

GOD'S WARNING TURNS OMINOUS



- Judah is getting closer to their exile, but is oblivious to it
- Matt. 24:37 – 39
- The divine warning has turned from “change or else”, to “disaster is certain”
- The opportunity to repent and change has passed
- When the cosmic line of no return is crossed, it is based on God’s criteria, not ours, and we are usually unaware that has happened



JOSIAH AS JUDAH'S LAST GREAT KING

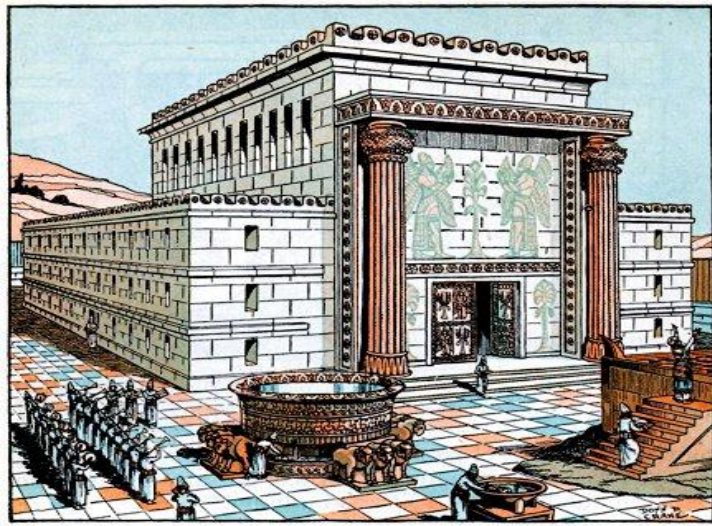


- Manasseh > Amon > Josiah
- Only 20 more years until Babylonian exile and destruction of the Temple
- Manasseh's Prayer in the Apocrypha, but removed by Martin Luther 1500's
- Two main branches of Christianity:
 - Western = Catholic and Protestant
 - Eastern = various Orthodox Christian
- Luther's edicts had no effect on the Eastern branch because he was Catholic (the Western branch)

TEMPLE REBUILDING PROJECT

- We must look beyond 2nd Kings for info on Josiah's era
- 2nd Chron. 34, 35, and Jeremiah and Zephaniah
- Josiah believes that step one is to rid the land and Temple of idols, those who led the people astray, and to purify everything
- Step two is to repair the Temple





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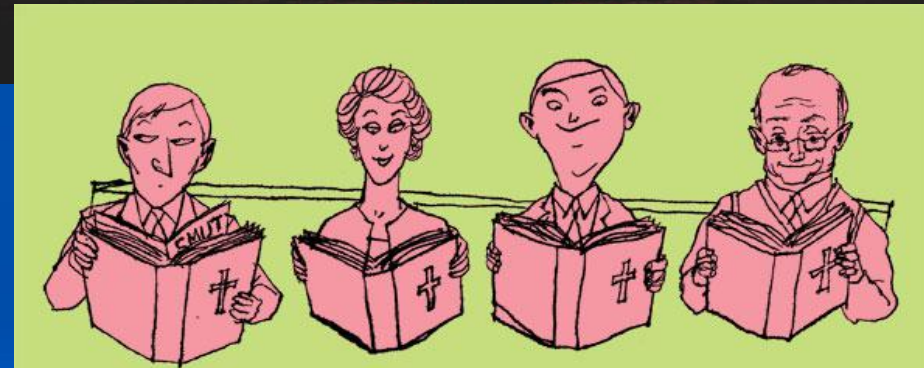
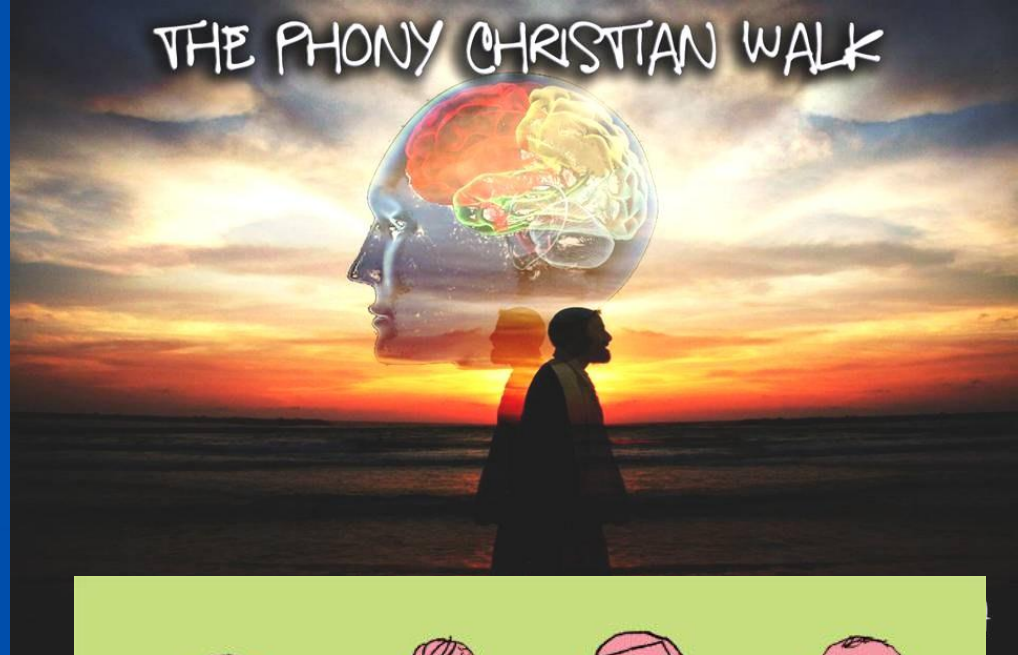


- Paul says Believers are essentially God's Temples
- We come to God battered, broken, corrupt, unclean and full of sin
- 1st we must recognize our condition and acknowledge the only remedy, Messiah Yeshua
- 2nd we must act upon it in faith
- Josiah's pattern: FIRST cleanse, SECOND beautify
- After salvation whether our scars remain visible, or they are cosmetically covered up, God sees us as equally clean, saved, and valuable

MORALITY vs. PREFERENCE

- Josiah's Temple repairs were his preference, not God's command
- **Cleansing** the Temple was moral and important from God's perspective
- **Beautifying** the Temple is man's way and man's choice
- Many people don Christian lingo, instead of donning Christ
- Maybe looks pretty, but remains empty and defiled

THE PHONY CHRISTIAN WALK



HANDLING OF TEMPLE FUNDS



- Temple task went to ***Shafan, Ma'aseiyah, and Yo'ach***
- 2nd Chron.34:11 lays blame for ramshackle condition of Temple on Judah's kings
- King put faithful men with integrity in charge, allowed them to use their gifts and their own judgment

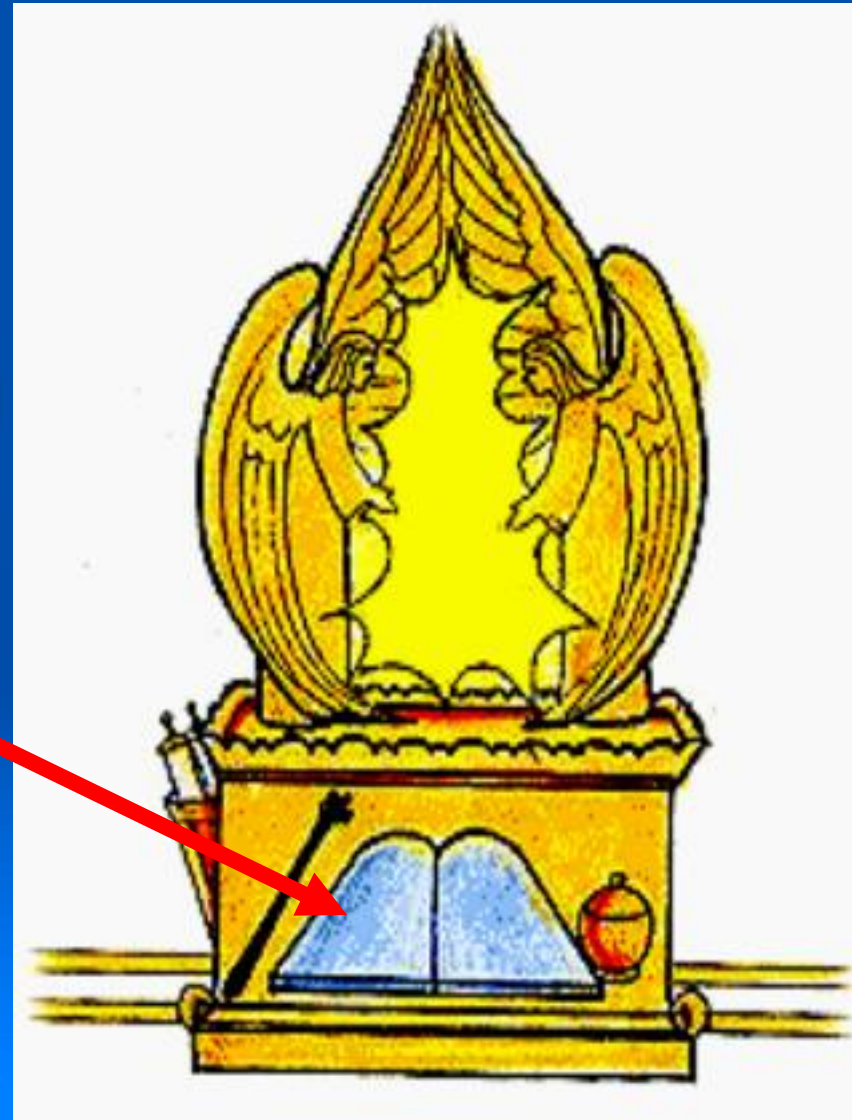
TORAH SCROLL RE-DISCOVERED

- High Priest *Hilkiyahu* knew what had been found
- *“I have found the scroll of the Torah in the house of Adonai”*
- *“I have found the book of the Law in the house of the Lord”*
- Torah does NOT mean “law”
- Torah = teaching, instruction
- Verse does NOT say Adonai (Lord)
- It says YHWH.....Yehoveh
- *Choq, dath, qeyan, torah* all translated to “law” WRONG!



WHAT WAS IT THAT WAS FOUND?

- They did NOT discover the “Law” (of Moses)
- They discovered the TORAH
- Deut.31:25, 26
- The Torah was to be kept NEXT TO the Ark
- The Torah was likely hidden at a time of danger by some priests



JOY TURNS TO TERROR



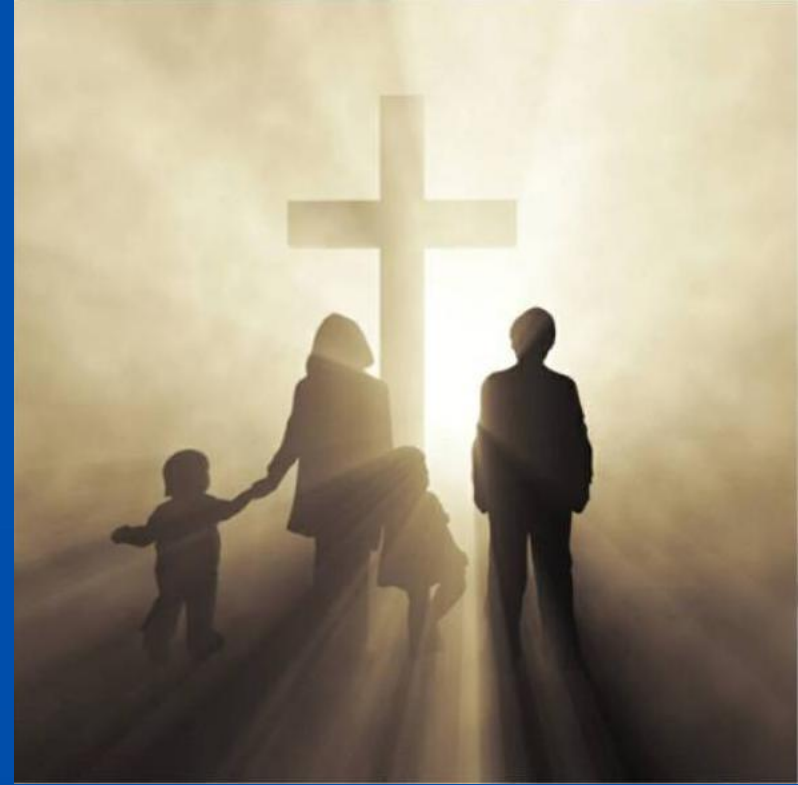
- Josiah hears the words of the Torah, and tears his clothes in grief and torment
- He needs to know what this means for his kingdom
- Sends 5 men to inquire of God
- On behalf of Josiah and ***“the people left of Israel and Judah”***
- Josiah sees himself as king of all 12 tribes
- There are small pockets of the 10 northern tribes still in Samaria
- Why didn't ***Hilkiyahu*** consult God with lots or Urim and Thummim stones?

3 NAMED FEMALE PROPHETS IN THE O.T.



- Miriam = Moses' sister, mainly a leader of the women
- Deborah = Judge, leader of Israel
- Hulda = prophet in the usual sense, a go-between delivering God's oracles
- All 3 operated in spiritually dangerous and bad times
- Jeremiah was somewhere else, and so Hulda was called upon

WHERE ARE THE MEN?



- These 3 prophetesses seem to be operating outside of their traditional females roles
- That seems to be because the men will not step up and accept their traditional male roles as leaders
- God will use whoever answers the call
- God has given men the role as spiritual leaders, but women can do it if the men won't !!
- A sign that we are in dark times when women have to lead because the men refuse

