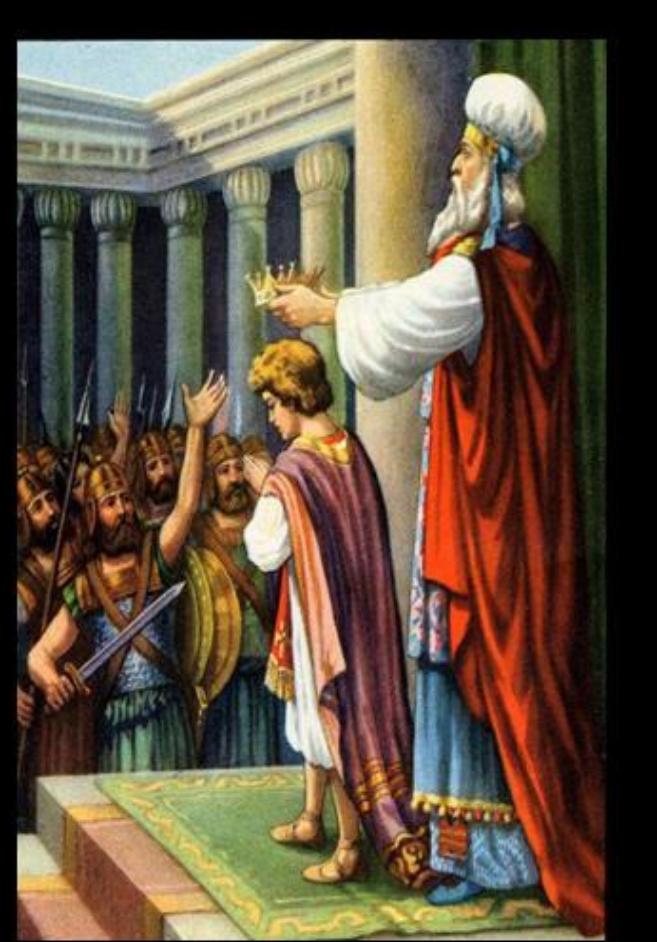


“Raising The Bar”

Josiah



The High Jump



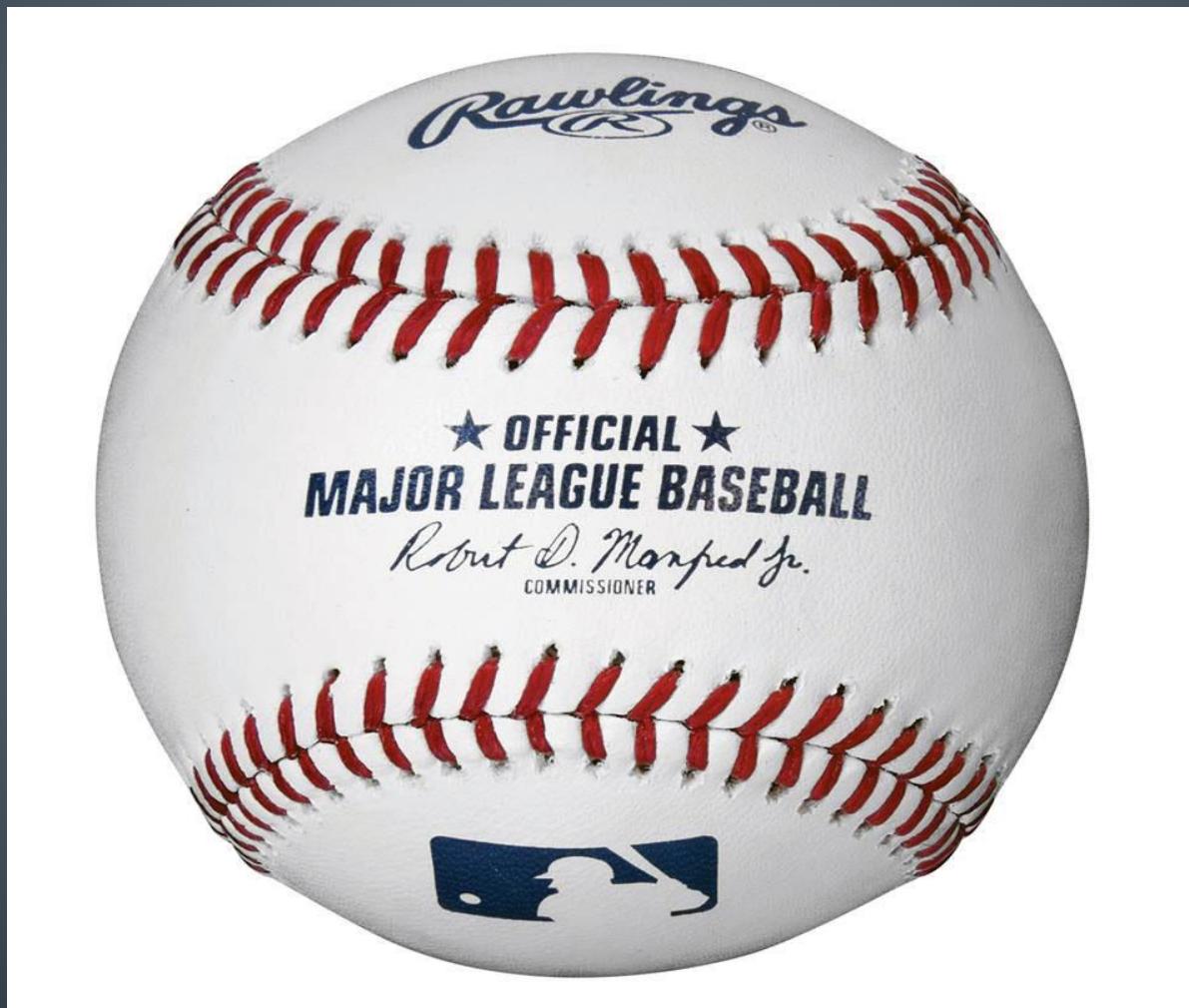
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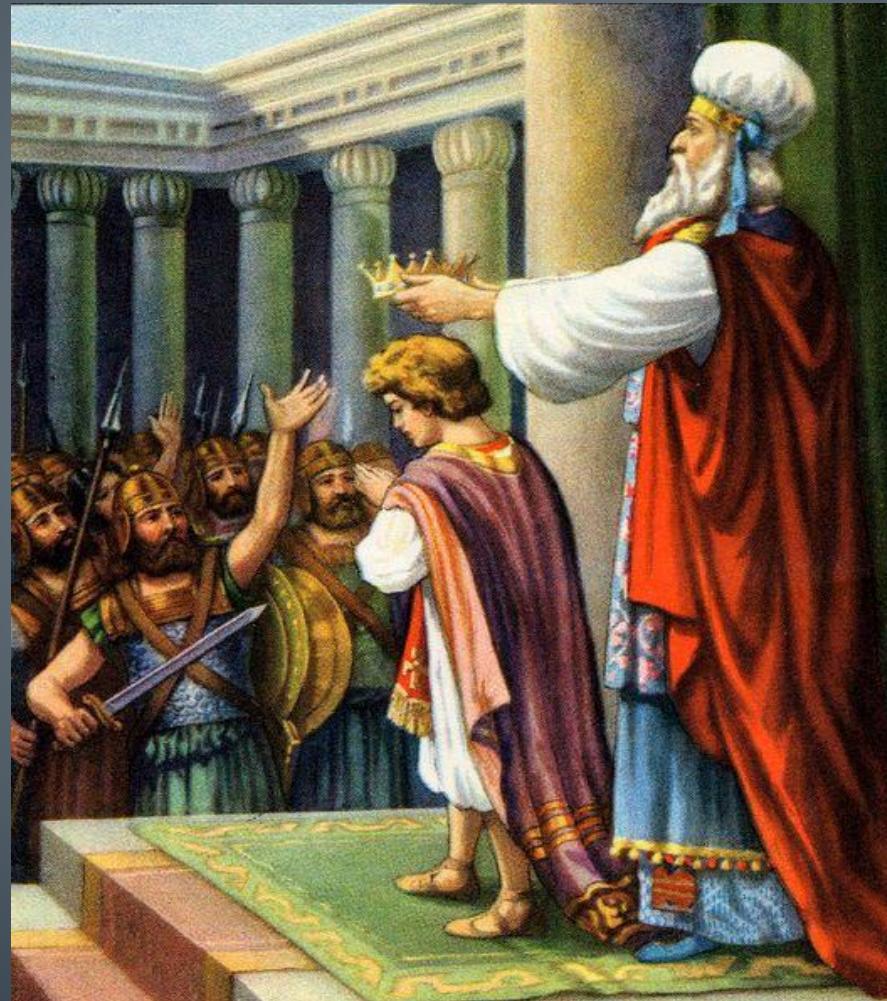
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The Great Commission

King Josiah



Josiah, The Boy King

“Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.”

(II Chronicles 34:1)

Josiah, The Righteous King

“And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father; and he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.”

(II Chronicles 34:2)

To borrow Isaiah's words
describing the future reign
of Christ, "and a little child
shall lead them."

(Isaiah 11:6)

I. Redeeming The Land (34:3-7)

Sought the God of David at age 16

**Cleansed the land of idols and their
places of worship at age 20**

Bible Is Clear On Idolatry

“Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry” (I Corinthians 10:14)

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols” (I John 5:21)

Amazing Aspects

1. He lived through it
2. He was prophesied by name

Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name, and he shall sacrifice on you the priests of the high places who make offerings on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.

(I Kings 13:2)

Cleansing Our Land

Materialism

Hedonism

Abortion

Same-Sex Marriages

II. Repairing The Temple (34:8-13)

At age 26 Josiah began a project
after 250 years of neglect

Haggai 1:2-5

“Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.” Then the word of the LORD came by the hand of Haggai the prophet, “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now, therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider your ways.”

III. Recovering The Word (34:14-33)

While they were bringing out the money that had been brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the LORD given through Moses.

(II Chronicles 34:14)

Warren Wiersbe

“It seems remarkable that the book of the Law should be lost in the temple! That would be like losing the Bible in a church building and not missing it for years.”

1. The Law Is Read To The King

Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read from it before the king.

(II Chronicles 34:18)

2. The King Mourns

And when the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his clothes.

(II Chronicles 34:19)

3. The King Seeks God

“Go inquire of the Lord”
(II Chronicles 34:21)

4. The King Understands

**For great is the wrath of the LORD
that is poured out on us, because
our fathers have not kept the word
of the LORD, to do according to all
that is written in this book.**

(II Chronicles 34:21)

5. Huldah Confirms God's Wrath

**Because they have forsaken me and
have made offerings to other gods, that
they might provoke me to anger with all
the works of their hands, therefore my
wrath will be poured out on this place
and will not be quenched.**

(II Chronicles 34:25)

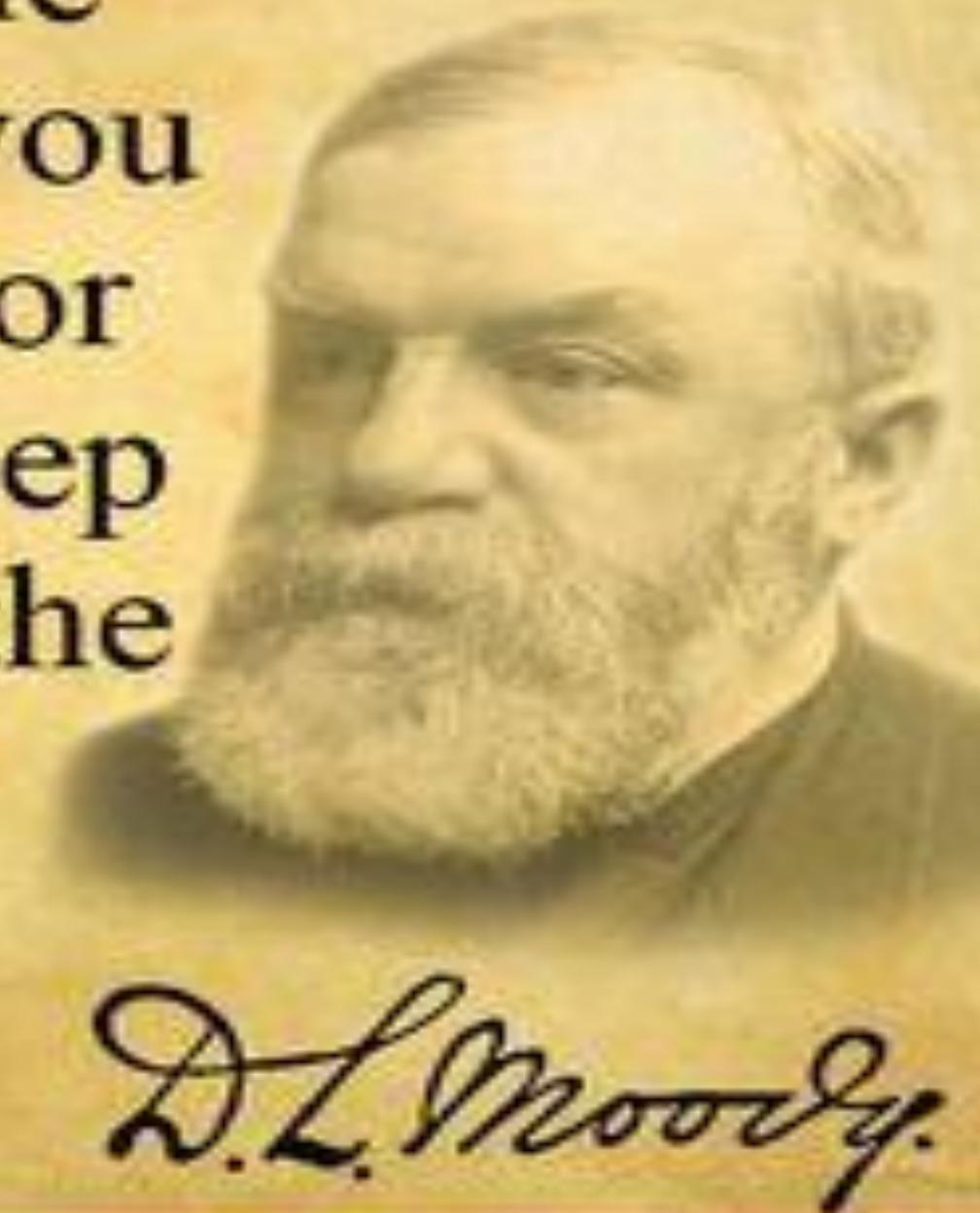
6. The King Makes A Covenant

And the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book.

(II Chronicles 34:31)

“The Bible
will keep you
from sin, or
sin will keep
you from the
Bible”

D.L. Moody
1837 - 1899



D.L. Moody.

IV. Restoring The Passover (35:1-19)

Josiah kept a Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem. And they slaughtered the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month (35:1).

In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this Passover was kept (35:19)

Passover Highlights

1. Josiah encourages the priests

He appointed the priests to their offices and encouraged them in the service of the house of the LORD.

(35:2)

Passover Highlights

2. Josiah put ark in the temple (35:3)
3. Josiah ordered preparation (35:4)
4. Josiah contributed (35:7-9)

Passover Highlights

5. Josiah led the Passover

So all the service of the LORD was prepared that day, to keep the Passover and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD, according to the command of King Josiah (35:16).

Historic Passover!!!

No Passover like it had been kept in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet. None of the kings of Israel had kept such a Passover as was kept by Josiah, and the priests and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem (**I Chronicles 35:18**)

What makes a great king?

Or a great Christian?

**They lower themselves in order to
raise the bar!**

Jesus: “The first shall be last and the last shall be first.”

James: “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

II Chronicles 34:27-28

Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard his words against this place and its inhabitants, and you have humbled yourself before me and have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares the LORD.

Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place and its inhabitants.

Zedekiah Captured

Sons killed before him
& then his eyes were gouged
out!

Two Kings

Josiah and Zedekiah teach us
that it is best to not to lower the
bar but to RAISE THE BAR!