

2 Chron 34:

"Eight Year Old Courage"

Cross references:  
2 Kings chap 22

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## 1. Introduction

a. King Josiah 8 years old when he became king

- grandson to bad king Manasseh

- Josiah good king & ruled 31 years

b. Josiah's continued spiritual growth

- age 16: began to seek the God of his father David (34:3)

- age 20: he destroyed false gods & their places of worship

\* he went through the lands of tribes Manasseh, Ephraim, Simeon, & Naphtali to destroy false gods

- age 26: he set up money & repair workers to repair God's temple

## 2. Rejection

a. What does Josiah reject?

- he rejected his grandfather's false gods (57 years)

b. Noticeable departure (34:1)

- Josiah did what was right in God's sight

c. New direction (34:8)

- Josiah finished removing all the false gods in all Israel

- age 26 (18<sup>th</sup> year of ruling) begins repairing God's temple

### 3. Replacement

#### a. Realized cost (34:8-9)

- remnants of survivors from northern Israel bring money
- Judah & Benjamin also bring money to temple

#### b. Repairs & restoration construction <sup>begins</sup>

#### c. Renewed cause (34:12)

- construction workers did the work faithfully

### 4. Realization (34:14)

#### a. Remarkable recovery (34:14)

- Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law (Torah)

#### b. Repenting response (34:18-21)

- King Josiah followed custom of behavior in repentance
- he understood that God's wrath was on the nation for their disobedience

#### c. Rigorous resolve (34:29-32)

- King gathered all the leaders & the people to hear the words of the Book of the Law
- King led the nation to obey the Books of the Law (34:33)

### 5. Revival

#### a. Contagious courage (34:9, 33)

- 1<sup>st</sup> the king follows God
- then the leaders
- finally the people
- & surrounding lands also affected

#### b. Continued commitment

- "During Josiah's lifetime the people followed the Lord God of their ancestors
- all Judah & Israel present (2 Chron 35:18)

#### c. All Judah & Israel kept the Passover Feast (2 Chron 35:1-19)