

The Need for Restoration



Bull = Symbol of power
(Num 23:22; 24:8)

(Ex 32:1) Moses **delayed**

(Ex 32:4) HP makes an **idol**

(Ex 32:4b) The people say

“This is your **God**...”

(Ex 32:5a, 6) Aaron builds
sacrificial **altar**.

(Ex 32:5b) Aaron proclaims
a feast & sacrifice to **Lord** !

The Need for Restoration

Solomon went into idolatry (2 Ki 11:4-7)

Manasseh went into idolatry (2 Ki 21:1-16)

Baal, Asherah, child sacrifice, witchcrafts, mediums. Killing spree. Seduced Judah.

He later repented. (2 Chron 33: 13-16)

Judah partly did. (2 Chron 33:17)

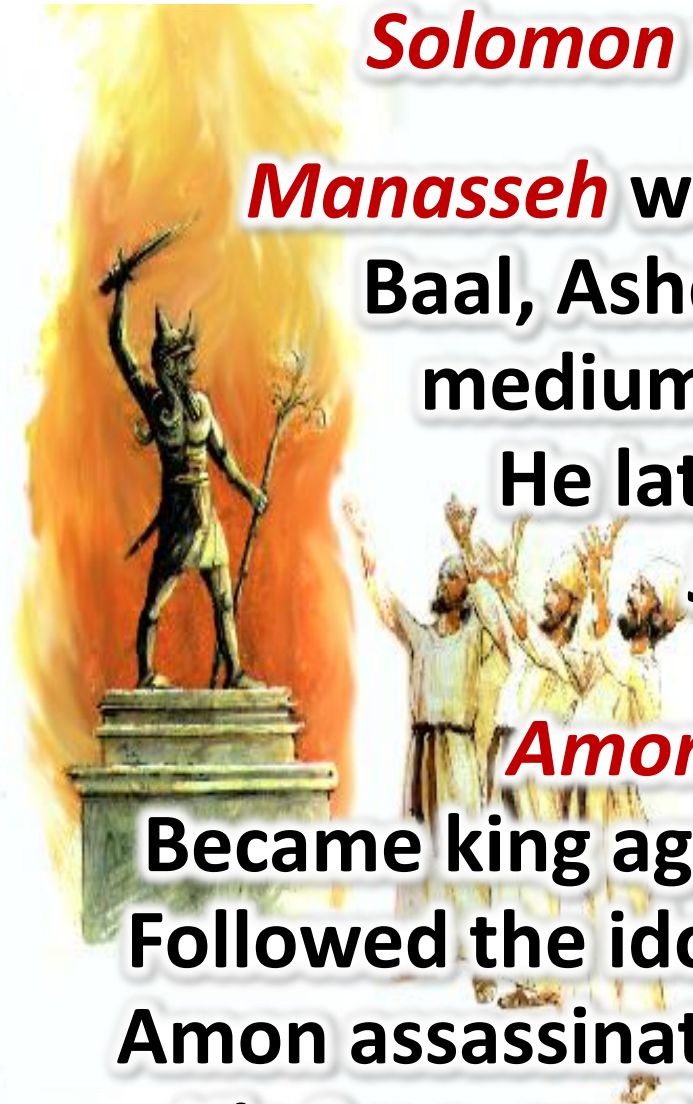
Amon son of Manasseh. (2 Ki 21:18)

Became king age 22, reigned 2 yrs. (2 Ki 21:19)

Followed the idolatry of his father (2 Ki 21:21f)

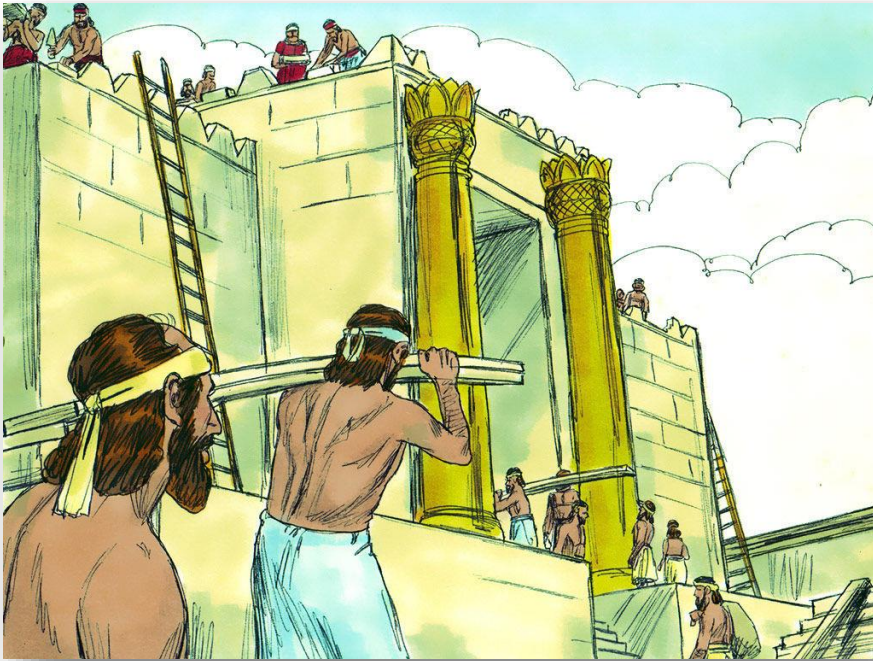
Amon assassinated by his servants. (2 Ki 21:23)

His 8 y.o. son Josiah becomes king. (2 Ki 22:1)



The Restoration Principle

#1. *Determine to Participate in Rebuilding*



Young Josiah begins
Temple restoration.

(2 Ki 22:1-6)

The Temple is 331 years
old. (963 BC - 632 BC)

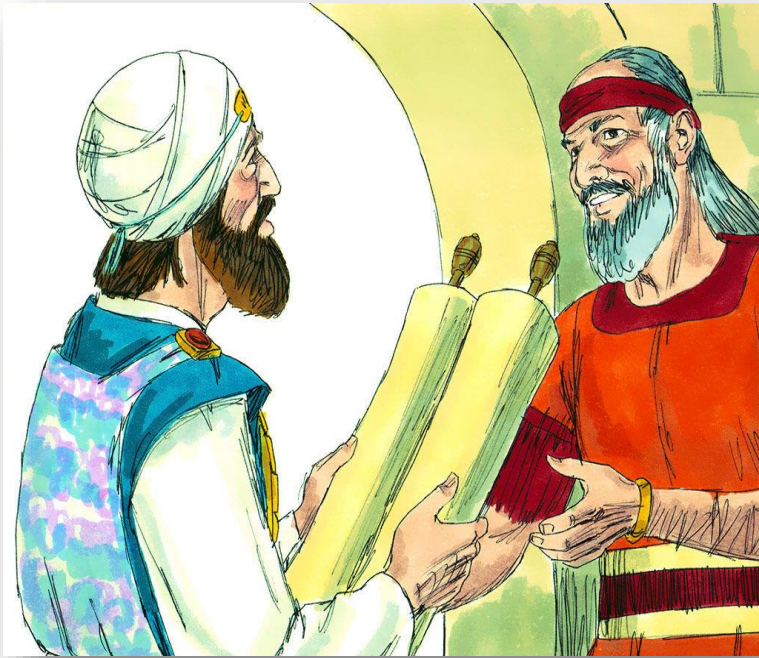
It's been 75 yrs since
good king Hezekiah!

Temple used for *idolatry* by Manasseh (2 Ki 22:3-7)

Volunteer as we *Build & Grow* here! (Isa 6:8)

The Restoration Principle

#2 Dig Out Your Bible and Dust it Off !



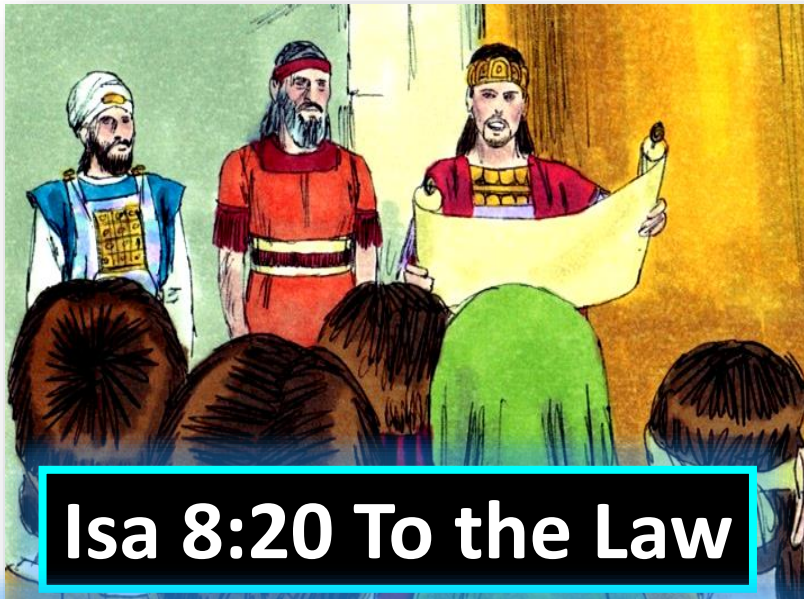
2 Kings 22:8 Then **Hilkiyah** the high priest said to **Shaphan** the scribe, "I **have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord.**"

Has it gone missing?
Covered w/dust? Do a Search & Rescue. **God!**

Restoration starts with knowing **what to do!**

The Restoration Principle

#3 He Read the Bible Reading –And Lived It !



Isa 8:20 To the Law

Jer 6:16 Ancient paths

2 Kings 23:2 Gathered..
Priests, prophets and all
the people, both small and
great; and he read in their
hearing *all the words of
the book of the covenant*,
which was found in the
house of the Lord.

2 Kings 23:3 King made a covenant .. to walk after
the Lord, and to *keep His commandments* ..with
all his heart and all his soul. All the people
entered into the covenant.

The Restoration Principle

#4 He Corrected Unscriptural Practices

(2 Ki 23:4,6)

(v.4) “Bring out of the temple .. all the **vessels** that were made for Baal, for Asherah, and...

(v.6) And he brought out the **Asherah** from the house of the Lord outside Jerusalem to the brook Kidron, and **burned** it at the brook Kidron.



He **burned** them out side Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron & carried their ashes to Bethel.



The Restoration Principle

#5 *Correct Unscriptural Organization*

(2 Ki 23:5)



Compare everything to the Bible. Who should preach? Who be elders? Extent of their authority: 1 church? 4 Churches? Whole country? World?

“And he did away with the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to burn ... incense to Baal, to the sun and to the moon and to the constellations and to all the host of heaven.”

The Restoration Principle

#6 Corrected Moral Problems (2 Ki 23:7, 10)

2 Ki 23:7 He also broke down the houses of the *male cult prostitutes* which were in the *house of the Lord*.

We seek God's
standard of Morality

2 Ki 23:10 He also defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter *pass through the fire for Molech*.



The Restoration Principle

#7 Removed Unscriptural Innovations

(2 Ki 23:8, 11)



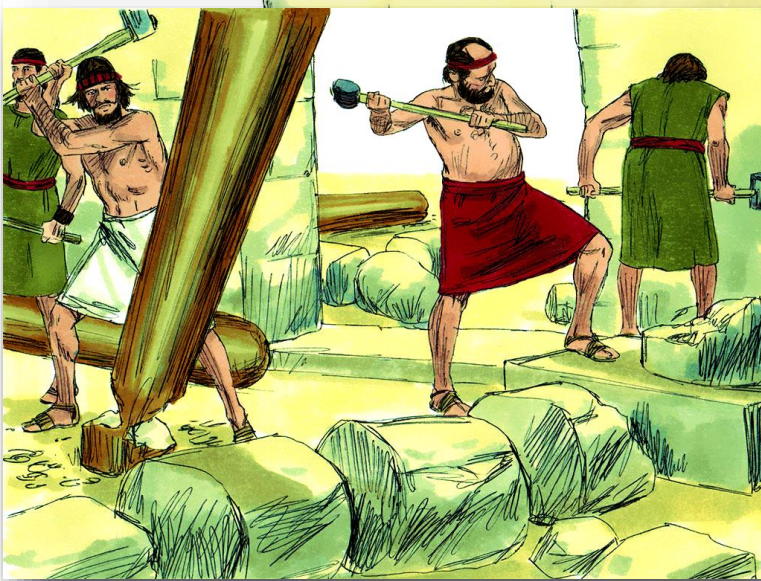
2 Ki 23:8 He defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense.

2 Ki 23:11 He did away with the *horses* which the kings of Judah had given to the sun. And he burned the *chariots* of the sun with fire.



The Restoration Principle

He Didn't Stop Till Job Was Done (2 Ki 23:12-23)



2 Ki 23:14 He broke ..
the ***sacred pillars*** & cut
down the ***Asherim*** and
filled their places with
human bones.

2 Ki 23:12 And ***the altars***
which were on the roof,
the upper chamber of
Ahaz, which the kings of
Judah had made, and the
altars which **Manasseh**
had made in the two
courts of the house
of the Lord, the king
broke down; and he
smashed them there.

The Restoration Principle

He Didn't Stop Till Job Was Done (2 Ki 23:12-23)

2 Kings 23:21 Then the king commanded all the people saying, "*Celebrate the Passover* to the Lord your God as it is written in this book of the covenant."

v22 Surely such a Passover had not been celebrated *from the days of the judges who judged Israel*, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel and of the kings of Judah.

23 But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah, *this Passover was observed to the Lord in Jerusalem.*



Vision to the Future

Participate, Volunteer, Rebuilt, Grow

Fill out Volunteer Sheet & Help out !

*We'll work in **TEAMS**.*

Gal 5:13 "Through **LOVE** *serve one another.*

v14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word,
in the statement, "**You shall LOVE**
your neighbor as yourself."

Come to Our **WEEKEND GOSPEL MEETING!**

It's in 2 Weeks! Fri, Sat, Sun.

Plan on it ! Arrange Family to make it happen.

Encourage others—it will encourage you.

It will encourage Scott & Us & Our visitors !

The Restoration Principle

Jer 6:16 "Stand by the ways and see and ask for *The Ancient Paths*, Where the good way is, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your souls.

Isa 8:20 "*To the law and to the testimony!* If they do not speak according to this word, it is because they have no dawn.

