

Lessons from a young godly leader, Josiah

2 Kings 22-23

2 Kings, Outline

I. God's judgement on Ahaziah (Ch1)

II. Elijah's ministry handoff to Elisha (Ch2)

III. The miracles of Elisha (Chs 3-8)

IV. The fulfillment of prophecy to Ahab (Chs 9-10)

V. Various kings of the divided kingdom (Chs 11-16)

VI. The deportation of Israel to Assyria (Ch 17)

VII. The reign of Hezekiah (Chs 18-20)

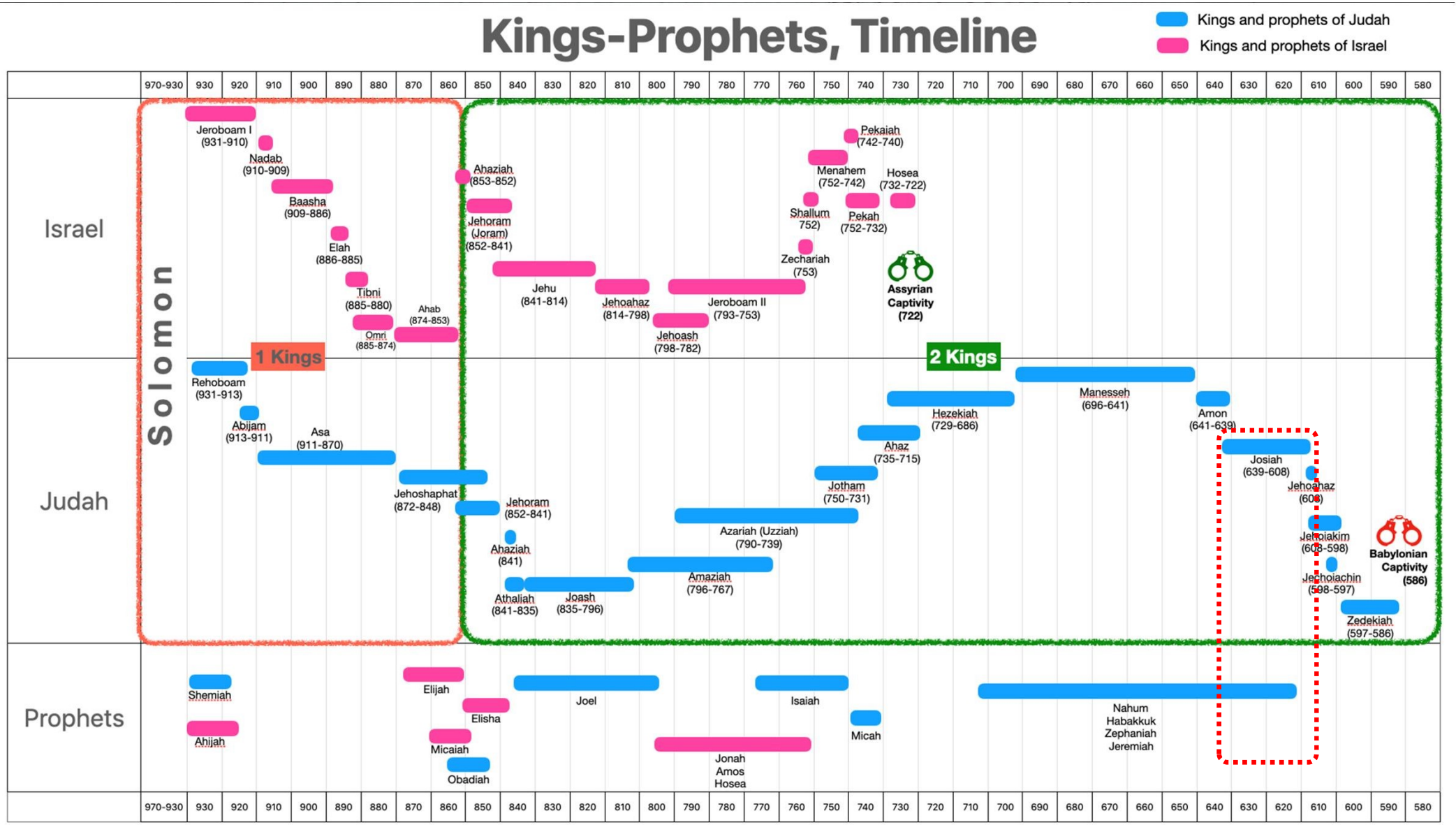
VIII. The reign of Manasseh (Ch21)

IX. The reign of Josiah (Chs 22-23)

X. The fall of Judah and the deportation to Babylon (Chs 24-25:26)

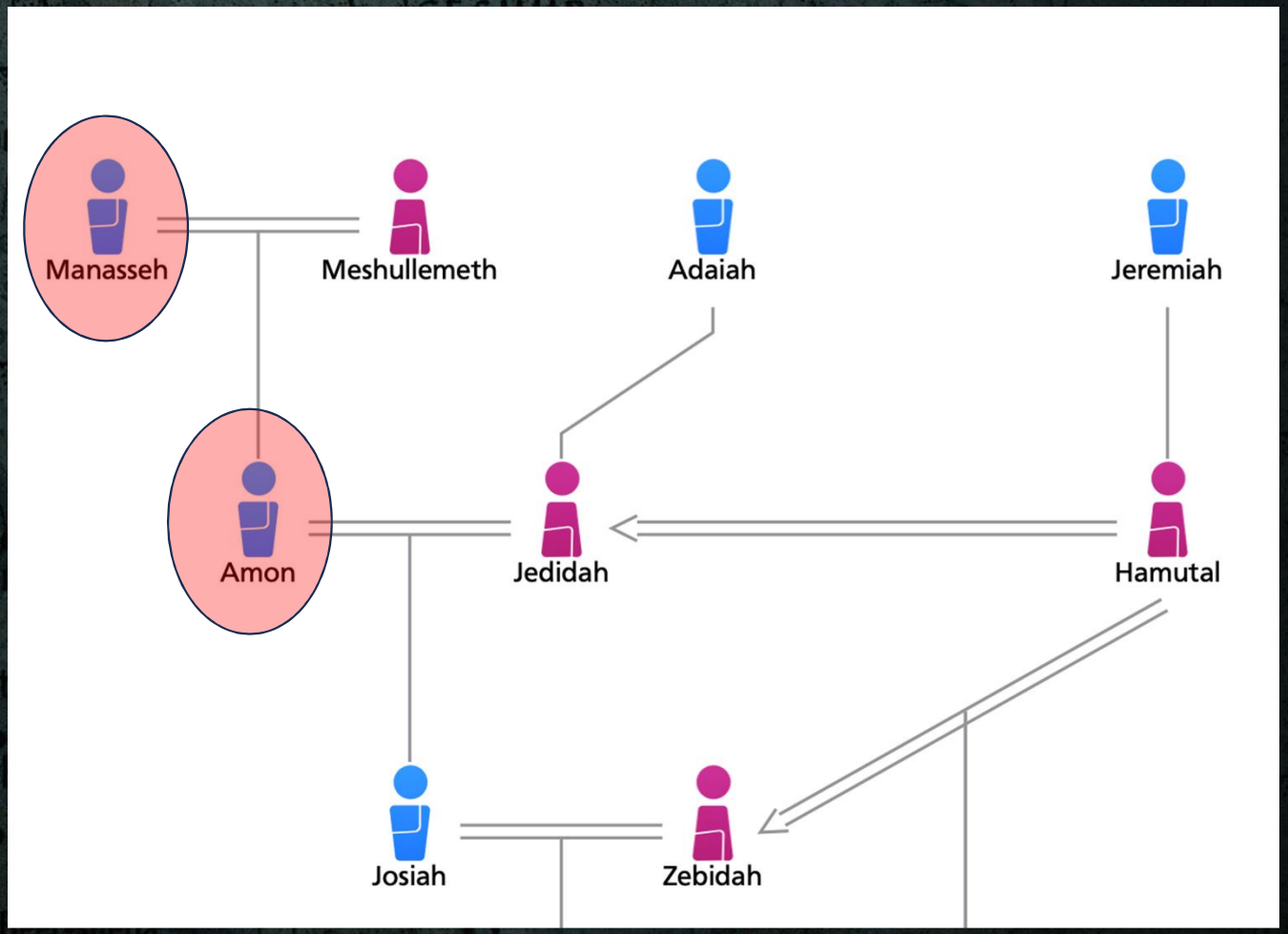
XI. A glimmer of hope – the release of Jehoiachin (Ch 25:26-30)



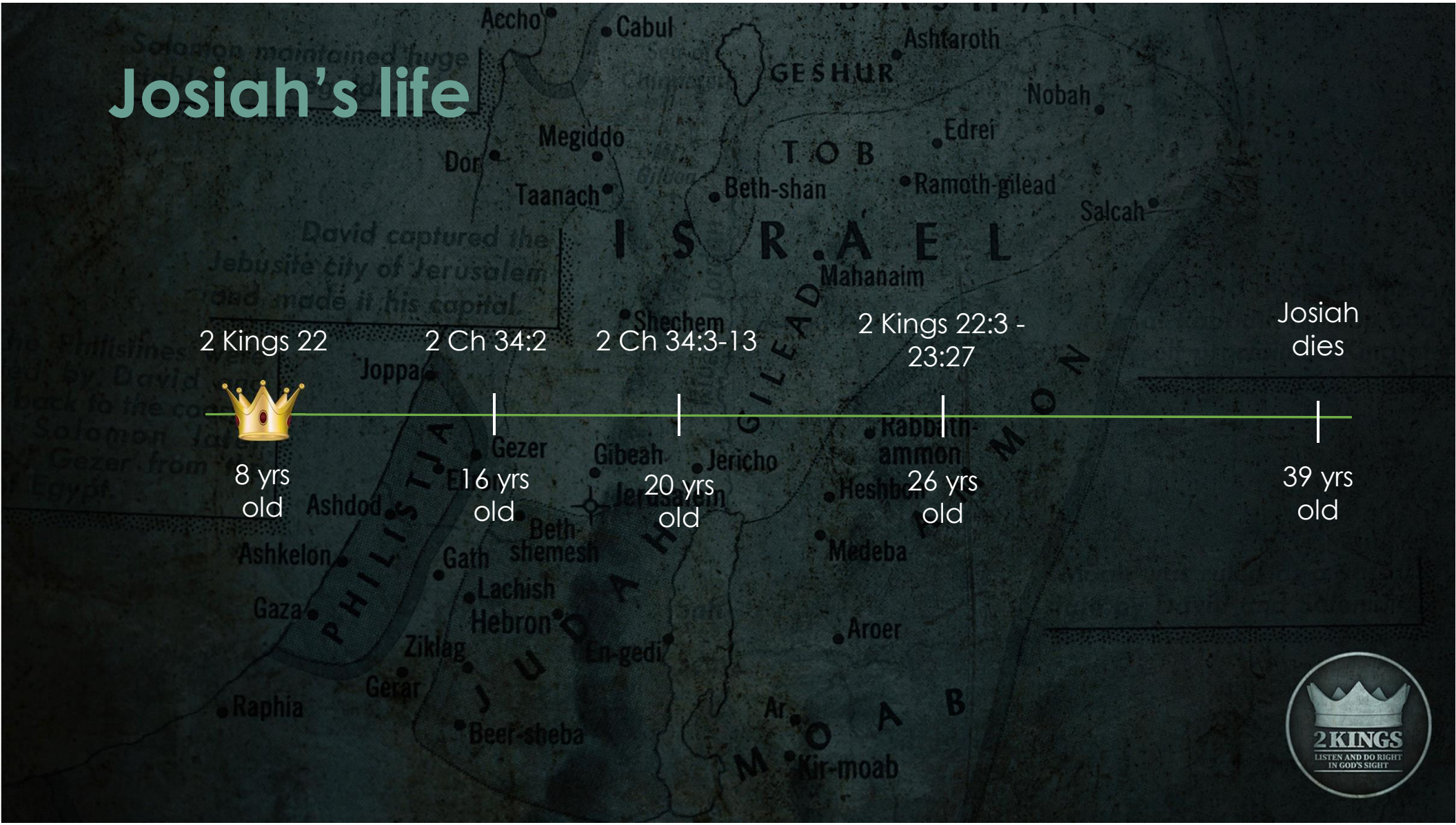

Kings-Prophets, Timeline
Kings and prophets of Judah
Kings and prophets of Israel
970-930 930 920 910 900 890 880 870 860 850 840 830 820 810 800 790 780 770 760 750 740 730 720 710 700 690 680 670 660 650 640 630 620 610 600 590 580
Israel
Judah
Prophets
Solomon
1 Kings
2 Kings
Jeroboam I (931-910)
Nadab (910-909)
Baasha (909-886)
Elah (886-885)
Tibni (885-880)
Omri (885-874)
Ahab (874-853)
Ahaziah (853-852)
Jehoram (Joram) (852-841)
Jehu (841-814)
Jehoahaz (814-798)
Jehoash (798-782)
Jeroboam II (793-753)
Zechariah (753)
Shallum 752)
Menahem (752-742)
Pekaiah (742-740)
Pekah (752-732)
Hosea (732-722)
Assyrian Captivity (722)
Rehoboam (931-913)
Abijam (913-911)
Asa (911-870)
Jehoshaphat (872-848)
Jehoram (852-841)
Ahaziah (841)
Athaliah (841-835)
Joash (835-796)
Amaziah (796-767)
Azariah (Uzziah) (790-739)
Jotham (750-731)
Ahaz (735-715)
Hezekiah (729-686)
Manesseh (696-641)
Amon (641-639)
Josiah (639-608)
Jehoahaz (608)
Jehoiakim (608-598)
Jechoiachin (598-597)
Zedekiah (597-586)
Babylonian Captivity (586)
Shemiah
Ahijah
Elijah
Elisha
Micaiah
Obadiah
Joel
Jonah
Amos
Hosea
Isaiah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Jeremiah

- The worst King of Judah
- Ruled for 55 years

- Wasn't different from Manasseh
- Was killed in conspiracy after 2 years



Josiah's life



Josiah, as a 16-year-old

2Chr. 34:1 *Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.*

2Chr. 34:2 *He did right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.*

2Chr. 34:3 *For in the eighth year of his reign while he was still a youth, he began to seek the God of his father David;*





As a 16-year-old, Josiah started *pursuing the Lord*

2 KINGS
LISTEN AND DO RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT

Josiah, as a 20-year-old

2Chr. 34:3b *... and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, the carved images and the molten images.*

2Chr. 34:4 *They tore down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars that were high above them he chopped down; also the Asherim, the carved images and the molten images he broke in pieces and ground to powder and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them.*

2Chr. 34:5 *Then he burned the bones of the priests on their altars and purged Judah and Jerusalem.*

2Chr. 34:6 *In the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, Simeon, even as far as Naphtali, in their surrounding ruins,*

2Chr. 34:7 *he also tore down the altars and beat the Asherim and the carved images into powder, and chopped down all the incense altars throughout the land of Israel. Then he returned to Jerusalem*



As a 20-year-old, Josiah started *purging the nation*

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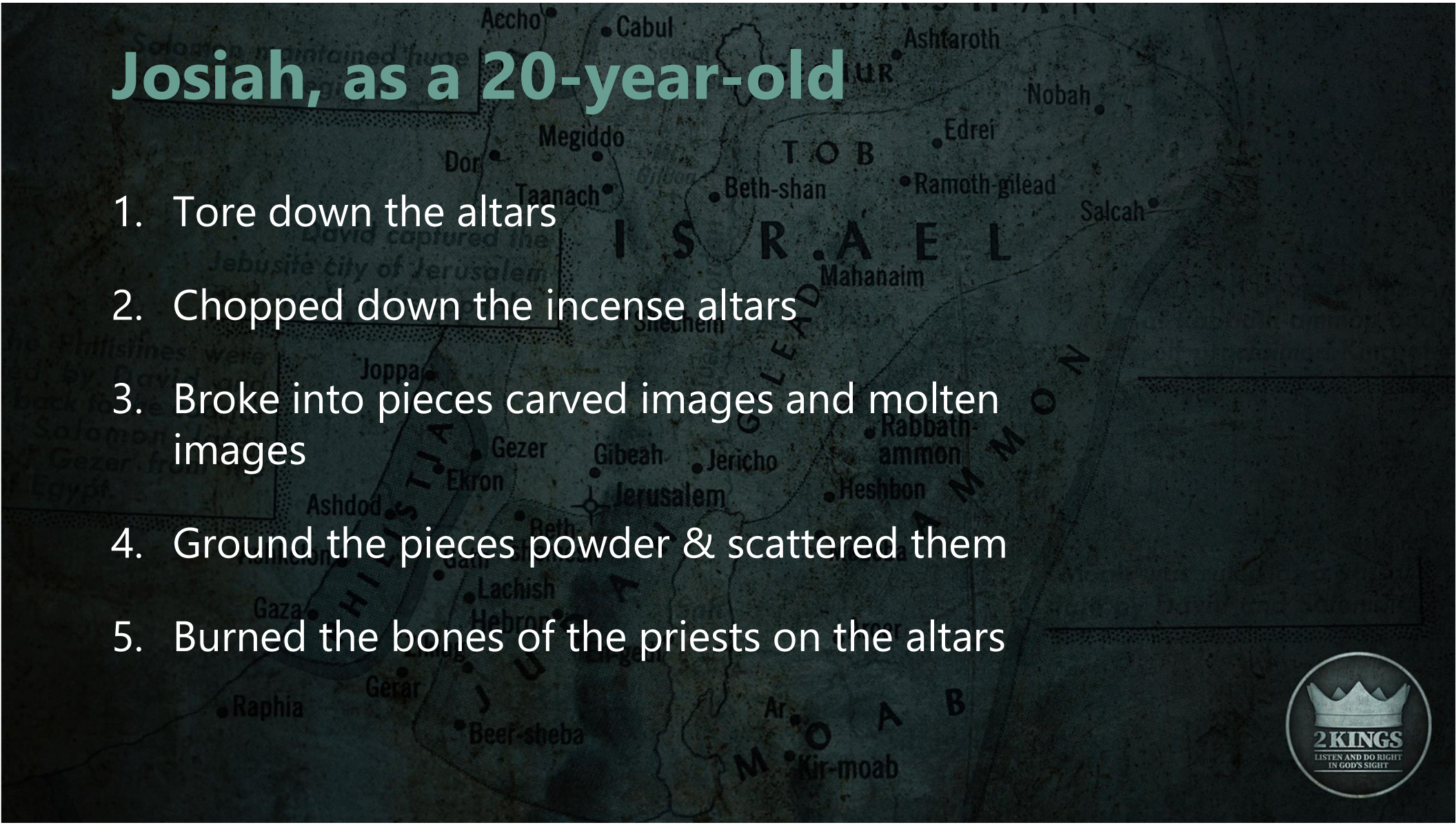
Josiah, as a 20-year-old

1. Tore down the altars
2. Chopped down the incense altars
3. Broke into pieces carved images and molten images
4. Ground the pieces powder & scattered them
5. Burned the bones of the priests on the altars



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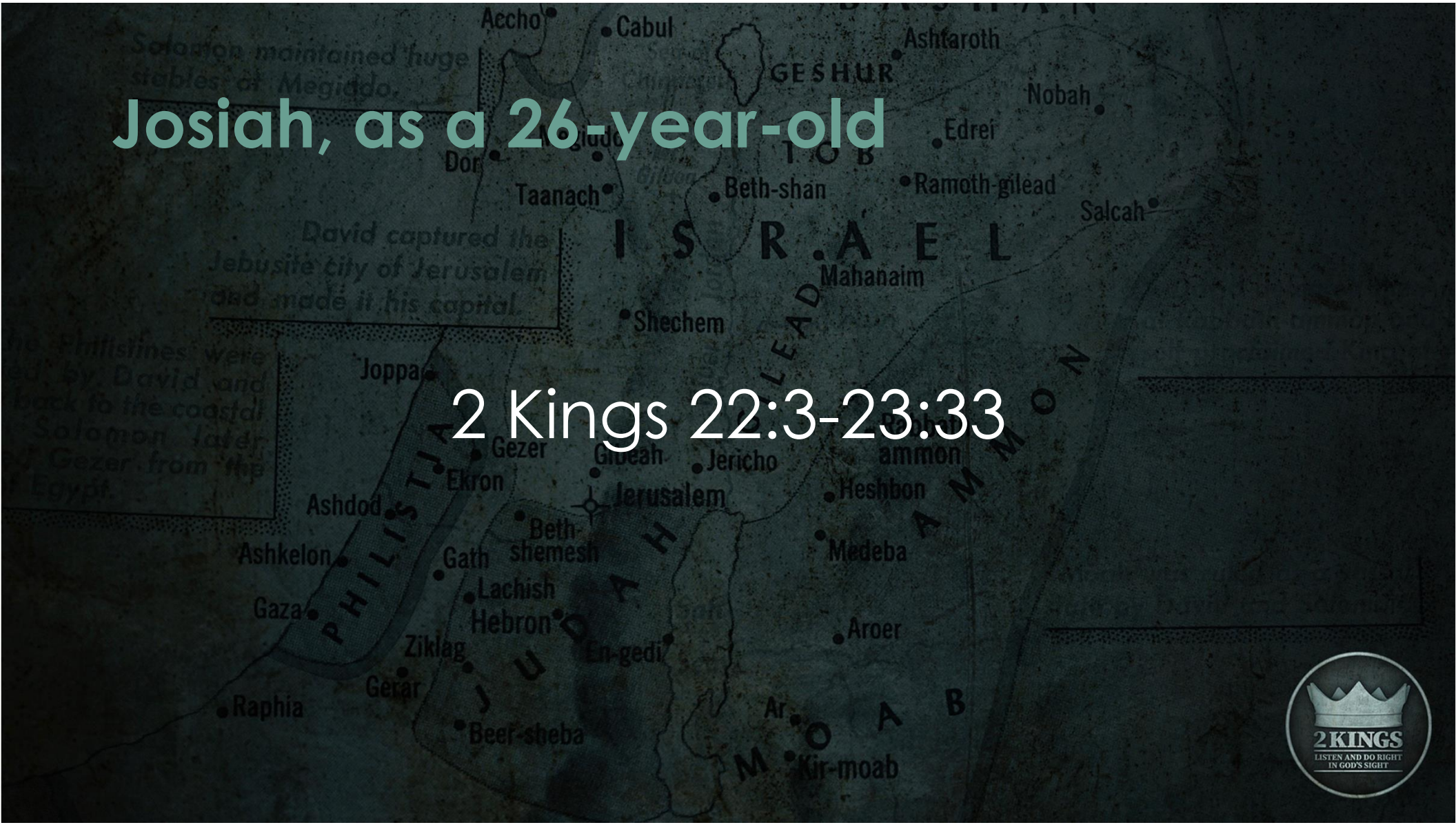
Josiah, as a 20-year-old

Psa. 119:9 *How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.*

Prov. 7:7 *And I saw among the naive, And discerned among the youths, A young man lacking sense,*

Prov. 7:26 *For many are the victims she has cast down, And numerous are all her slain.*

1 Tim. 4:12 *Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.*



Josiah, as a 26-year-old

2 Kings 22:3-23:33

2KINGS
LISTEN AND DO RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT



As a 26-year-old, Josiah started

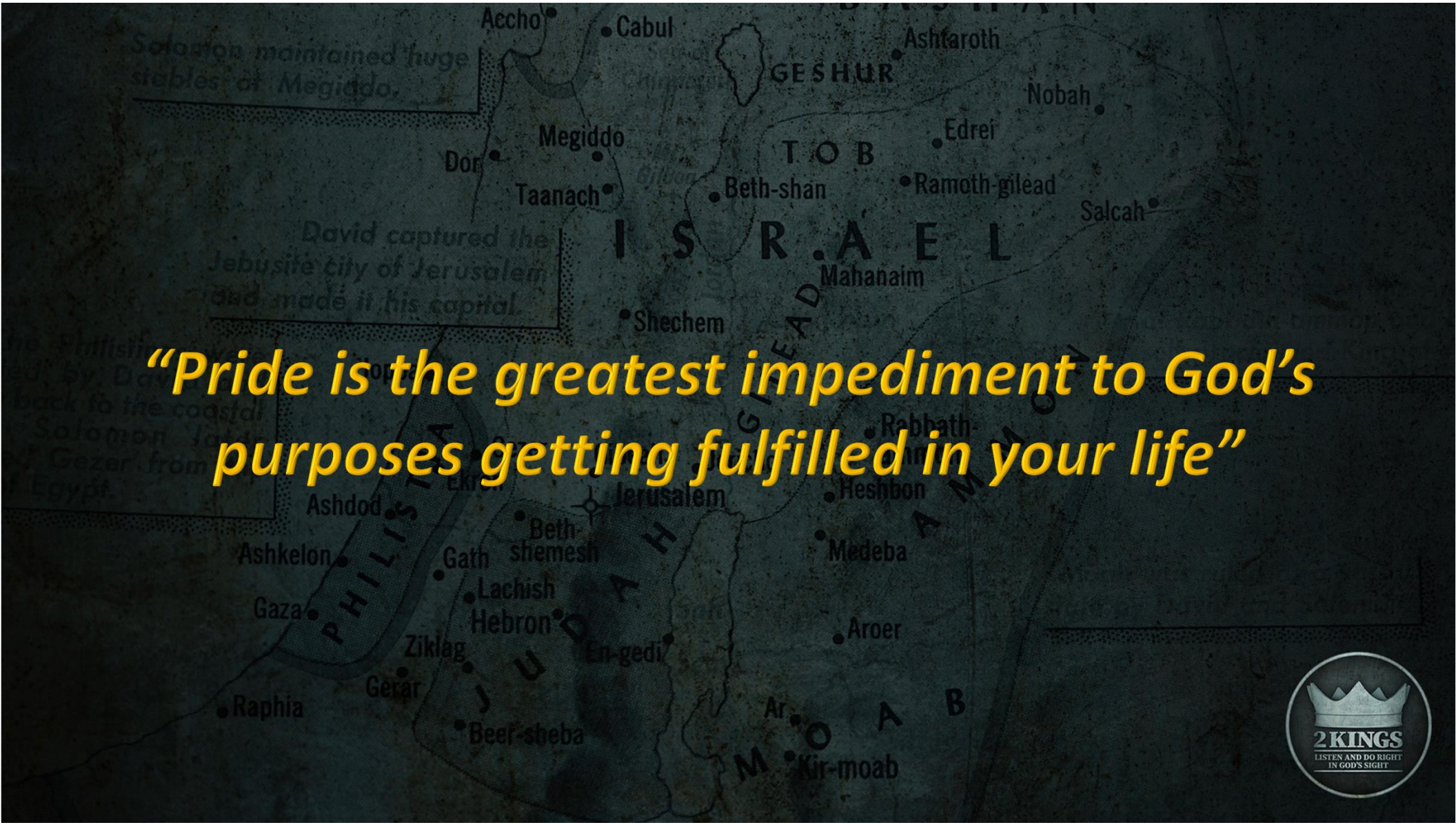
fulfilling God's purposes

Josiah, as a 26-year-old

1. Received God's word in humility

2Kings 22:19 *because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants that they should become a desolation and a curse, and you have torn your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you," declares the LORD.*





"Pride is the greatest impediment to God's purposes getting fulfilled in your life"

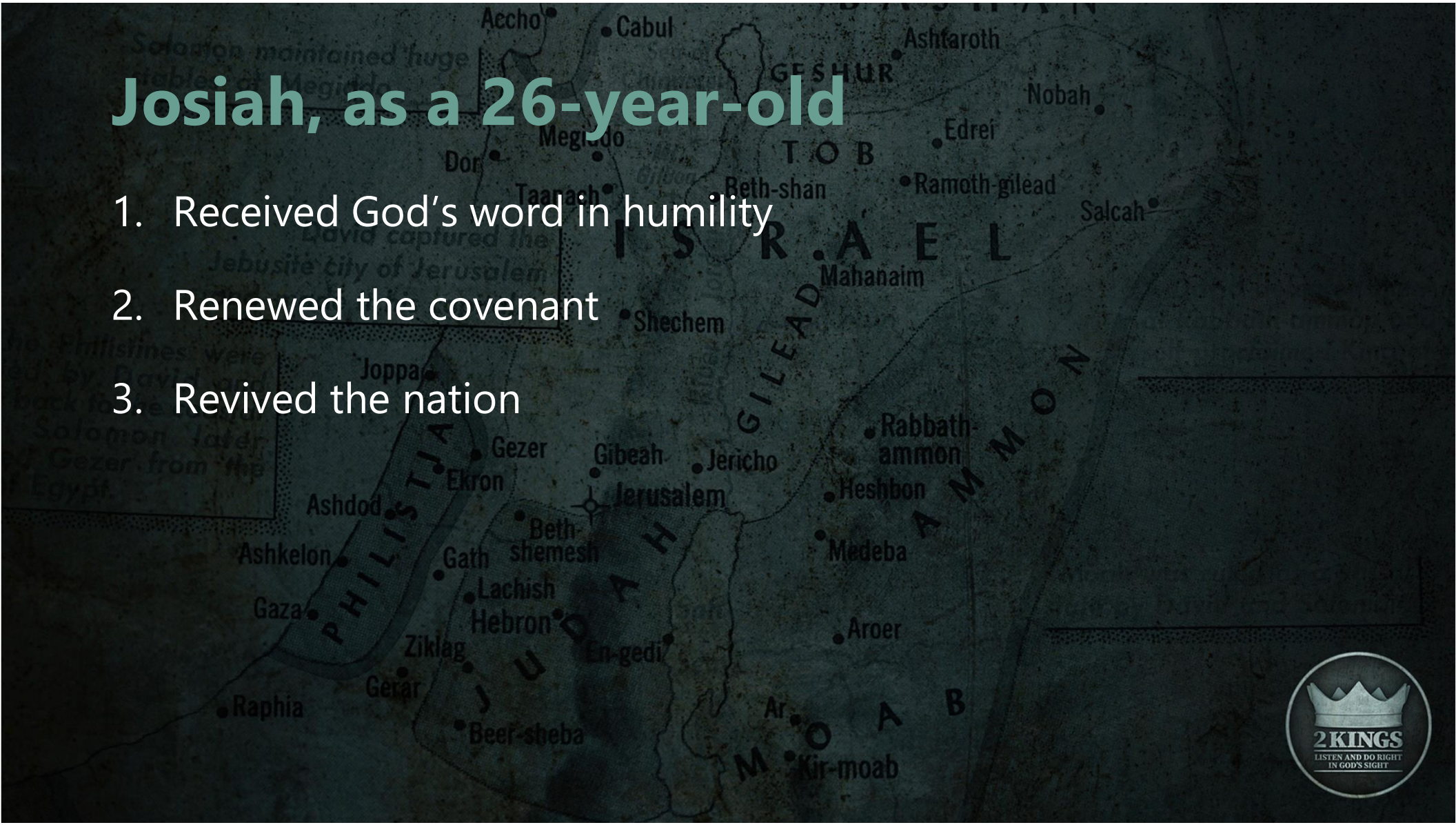
Josiah, as a 26-year-old

1. Received God's word in humility
2. Renewed the covenant



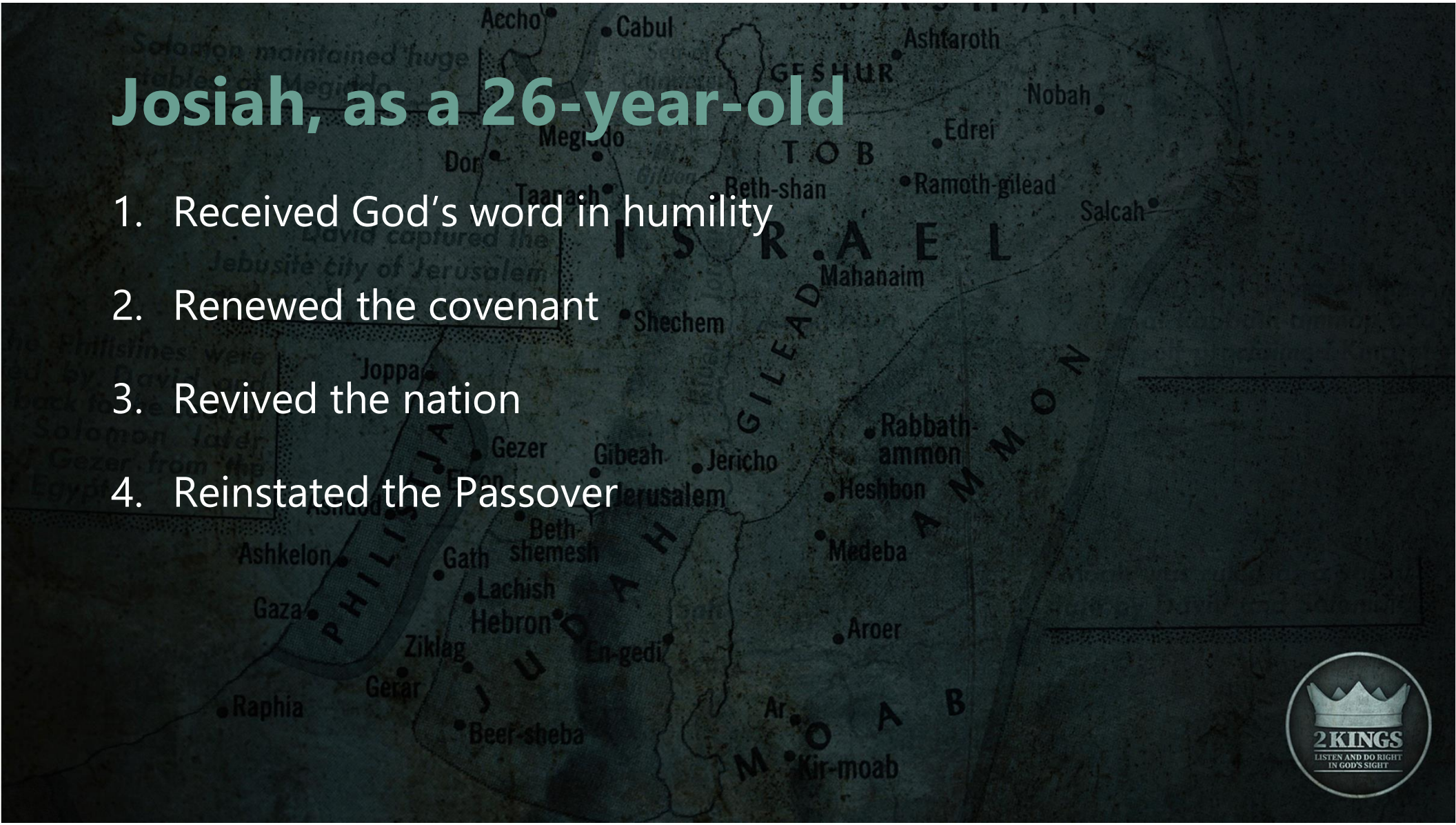
Josiah, as a 26-year-old

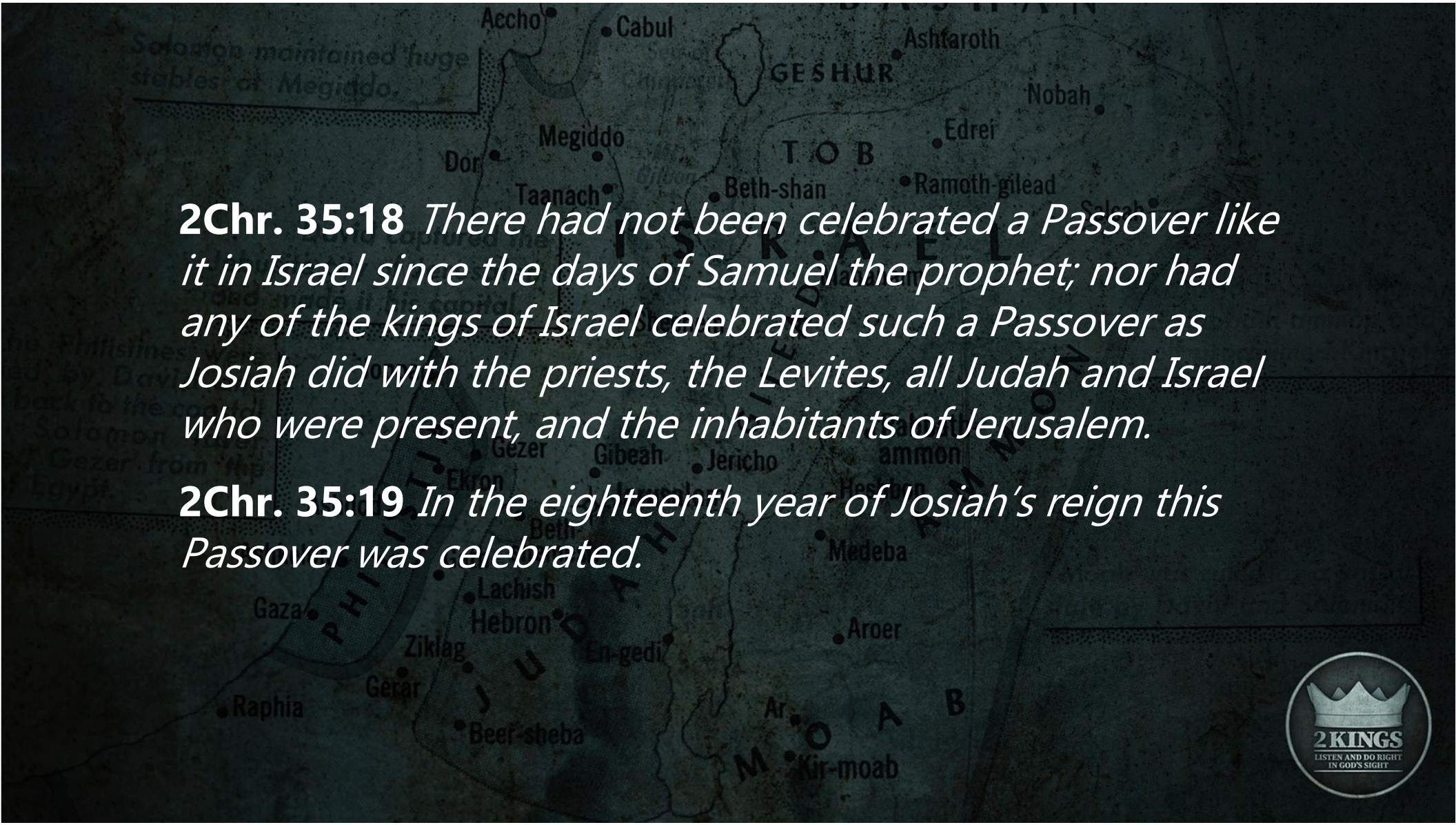
1. Received God's word in humility
2. Renewed the covenant
3. Revived the nation



Josiah, as a 26-year-old

1. Received God's word in humility
2. Renewed the covenant
3. Revived the nation
4. Reinstated the Passover





2Chr. 35:18 *There had not been celebrated a Passover like it in Israel since the days of Samuel the prophet; nor had any of the kings of Israel celebrated such a Passover as Josiah did with the priests, the Levites, all Judah and Israel who were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.*

2Chr. 35:19 *In the eighteenth year of Josiah's reign this Passover was celebrated.*

2KINGS
LISTEN AND DO RIGHT IN GOD'S SIGHT

Eccl 12:1-8

1 Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, "I find no pleasure in them"—

2 before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars grow dark, and the clouds return after the rain;

3 when the keepers of the house tremble, and the strong men stoop, when the grinders cease because they are few, and those looking through the windows grow dim;

4 when the doors to the street are closed and the sound of grinding fades; when people rise up at the sound of birds, but all their songs grow faint;

5 when people are afraid of heights and of dangers in the streets; when the almond tree blossoms and the grasshopper drags itself along and desire no longer is stirred. Then people go to their eternal home and mourners go about the streets.

6 Remember him—before the silver cord is severed, and the golden bowl is broken, before the pitcher is shattered at the spring, and the wheel broken at the well,

7 and the dust returns to the ground it came from, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

8 "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Everything is meaningless!"