

WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

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Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

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1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of **Jehosheba** has been helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read 2 Kings 22:1-20

2. From **V1-2**, what do you discover about Josiah and his family?
3. What plans were made in the eighteenth year of his reign according to **V3-7**?
4. According to **V8-10**, what did Hilkiah find in the temple, and what was done with it?
5. a) Read **Deuteronomy 17:18-20**. How was a king supposed to treat the Book of the Law and why?

b) Read **Deuteronomy 31:24-27**. What were Moses' instructions about where the Book of the Law was kept, and what was the purpose of keeping it there?

c) Read **Deuteronomy 31:9-13**. How often was the Book of the Law to be read, and who was to be present? What was the purpose of reading the law?
6. Assess/confess what place the Word of God has in your life and your attitude toward it.
7. In **V11**, how did the king respond when he heard the Word of God, and what did that exhibit?
8. a) What inquiry did hearing the Book of the Law prompt in **V12-13**?

8. b) In your own words, what truths did the king acknowledge in these verses?
9. a) To whom did Hilkiah go, and who was this woman? (**V14**)
- b) Of all the prophets in the land, what could be some of the reasons Huldah was consulted?
10. a) What was God's reaction and why, as expressed through Huldah in **V15-17**?
- b) What separate message from the LORD did Huldah relay to the king? (**V18-20**)
- c) After reading the last sentence in **V20**, what possible risks was Huldah facing?
11. What aspects of God's character do you see revealed in **V15-20**?
12. Recall a time when your heart was responsive to the Word of God. What truths were imprinted on your heart, and what course correction were you prompted to take?

SECTION II: Read 2 Kings 23:1-25

13. What impressed you about what the king did, and what were the ripple effects in **V1-3**?
14. Of the measures Josiah took to rid the land of detestable idols, what stands out most to you in:
- V4-7** _____
- V8-9** _____
- V10-11** _____
- V12-14** _____
15. Read what was prophesied 300 years prior to Josiah's reign in **1 Kings 13:1-3** and how it was fulfilled in **V15-20**. What astounds you about this?

16. In **V21-23**, how was the celebration that the king reinstated in Israel described?
17. As you consider the reforms of King Josiah, including those in **V24**, what idols in your life compete with your ability to obey the Word of the Lord? What action are you willing to take to restore God to the throne of your life?
18. Read **V25** together with **2 Chronicles 34:33**. What inspires you about Josiah?
19. a) Huldah spoke God's hard truth to Judah's priests and king. Imagine what it was like as she witnessed how God was then honored in:
- the drastic reforms
 - the Passover celebration
- b) How does her courageous stand encourage you as you stand for Truth?
20. Write a specific prayer asking for God's Word to impact you, others, or your culture.

DIGGING DEEPER

King Josiah was humbled and changed by hearing the Book of the Law. Meditate on these verses about the power of His Word.

1. Read **Psalm 19:7-11**. Which of the many benefits of the Word of God do you desire?
2. According to **Psalm 107:20**, what can the Word accomplish?
3. Write a truth about the Word of God from **Isaiah 55:10-11**.
4. How did Jeremiah describe His Word, and what does that mean to you? (**Jeremiah 15:16**)
5. What does Jesus say about His Words in **John 6:63**?
6. Read **Hebrews 4:12** and describe the power of the Word of God in your own words.
7. Suggested Memory Verse: **Psalm 119:11**

