



# INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS



## THIRD QUARTER: STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

### LESSON VI. Josiah's Good Reign.

[Aug. 6]

**GOLDEN TEXT.** Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth. Eccl. 12. 1.

**AUTHORIZED VERSION**

2 Chron. 34. 1-13 [Commit to memory verses 1-3]

1 Jo-si'ah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Je-ru'-sa-lem one and thirty years.

2 And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of Da'vid his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left.

3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of Da'vid his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Ju'dah and Je-ru'-sa-lem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images.

4 And they brake down the altars of Ba'al-*im* in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them.

5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Ju'dah and Je-ru'-sa-lem.

6 And so did he in the cities of Ma-nas'seh, and E'phra-*im*, and Sim'e-on, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks round about.

7 And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Is-ra-el, he returned to Je-ru'-sa-lem.

8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Sha'phan the son of Aza-l'ah, and Ma-a-se'iah the governor of the city, and Jo'ah the son of Jo'a-haz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God.

9 And when they came to Hil-ki'ah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Le'-vites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Ma-nas'seh and E'phra-*im*, and of all the remnant of Is-ra-el, and of all Ju'dah and Ben'-ja-min; and they returned to Je-ru'-sa-lem.

10 And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen that

**REVISED VERSION.\***

1 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. 2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. 3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images. 4 And they brake down the altars of the Baalim in his presence; and the sun-images that were on high above them he hewed down; and the Asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. 5 And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem. 6 And so did he in the cities of Manasseh and Ephraim and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, in their ruins round about. 7 And he brake down the altars, and beat the Asherim and the graven images into powder, and hewed down all the sun-images throughout all the land of Israel, and returned to Jerusalem.

8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of Jehovah his God. 9 And they came to Hilkiah the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites, the keepers of the threshold, had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin, and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 And they delivered it into the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of Jehovah; and the workmen that wrought in the house

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