

Two Good Kings: Hezekiah and Josiah

2 Kings 18:3

King Josiah and King Hezekiah were good kings of Judah. Many things they did were the same or similar. Look at the list of things Josiah did and put a check (tick) after things that Hezekiah did as well. If you are not sure, read 2 Kings 18 to find out what Hezekiah did.

Josiah's Actions	Hezekiah
1. Had the temple repaired	
2. Read the Book of the Law (the Word) to the people of Judah	
3. Made a covenant with the Lord	
4. Destroyed all the articles that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven	
5. Removed priests of high places	
6. Removed idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places	
7. Removed priests who burned incense to Baal, and to the sun, moon, constellations, and all the host of heaven	
8. Removed the wooden images	
9. Broke the sacred pillars	
10. Destroyed high places	
11. Stopped the burning of children	
12. Stopped sun worship	
13. Removed the horses at the entrance to the house of the Lord that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun,	
14. Destroyed altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the Lord	
15. Defiled high places east of Jerusalem	
16. Prayed to the Lord	
17. Destroyed Jeroboam's high place and defiled Jeroboam's altar	
18. Went into Samaria and destroyed false worship there	
19. Commanded all the people to keep the Passover to the Lord	
20. Put away mediums and spiritists and those who consulted them	
21. Followed the Lord all the days of his life	

- ❖ It was written of both kings that “there was no king like him.” What do you think this might have meant?

- ❖ What one thing did Josiah have that Hezekiah did not have while working to restore true worship to Judah? How might that one possession have helped Josiah in his efforts? How might its lack have made the work harder for Hezekiah?