Week 8: Manasseh - Josiah - Judah going into captivity

Manasseh-Josiah-Judah going into captivity: 2 Kings 21-25

Objective:

- Manasseh Reigns in Judah after Hezekiah
- Josiah Reigns in Judah
- Josiah Restores True Worship
- Josiah Dies in Battle
- The Reign of the Babylonians

Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

Reading:

- ◦ 2 Kings 21:1-18
  ◦ 2 Kings 22:1-20
  ◦ 2 Kings 23:1-30
  ◦ 2 Kings 24:10-12
  ◦ 2 Kings 25: Worth mentioning that at this time both north and south kingdoms were taken into the Babylonian captivity.

Key verse(s):

- “Go, inquire of the Lord for me, for the people and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great *is* the wrath of the Lord that is aroused against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book” 2 Kings 22:13

Comments:

- Josiah was the last Godly king. He restored the worship and lead a spiritual reformation after he heard the words of the Book of the Law.

- He knew that the people drifted away from the words of this book, and that's why God was not happy with them.
- He worked a lot in eliminating all that is evil.
- After his death, more evil kings reigned.
- Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came and destroyed Judah and the Temple and took them into captivity.

Review/recap questions:
***Servant may add more questions*

1. Was Manasseh as good as his father?
2. Why did Josiah tear his clothes when he heard the words of the book of the Law?
3. How did Huldah give comfort to Josiah?
4. Who did Nebuchadnezzar exile?

Homework:
***Servant may add more questions*

1. Manasseh killed many people. True or false?
2. Huldah was:
   a) a queen b) the wife of Josiah c) the mother of Hilkiah d) a prophetess
3. Shaphan read to Josiah from:
   a) the Holy Bible b) the book of the Law c) the book of history d) the newspaper
4. Josiah made a covenant before the Lord to follow the Lord with all his _____ and all his _____.
   Which feast was held on the eighteenth year of Josiah’s reign?
   a) Christmas b) Easter c) Passover d) Epiphany
5. Name the King of Babylon who came against Judah:
   a) Nebuchadnezzar b) Jehoiakim c) Judah d) Manasseh

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