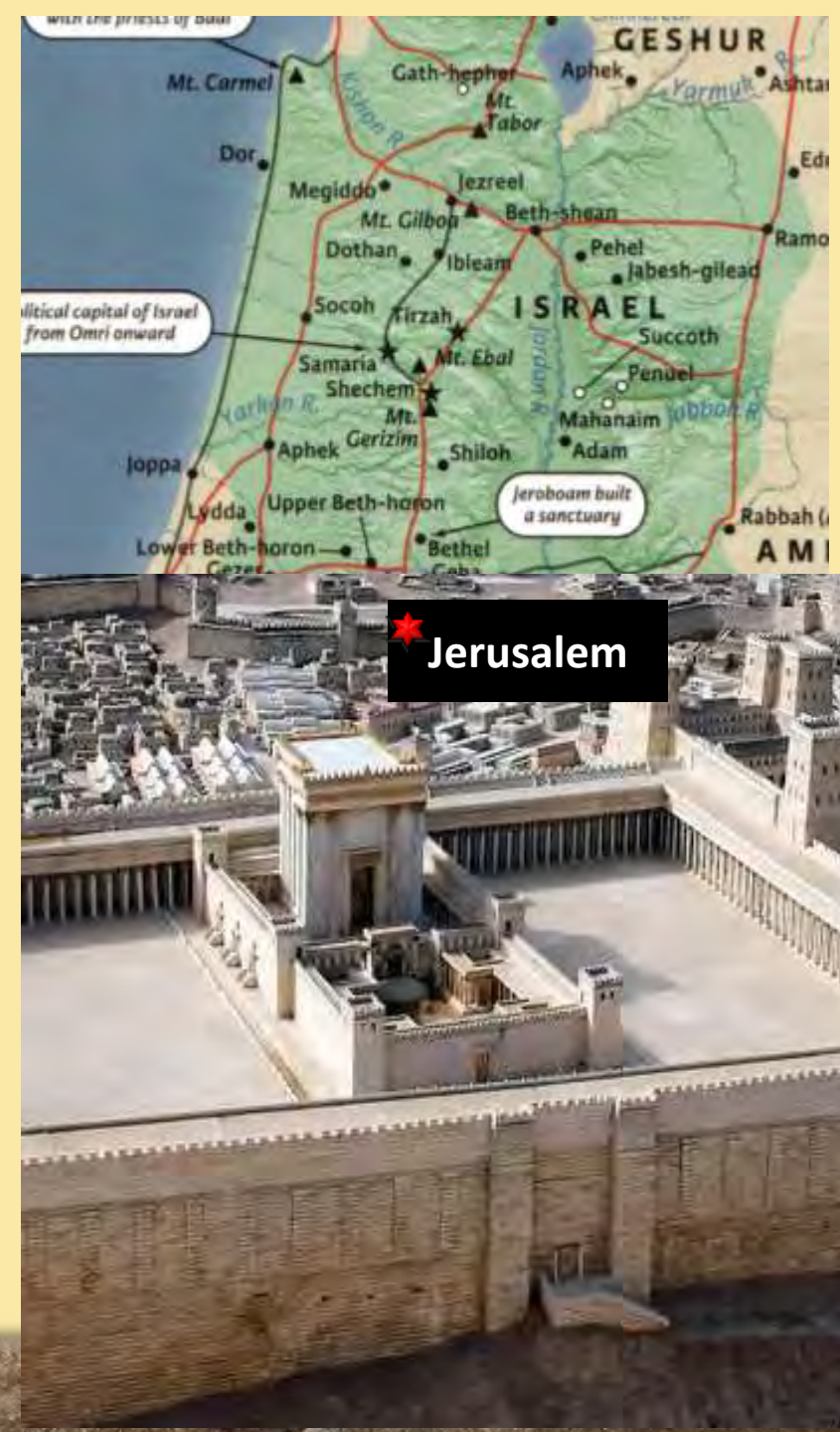
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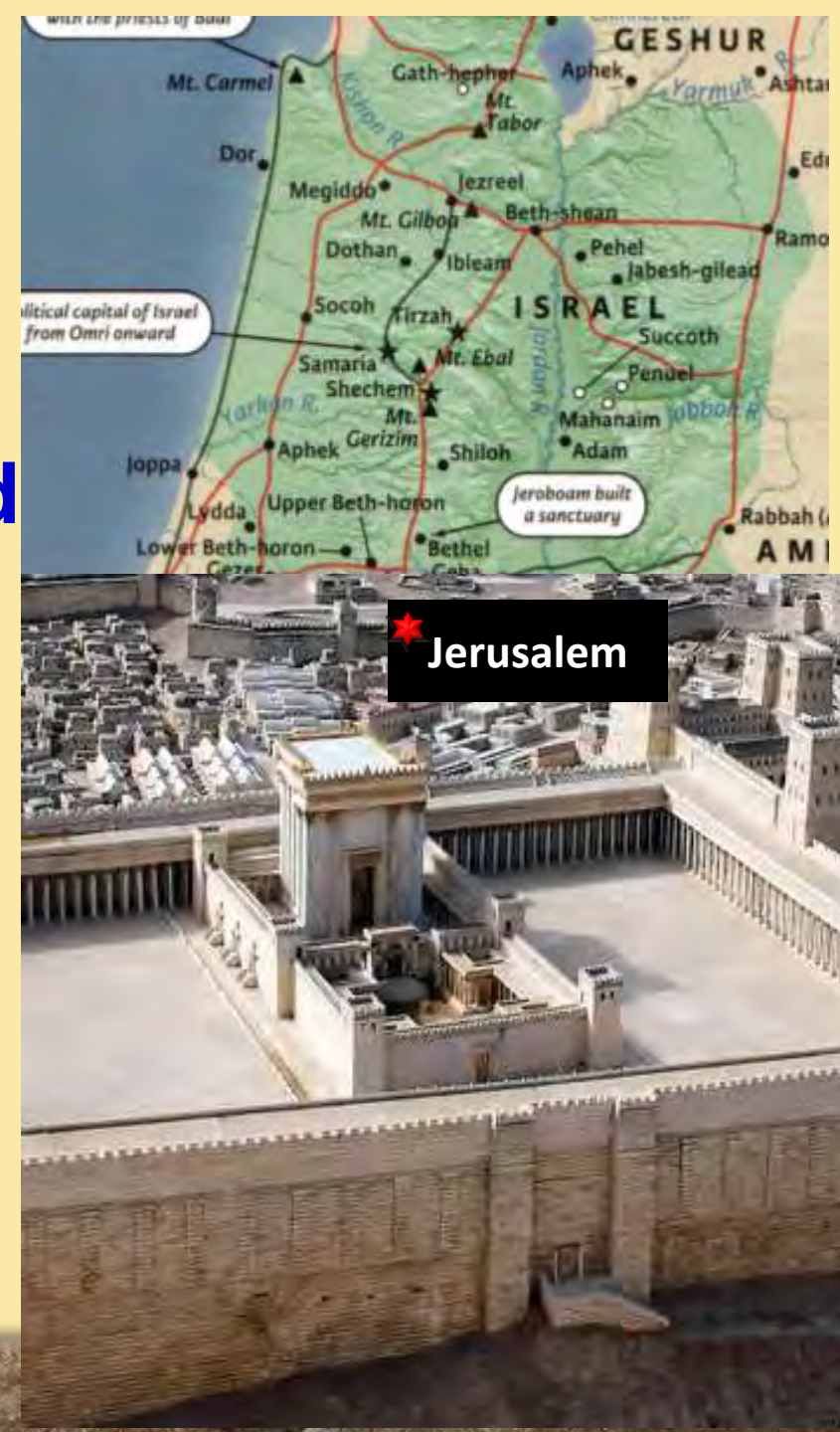
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I have heard YOU, declares the Lord.

20 Therefore I will gather you to your ancestors ... buried in peace.

Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place.



2 Kings 22 closes with Huldah
2 Kings 23 – the RESPONSE
King Josiah Calls
EVERYONE

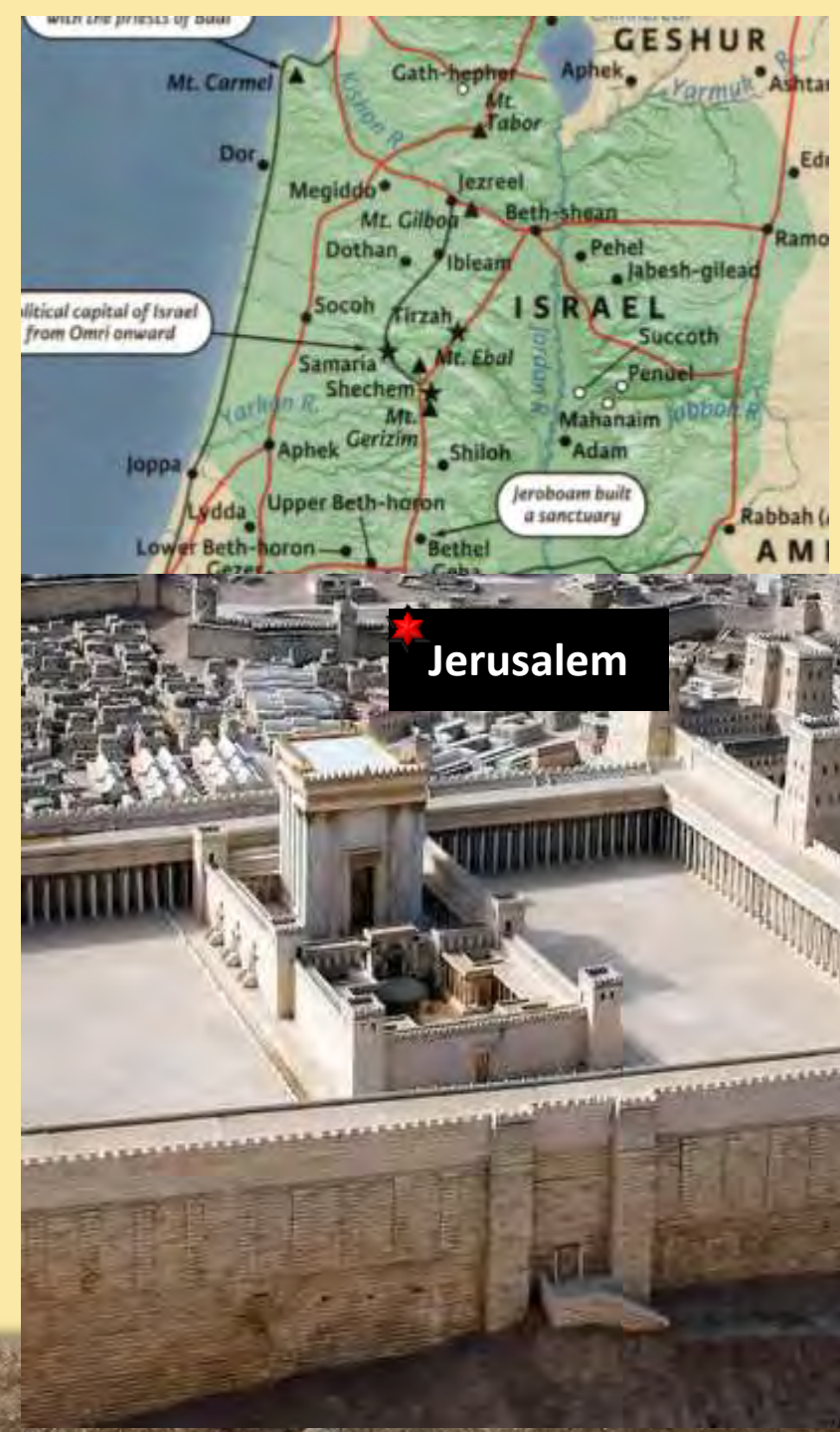
from the Least to the Greatest

Josiah read the Book of the Covenant

All Pledge to Obey Covenant

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Most Comprehensive Revival in
Hebrew History



2 Kings 23 Josiah tears down

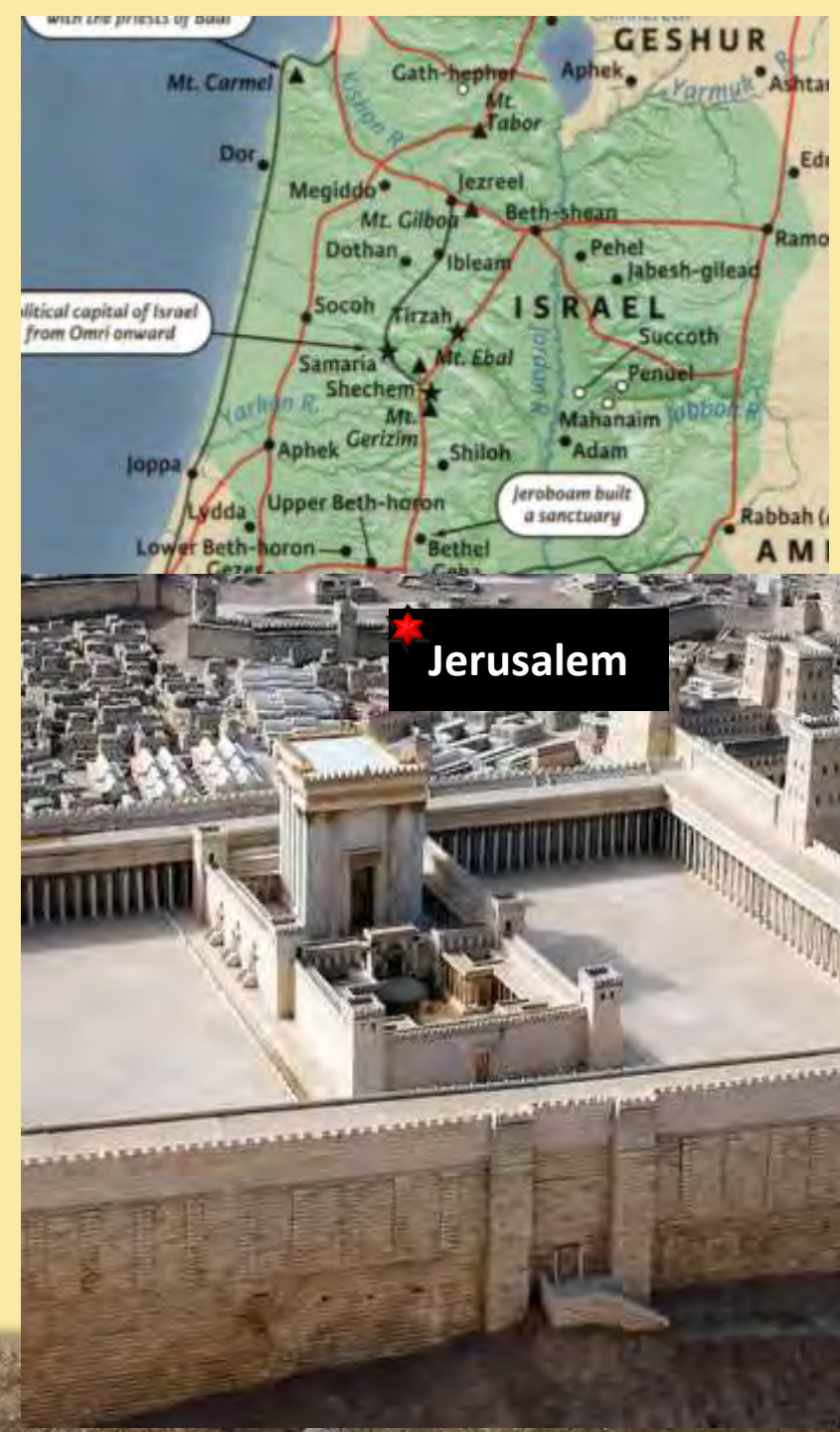
**ALL pagan altars – rids kingdom of
Mediums & Sorcerers**

Moreover, this ... 2 Kings 23:22

**Neither in the days of the judges who
led Israel nor in the days of the kings
of Israel and the kings of Judah had
any such Passover been observed.**

EVERYONE Worships

Best Hebrew Worship since



**2 Kings 24 Josiah fights with Egypt's
Pharoah Necho & Dies at Megiddo**

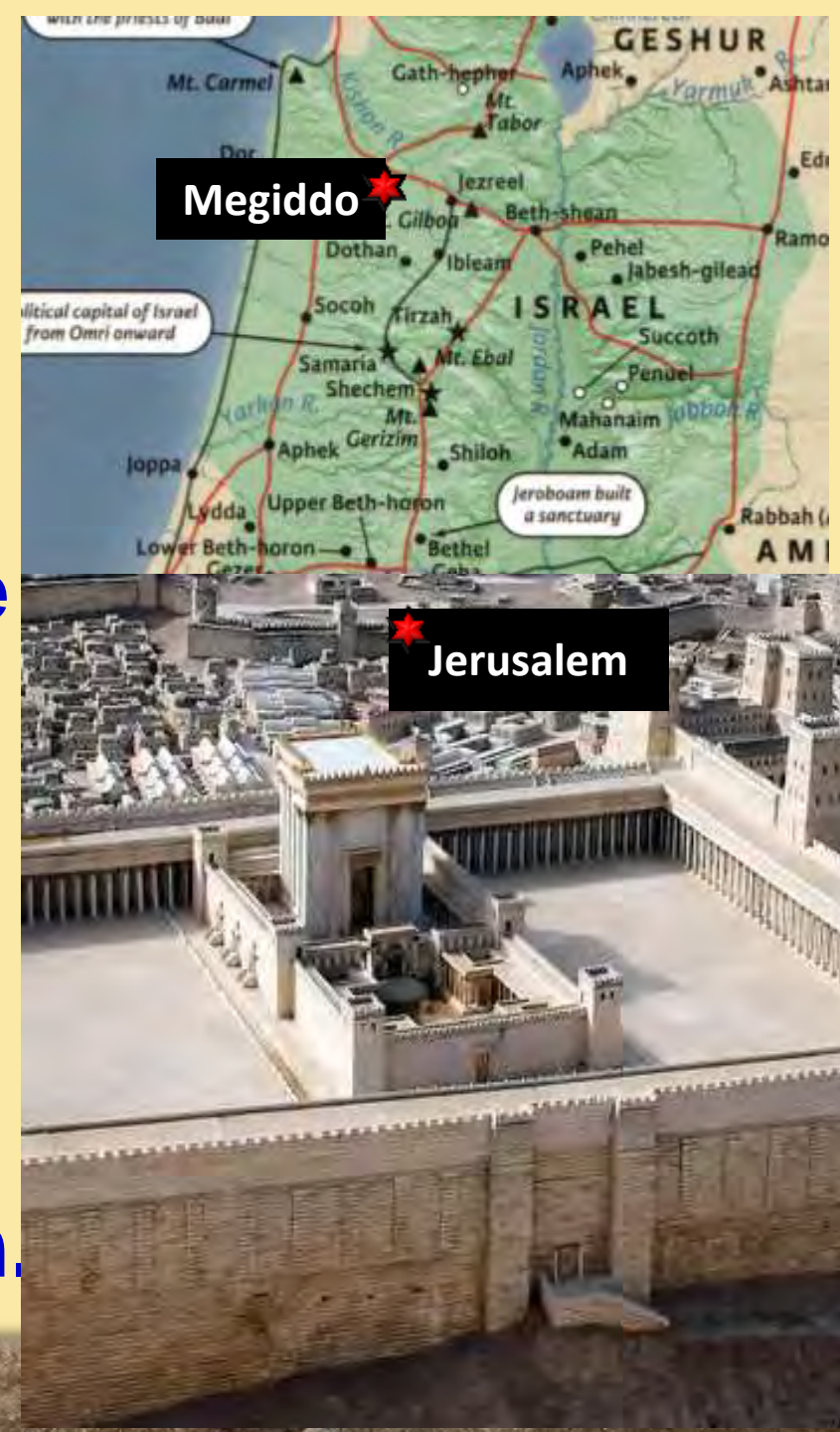
2 Chron 35:25-27 Josiah's Eulogy

**²⁵ Jeremiah wrote laments for Josiah
... to this day ... singers commemorate
Josiah....**

These became a tradition in Israel ...

**²⁶ Other events of Josiah's reign &
his devotion ... ²⁷ are written in the**

Book of the Kings of Israel & Judah.



2 Kings 23 Josiah's son Jehoahaz
enthroned at 23 - reigns 3 months

Necho installs Josiah's son Eliakim

Necho changes Eliakim's name to
Jehoiakim, 25, who reigns 11 years

2 Kings 24 Babylon RISES ...

invades all the land

Jehoiakim's son Jehoiachin reigns 3 months

Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin did EVIL



**2 Kings 24 Jehoiachin vassal of
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon**

Jehoiachin's WEAK 3-month reign ...

Nebuchadnezzar comes to Jerusalem

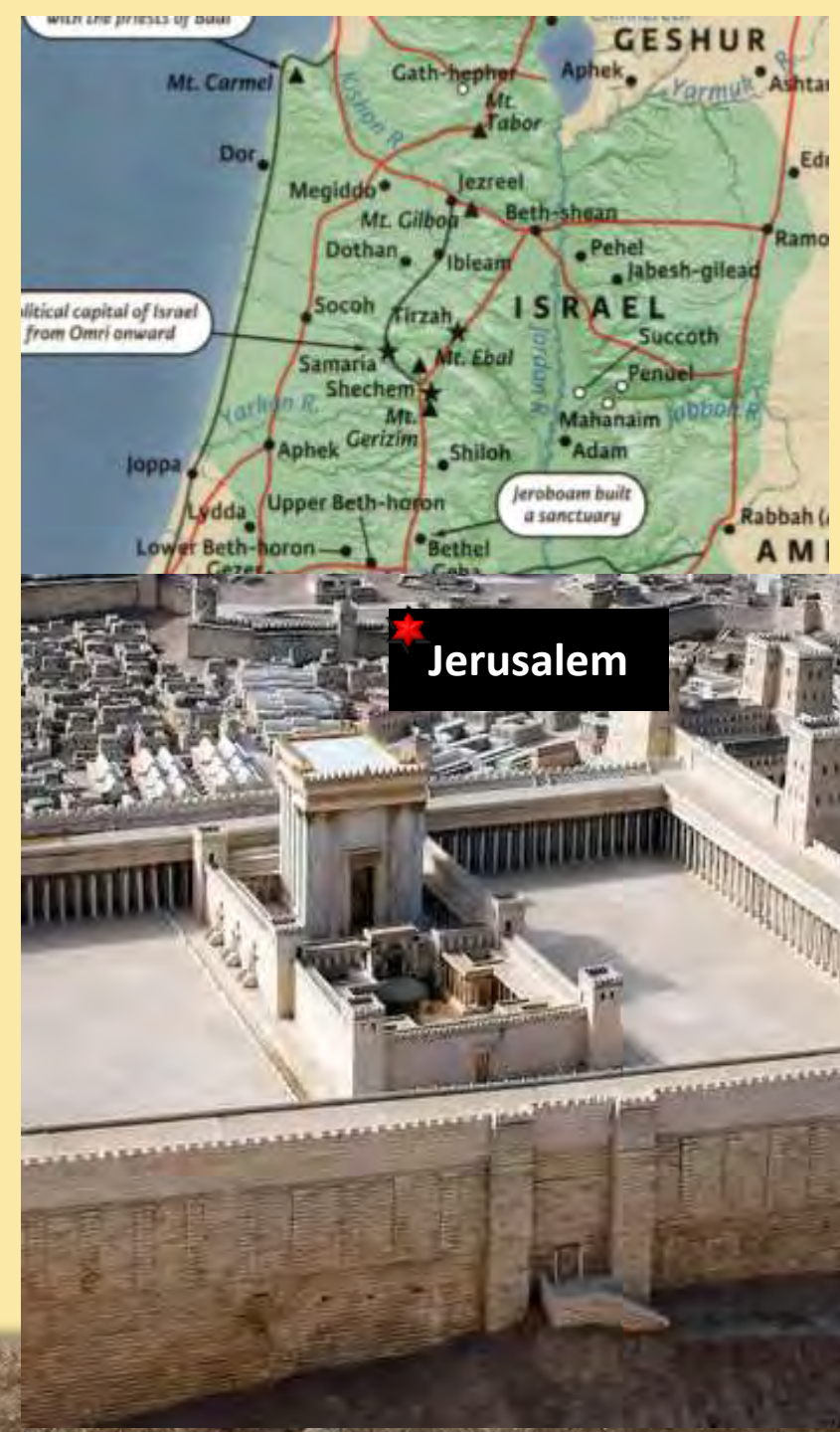
everyone surrenders ...

Nebuchadnezzar loots temple & takes

Jehoiachin, family, nobles prisoners

workers & artisans – 10,000

Best Taken to Babylon




Babylon ...

770+ miles

**Texas is
773 miles wide**



The painting depicts a massive, dusty caravan of people, including men, women, and children, fleeing from a large, fortified city in the background. The figures are carrying various items on their heads and backs, suggesting they are carrying their possessions. The scene is set in a barren, hilly landscape under a cloudy sky. The style is characterized by visible brushstrokes and a rich, somewhat muted color palette of earthy tones.

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Exile of Jews from
Canaan to Babylon

Exile of Judah to Babylon 586 BC
Jeremiah prophesied 70 years

When they return, nothing is the same

In Josiah's 18th YEAR as King ...

His people find the Book of the Law

***AFTER* Josiah's Revival, Kings were**

No Good—Evil

After the Exile ... beginning of Judaism

That is—BEST / LAST Revival in Israel's history

***BEGAN* with the Prophetess Huldah**



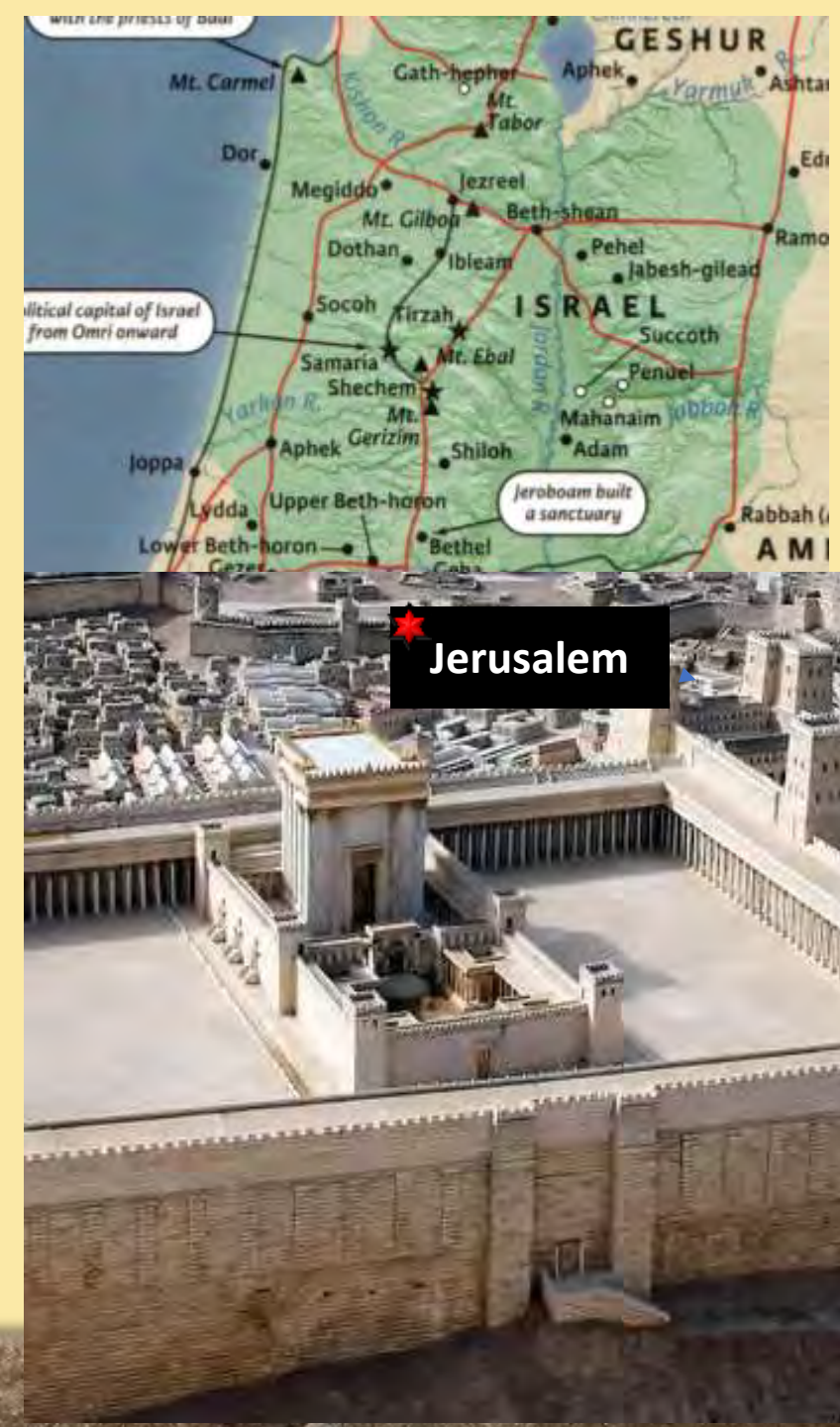
**2 Kings 22 Josiah reigns 31 years
18th yr: FINDS Book of the Law**

**Several unique elements stand out
Prophetess Huldah ... appears to be**

- ✓ **ONLY & TOP prophet available**
- ✓ **ONLY one KNEW what God wanted**
- ✓ **ONLY one KNEW meaning of the**

Book of the Law

**This has PROFOUND importance for
Meaning of Women in Ministry**



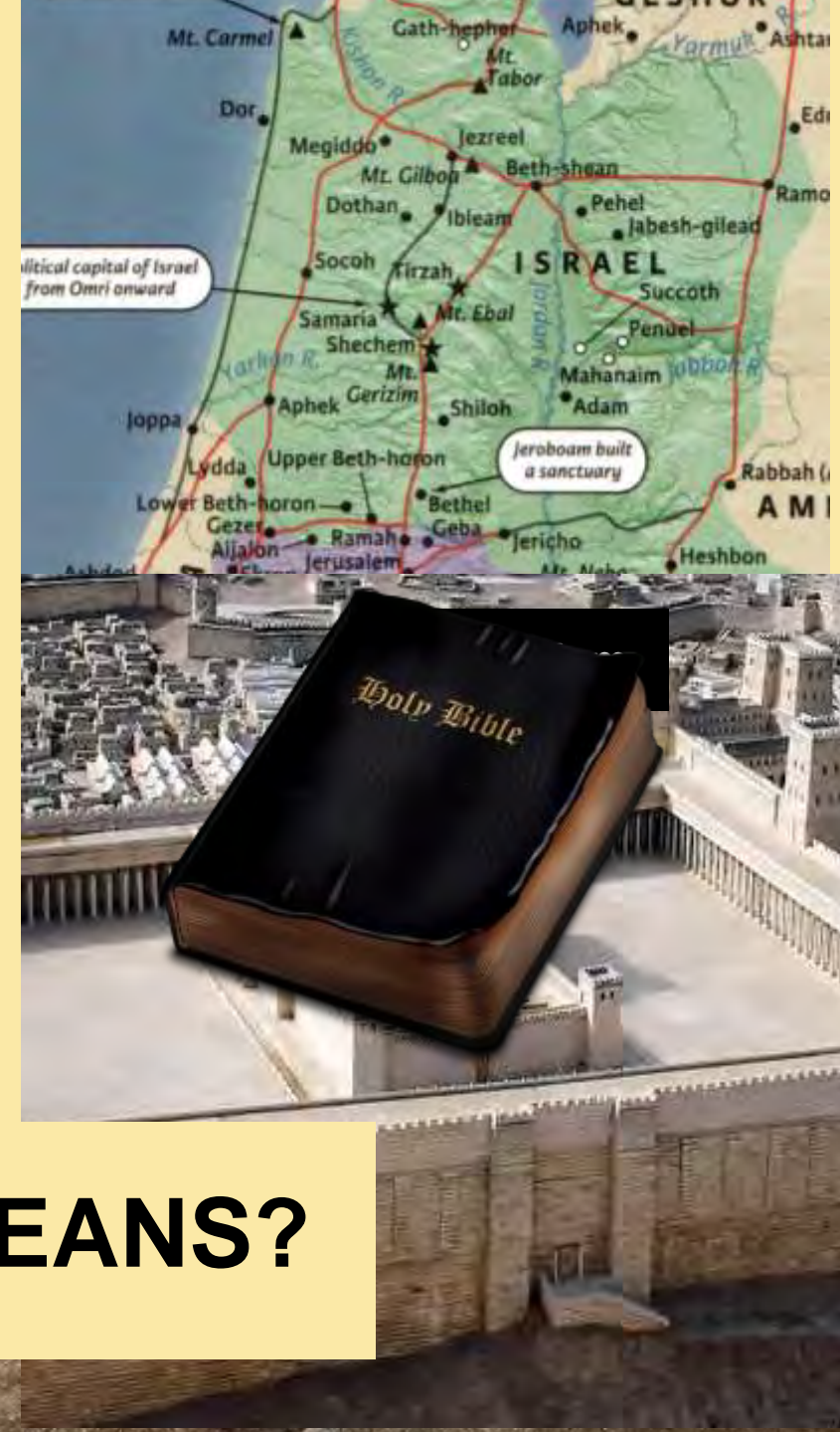
**Stop, Look, Listen to
2 Kings 22 ... read the chapter**

MEN in the Temple are **CLUELESS**

**Better—Josiah was REFORMING from
MEMORY ... tearing down altaers**

But Stop, Look, Listen to 2 Kings 22

- ✓ **For Decades, perhaps Centuries
the Book of the Law was LOST**
- ✓ **High Priest Hilkiah was CLUELESS**
- ✓ **Who KNOWS what the BOOK MEANS?**



**Stop, Look, Listen to
2 Kings 22 ... read the chapter
2 Chron 35 ADDS small pieces
yet both REPEAT nearly verbatim**

Huldah Scenario

2 Kings 22:14 says ...

**Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Akbor,
Shaphan and Asaiah went to speak to
the prophetess Huldah ...
wife of Shallum**





What does this say about ...

Women in Ministry in Old Testament
Lot of women from Adam & Eve to the
Exile to Babylon

Who is this WIFE of the ... the ... the
Keeper of the Wardrobe

FIRST ... see 2 Kings 22 clearly ...

King Josiah's heart was right & IGNORANT
High Priest Hilkiah was just IGNORANT



**What does this say about ... the ... the
Abysmal State of Worship
Mini-Revival under Hezekiah ... then the
Book of the Law is FOUND
No One ... King, High Priest ... NO ONE
Knows What to DO?
THEN ... with guidance FROM the very ...
Very ... Very ... Very ... Good King Josiah
Why? . . . Why?**



What does this say about ... about ...

Everyone in POWER

When they needed ... wanted ... sought

Word from the LORD

ALL those in POWER ... King & Priest

Did NOT have to Search

So much missing ... what we have is

Clear ... Straight ... Unambiguous ...

Where's GOD's Word?



What does this say about ... the ...

Hour of Need

Shining light in the Old Testament ...

a Woman ... answers

Don't confuse this ... read 2 Kings 22

They Did NOT Search

So much missing ... entire LIFE of ...

Credibility ... Holiness ... God-KNOWING

Huldah – Who Knew God



Walk with us now ... you see this
High Priest Hilkiah
with his son Ahikam
Shaphan, Josiah's Chief of Staff
Akbor and Asaiah

You know EVERYONE knew ...

Who They were

a servant carried the Book of Law
umbrella to shade Shaphan



As the entourage is walking ...
Old & young look out the window
Kids stop playing the street
Few POINT ... **“Look there”**

Where are THEY Going??

Another says, **“Whew ... ah oh!**

Someone's in Trouble!

ALL SAW ... this was very, very

SERIOUS

Entourage passed the
Local Florist ...

Bakery ... Jeweler

Homes of quarry workers

On their way through
the New Quarter

Fred said, “**Hey, Shaphan?**

Can I talk with yah?”

Shaphan shrugged, “**Nope ... on King’s business!”**





Climbed ... descended steps
High Priest Hilkiah was leading
Hilkiah knew the way ...
Just last month, Hilkiah visited
Lunch & Conference with both
Jeremiah & Huldah
Hilkiah said to Shaphan,
“Just a few more blocks”
‘Twas a beautiful sunny day ...

Finally arrive ... and ...

You know how it is ...

**When a few Cop Cars
pull up next door**

NEIGHBORS

look thru windows

**Shallum greets Shaphan
*a bit fearfully***

WHAT IN THE WORLD



High Priest Hilkiah *SILENT*

Shaphan says kindly,

“We need to see Huldah”

“Urgent for King Josiah”

Shallum returns ... says

**“She said have a seat,
She’ll be right out”**

Bit nervous, Shallum says

“She’s fixing her hair”



**ALL the Kings Men ... wait
Shuphan hands Huldah the**

Book of the Law

**Chief of Staff Shaphan explains
how the High Priest *found it***

What Good King Josiah said

THEY ... on behalf of the KING

Inquire of the LORD ... about

Book of the Law



**Now to hear Huldah's straight ...
clear ... unvarnished TRUTH**

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I imagine Huldah pausing ...



slowing ... gently, Huldah says

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your ancestors ...**

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Your eyes will not see

**all the disaster I am going
to bring on this place.**



2 Kings 22:20 ...

**20 So they took her answer
back to King Josiah**

**After the message from the
Prophetess Huldah**

**Hebrews see their
Greatest & Last Revival
in their history**



Exquisite Lesson is clear

Be like Huldah ...

Be Honest ... Be True

Even with the

King's Men

Even with the

King of the Land

All for the sake of

THE KING

