

What is the minimum legal age to:



- ❖ get a driver's license
- ❖ open a Facebook account
- ❖ get married
- ❖ serve in the military
- ❖ be president of the USA

Why are there such things
as minimum ages?



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Bible Reading: 2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



22¹ Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years ...

² He did what was pleasing in the LORD's sight and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right.

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



³ In the eighteenth year of his reign ...

⁸ Hilkiah the high priest said to

Shaphan the court secretary,

“I have found the Book of the Law in
the LORD’s Temple!”

¹⁰ Shaphan also told the king,

“Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll.”

So Shaphan read it to the king.

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



¹¹ When the king heard what was written in the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes in despair.

²³¹ Then the king summoned all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem.

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



² And the king went up to the Temple of the LORD with all the people of Judah and Jerusalem, along with the priests and the prophets — all the people from the least to the greatest. There the king read to them the entire Book of the Covenant that had been found in the LORD's Temple.

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



³ The king ... renewed the covenant in the LORD's presence. He pledged to obey the LORD by keeping all his commands, laws, and decrees with all his heart and soul. In this way, he confirmed all the terms of the covenant that were written in the scroll, and all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



⁴ Then the king instructed ... the priests ...
and the Temple gatekeepers
to remove from the LORD's Temple
all the articles that were used to
worship Baal, Asherah, and all the powers
of the heavens. The king had
all these things burned outside
Jerusalem ...

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



⁵ He did away with the idolatrous priests, who had been appointed by the previous kings of Judah ...

⁷ He also tore down the living quarters of the male and female shrine prostitutes that were inside the Temple of the LORD, where the women wove coverings for the Asherah pole.

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



¹⁰ Then the king defiled the altar of Topheth, so no one could ever again use it to sacrifice a son or daughter in the fire as an offering to Molech.

¹¹ He removed from the entrance of the LORD's Temple the horse statues that the former kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun.

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



²⁴ Josiah also got rid of the mediums and psychics, the household gods, the idols, and every other kind of detestable practice, both in Jerusalem and throughout the land of Judah. He did this in obedience to the laws written in the scroll that Hilkiah the priest had found in the LORD's Temple.

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



²⁵ Never before had there been a king like Josiah, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. And there has never been a king like him since.

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



²⁸ The rest of the events in Josiah's reign and all his deeds are recorded in *The Book of the History of the Kings of Judah.*

²⁹ While Josiah was king, Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, went to the Euphrates River to help the king of Assyria. King Josiah and his army marched out to fight him, but King Neco killed him when they met at Megiddo.

2 KINGS 22-23 [EDITED]



³⁰ Josiah's officers took his body back in a chariot from Megiddo to Jerusalem and buried him in his own tomb



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2 Kings 22 *NLT*



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when he became king,
and he reigned in Jerusalem
thirty-one years ...

2 Kings 22 *NLT*



⁸ Hilkihah the high priest
said to Shaphan the court secretary,
“I have found the Book of the Law
in the LORD’s Temple!”

¹⁰ Shaphan also told the king,
“Hilkihah the priest has given me a scroll.”
So Shaphan read it to the king.

2 Kings 22 *NLT*



¹² Then he gave these orders to
Hilkiah the priest,
Ahikam son of Shaphan,
Acbor son of Micaiah,
Shaphan the court secretary, and
Asaiah the king's personal adviser ...

2 Kings 22 *NLT*



²He did what was pleasing
in the LORD's sight
...He did not turn away
from doing what was right.

2 Kings 23 *NLT*



²⁵ Never before had there been
a king like Josiah,
who turned to the LORD
with all his heart and soul and strength,
obeying all the laws of Moses.
And there has never been a king
like him since.



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“... the last of
the God-fearing kings of Judah
before Jerusalem fell
to the Babylonians.”

Word-In-Life Study Bible

A poem written about Josiah c.200 B.C.



The memory of Josiah
is like a blending of incense
prepared by the art of the perfumer;
it is sweet as honey to every mouth,
and like music at a banquet of wine.



He was led aright in converting the
people ...

He set his heart upon the Lord;
in the days of wicked men
he strengthened godliness.

The Wisdom of ben Sirach 49:1-3

ACTION STEP #1

*He let his emotions rip...
even literally!*



2 Kings 22 NLT

¹¹ When the king heard
what was written in the Book of the Law,
he tore his clothes in despair.

¹⁹ ... and wept ... in repentance.

ACTION STEP #2

*He asked for prayer from those
he could trust*



2 Kings 22 NLT

¹³ “Go to the Temple
and speak to the LORD
for me and for the people ...

ACTION STEP #3

He asked for advice



¹³ “Go to the Temple
and speak to the LORD for me ...
Inquire about the words written
in this scroll that has been found.

ACTION STEP #4

He dug deeper into Scripture



2 Kings 22 NLT

¹⁰ Shaphan also told the king,
“Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll.”
So Shaphan read it to the king.

2 Kings 22 *NLT*



¹³ “speak to the LORD for me
and for the people and for all Judah.
Inquire about the words
written in this scroll ...

2 Kings 23 *NLT*



² to ... all the people
from the least to the greatest ...
the king read to them
the entire Book of the Covenant
that had been found in
the LORD's Temple.

ACTION STEP #5

He gathered his household



2 Kings 23 NLT

² And the king went up
to the Temple of the LORD
with all the people of Judah and
Jerusalem,
... all the people
from the least to the greatest.

ACTION STEP #6

*He made commitments
in public worship*

2 Kings 23 NLT

³ The king ... renewed the covenant
in the LORD's presence.

He pledged to obey the LORD
by keeping all his commands
... with all his heart and soul.

... and all the people
pledged themselves to the covenant.

ACTION STEP #7

He got rid of stuff



2 Kings 23 NLT

⁴ Then the king instructed ... the priests ... and the Temple gatekeepers to remove from the LORD's Temple all the articles that were used to worship Baal, Asherah, and all the powers of the heavens. The king had all these things burned outside Jerusalem ...

ACTION STEP #8

He sent certain people packing



2 Kings 23 NLT

⁵ He did away with
the idolatrous priests,
who had been appointed
by the previous kings of Judah ...

ACTION STEP #9

He declared a celebration



2 Kings 23 NLT

²¹ King Josiah then issued this order to all the people:
“You must celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God, as required in this Book of the Covenant.”

ACTION STEP #10

He gave it his all!



2 Kings 23 NLT

²⁵ Never before had there been a king like Josiah, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. And there has never been a king like him since.

2 Kings 23 *NLT*



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a king like Josiah
... And there has never been
a king like him since.

Matthew 1 *NLT*



²⁰ “... Joseph, son of David,”
the angel said,

“... take Mary as your wife...

²¹ she will have a son,
and you are to name him Jesus,
for he will save his people from
their sins.”

Matthew 4 *NLT*



¹⁷ ... Jesus began to preach,
“Repent of your sins and turn to God,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

Revelations 19 *NLT*



¹⁶ On his robe at his thigh
was written this title:
“King of all kings
and Lord of all lords.”



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