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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1st and 2nd Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

not when reading 1st and 2nd Kings... where we read the historical perspective of the 10 tribes of the **Northern Kingdom**... the House of **Israel**.

Under King Josiah's reforms, they observe the Passover,

1 Then Josiah kept a Passover to the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month.

2 And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the House of the LORD,

3 And said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy to the LORD, Put the holy Ark in the House that Solomon the son of David king of Israel built; it will not be a burden on your shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and His people Israel,

4 And arrange yourselves by the houses of your fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of King David of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son.

5 And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your kinsmen, and after the division of the families of the Levites.

6 So kill the Passover lamb, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your kinsmen, that they may do according to the word of the LORD through the hand of Moses.

7 And Josiah gave to the people from his flocks, lambs and goats, all for the Passover offerings, for all who were present, totaling 30,000, and 3,000 bullocks: these came from the king's property.

8 And his officers gave willingly to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the House of God, gave to the priests for the Passover offerings 2,600 small cattle and 300 oxen.

9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brothers, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave to the Levites for Passover offerings 5,000 lambs, and 500 oxen.



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¹⁰ So the service was prepared, and the priests stood at their post, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's instruction.

¹¹ And they killed the Passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood from their hands, and the Levites flayed them.

¹² And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer to the LORD, as it is written in the Book of Moses. And so they did with the oxen.

¹³ And they roasted the Passover in fire according to the ordinance: but the other offerings they boiled in pots, caldrons and pans, and divided the meat quickly among all the people.

¹⁴ And afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron were occupied until night, offering burnt offerings and the fat slices; so the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron.

¹⁵ And the singers, the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the instruction of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun, seer of the king; and the doorkeepers waited at every gate; they might not depart from their service; for their brothers the Levites prepared for them.

¹⁶ So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings on the altar of the LORD, according to the instruction of King Josiah.

¹⁷ And the children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. / [3 days are still on the Lord's calendar for His people to keep](#)

¹⁸ Never since the days of Samuel the prophet was there a Passover similar to what was kept in Israel. Never had any king of Israel kept such a Passover as Josiah and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and those who lived in Jerusalem.

¹⁹ In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah this Passover was kept.

²⁰ After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt came up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him.

²¹ But he sent ambassadors to him, saying,

What have you to do with me, O king of Judah? I did not come this day against you, but against the house with which I am at war: for God instructed me to be quick about it: stop meddling with God, who is with me, that He does not destroy you.

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²² But Josiah would not turn away from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and did not heed the words of Neco from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.

²³ And the archers shot at King Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Take me away; for I am severely wounded.

²⁴ So his servants took him from his chariot, and put him in the backup chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in one of the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

²⁵ And Jeremiah sang an elegy for Josiah: and all the singers – both men and women all sang a lament over Josiah to this day, for they made it a custom in Israel: and, indeed, their songs are written in The Lamentations.

²⁶ Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to what was written in the law / the instructions... of the LORD,

²⁷ And his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in The Book of the Kings of Israel and Judah.

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