

BOOK OF 2 KINGS
ELEMENTS OF GENUINE REVIVAL
PT 1-REDEDICATION
2 KINGS 22:1-20

Introduction

What we see in our text reveals a paradox. We have previously seen that the **LORD GOD** had already called for severe judgment of **JUDAH** back in the first part of **MANASSEH'S** day when his wickedness was at its highest peak!

MANASSEH repented while imprisoned in **BABYLON** and the **LORD** restored him to his throne in **JUDAH**. **He changed his ways and tried to turn JUDAH back to the LORD, but judgment was still going to come.** Not in his day, but in the days of his descendants.

In just two short years, **MANASSEH'S** son **AMON** undid what his father had restored and led **JUDAH** far away from the **LORD** again! **AMON** was so wicked that his own servants slew him in his own house!

In our text, we see the people then installed **AMON'S** eight-year-old son, **JOSIAH** as king.

We know that during the reign of one of **MANASSEH'S** descendants judgment was going to fall because the **LORD** had decreed it and nothing was going to stop it! But that **JUDGMENT** that would come would come in the **LORD'S** timing!

However, **before it came**, the **LORD** allowed **JUDAH** to experience a **REVIVAL** under **JOSIAH** because **JOSIAH sought the LORD and walked in the ways of DAVID without wavering in his walk!**

SCRIPTURE records here one of the greatest **REVIVALS** in **JUDAH'S** history! Because of the depth of wickedness that **AMON** had led them again, they stood in need of a genuine spiritual **REVIVAL!**

So, **GOD** raised up this godly king named **JOSIAH!** We're going to see here that **JOSIAH'S** passion for the **LORD** caused him to lead **JUDAH** back in the paths of righteousness!

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We're going to see now how that under his leadership, the kingdom of **JUDAH** experienced a genuine **REVIVAL**.
WHAT I WANT US TO TAKE NOTE OF AS WE GO THROUGH THIS TEXT ARE THE ELEMENTS OF GENUINE REVIVAL.

FIRST, UNDERSTAND THAT GENUINE REVIVAL INVOLVES REDEDICATION! (22:1-20)

- I. NOTE HOW THE TEMPLE OF GOD HAD BEEN NEGLECTED, BECOME RUNDOWN, AND HAD FALLEN INTO A BAD STATE OF DISREPAIR! (vs. 4-6)**
- II. NOTE HOW THE WORD OF GOD HAD ALSO BEEN NEGLECTED AND IGNORED FOR YEARS! (vs. 13)**
In fact, the **WORD OF GOD** had been lost among all the mess that was made in the **TEMPLE!** How sad is that!

While they were cleaning up the mess in the **TEMPLE**, the **LAW** was found and read! Both the priests and the king realized that **they were guilty of transgressing the LAW of the LORD!**

They also came to understand that GOD'S anger was stirred up against them because of the sins they and their nation had committed!

When **KING JOSIAH** saw himself and his nation in the light of the **WORD OF GOD**, he saw how far they had drifted from the **LORD!**

He also understood the need to make things right with the **LORD**. The **WORD OF GOD** convicted his heart and challenged him to seek the **LORD**. So, he **REDEDICATED** himself and his nation to keeping the commands of the **WORD OF GOD!**

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III. NOTE THAT ONE OF THE DEFINING MARKS OF REVIVAL IS A RENEWED DEVOTION TO THE WORD OF GOD!

Sadly, the **WORD OF GOD** has largely become a neglected **BOOK** even in our day!

Even a lot of people who claim to be **INDEPENDENT FUNDAMENTAL BIBLE-BELIEVING BAPTISTS** and would defend the character and accuracy of our **BIBLE** are guilty of **neglecting the BIBLE**.

We make bold statements about the **BIBLE!** (*e.g. this Sunday*)
We declare it to be the very **WORD OF GOD**, and it is!
We claim that it is without error, and it is!
We hold it up as the **FINAL AUTHORITY** in all spiritual matters, and it is!
We say it is the standard by which all should live, and it is!

While all of this is **true** and it is **right** and most of us might even say **AMEN** to all that I've just said, if we are not **IN** the **BIBLE** and the **BIBLE** is not **IN** us on a daily basis, then we still miss the mark when it comes to the **BIBLE!**

It is not enough to just own a **BIBLE** or even to **make accurate claims regarding the BIBLE!**

1. We who own the **BOOK** should be owned by the **BOOK!**
2. We who say we believe in the **BOOK** should actually show we believe the **BOOK** by taking heed to the **BOOK!**
3. We who say it is **THE STANDARD...THE FINAL AUTHORITY** should live by the **BOOK!**
4. We who say "*The **BIBLE** is the **WORD OF GOD***", must honor it by the lives we live!

The is the **BIBLE** is the **FINAL WORD AND AUTHORITY!**

It is to be the **STANDARD** of our **FAITH** and **PRACTICE!**
Everything we say and do should be laid alongside the **WORD OF GOD!**

Everything we say we believe must be laid alongside the **WORD OF GOD!**

The **BIBLE** is the "**FINAL AUTHORITY**" and it must be honored as such!

IV. NOTE THE BIBLE TELLS US WHAT WE ARE TO BELIEVE AND BE!

It tells us how we are to **WORSHIP!**
It tells us how we are to **LIVE!**
It tells us how we are to **BEHAVE!** (i.e. How we are to **CONDUCT OURSELVES** both in **CHURCH** and outside of **CHURCH!**
It teaches us how to **WALK** and how to **TALK!**
It reveals how we ought to **DRESS!**
It teaches us everything we need to know about **GOD THE HOLY TRINITY— FATHER, SON, AND SPIRIT!**
It teaches us about **SALVATION!**
It teaches us about **HEAVEN and HELL!**
It teaches us about everything having to do with life and living!
2 Timothy 3:16-17 shows a four-fold profitability of the **BIBLE!** (*i.e. Doctrine, Reproof, Correction, Instruction in Righteousness!*)

We should LOVE the BOOK and LIVE the BOOK!
(*Psalm 19:7-11*)

A real, genuine **REVIVAL** will be marked by a return to the **WORD OF GOD** as the **FINAL AUTHORITY**. A **GENUINE REVIVAL** will revolve around the **WORD OF GOD** as **GOD'S** people clean up their **TEMPLE (i.e. body)** get back into **GOD'S WORD** and **DEDICATE** themselves to keeping and honoring its **WORDS!**

REDEDICATION IS ESSENTIAL TO REVIVAL!