

Josiah prophesied 340 years earlier (1 Ki 13:2)

TIMELINE OF THE REIGN OF JOSIAH

Mannasseh introduces every evil practice to Judah. God sends prophets to announce judgement upon Judah for the sins of Manasseh. Manasseh fills the streets of Jerusalem with innocent blood (2 Ki 21:10-16).

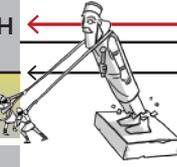


MANASSEH

ASSYRIAN INVASION OF JUDAH (2 CH 33:10-13)

Manasseh is taken prisoner to Babylon where he humbles himself, repents and is returned by God to Jerusalem.

REFORMS



After returning, Manasseh removes idols from Jerusalem, but the people continue to worship in the high places (2 Ch 33:11-17)

Amon reinstates idolatry, but assassinated by his servants (2 Ki 21:19-22)



AMON

640 Assassins put to death, Josiah appointed as the King of Judah (2 Ch 33:24-25) 7 Years Old

Jedidah his mother, Shaphan the scribe and Hilkiah the high priest, all faithful, probably guided Josiah during this time and took most of the responsibilities for ruling the kingdom

Josiah begins to seek the God of David his father (2 Ch 34:3)

Josiah's relative—a descendent of Hezekiah (Ze 1:1)

Growing prosperity of Judah (Ze 1:10-13)



NAHUM

SCYTHIAN RAIDS
Coastlands devastated, Judah bypassed

ASHUR-BANIPAL

Nineveh will be destroyed (Na 1-3)

Jeremiah (a priest of Anathoth) called and commissioned by God (Jer 1)

Jerusalem has forsaken God (Jer 2-6)

Jeremiah stands in the temple gates and calls for repentance (Jer 7-10)

ASSYRIAN DECLINE

BABYLONIAN POWER

630 Purges idolatry from Judah, removing Asherim, destroying altars of Baal grinding up metal images & putting idolatrous priests to death in towns from Simeon to Naphteli (2 Ch 34:3-7)

Did he seek from Zephaniah?

Prophesies of the coming judgment upon Judah, Jerusalem and the surrounding nations with emphasis on the consequences for the royal household (Ze 1-3)

ZEPHANIAH

REFORMS

627 Commences repairs of the temple under the supervision of Hilkiah the high priest. The **Book of the Law** (five books of Moses) is found in the temple and read to the King who tears his garments at the judgments prophesied for Judah and enquires of the Lord by Huldah the prophetess (2 Ki 22:3-14)

Huldah provides God's answer: God will judge Judah, but only after the death of Josiah.



622 Book of the Covenant read to the people, Josiah continues to purge the land of idolatry (2 Ki 23)

Vessels of Baal removed from temple, corrupt priests deposed, brothels destroyed, the Asherah burnt, altars of Molech defiled, royal altars removed from palace, pillars and altars all around Jerusalem thrown down, and the altar of Bethel destroyed (2 Ki 23:4-20)

HABAKKUK

JEREMIAH

God raises up the Chaldeans (Ha 1:6)

Passover declared, priests appointed, ark restored to temple, priestly divisions of service restored, offerings given to the people by king and officials, singers restored to their place. No passover had been kept like this since the days of Samauel (2 Ch 35).

Josiah may have spent remainder of reign continuing to reform and prepare the temple (2Ch 35:20)

This was the will of God

In spite of reforms Habakkuk despairs at the iniquities of Judah he continues to witness (Ha 1-3)

Egypt's shortlived resurgence

EGYPT

Prophecy against Egypt & Philistia (Jer 47)

EGYPTIAN INVASION OF PHILISTIA

NECO

JOSIAH DEFEATED BY NECO (2 Ki 23:29-30)
Neco wanted to pass through Judah to Assyria, Josiah met him in battle at Megiddo and was killed by Egyptian archers in fulfillment of 2 Ki 22:20.

609 The people mourn Josiah (2 Ch 35:24-27), Jehoahaz his son deposed by Neco and taken into exile in Egypt (2 Ch 36:3-4) with his older brother installed as king. Both were evil & restored idol worship.

JEHOIAKIM

JEHOAHAZ
(3 Months)

Men of Anathoth conspire against Jeremiah (Jer 11-12)

Jeremiah laments for Josiah (2 Ch 35:25)

Jehoahaz never to return & warning for Jehoahaz (Jer 22)

ASSYRIO-EGYPTIAN ALLIANCE

GROWING