

**LESSON 3—March 21, 2021**

**Spring Quarter 2021 Theme:**  
Prophets Faithful to God's Covenant  
**Unit I: Faithful Prophets**

**Lesson Titles:**  
**Seeking Wisdom  
for the Future**  
(Faith Pathway Bible Studies)  
**Huldah: Prophet of  
Wisdom**  
(Townsend Press Sunday School  
Commentary)

**Devotional Reading:**  
Psalm 25:1-10

**Background Scriptures:**  
2 Kings 22

**Print Passages:**  
2 Kings 22:14-20

**Key Verse(s):**

Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the Lord. (2 Kings 22:19, KJV)

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“Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people—that they would become a curse and be laid waste—and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I also have heard you, declares the Lord.” (2 Kings 22:19, NIV)

**► Questions to Consider:**

1. What actions did Josiah take after hearing the “Book of the Law” being read?
2. What was God’s message to Josiah as related to him by the prophetess Huldah?
3. What did God promise to Josiah, and why?

**► Lesson Context:**

- At the age of twenty-six, During the 18th year of his reign, **Josiah** led a reform of the people to follow God after the **Book of Law** was found in the Temple.
- During the process of restoration, Hilkiah found a Book of the Law in the Temple and delivered it to Shaphan the scribe, who read the book to King Josiah (2 Kings verses 9-10).
- Upon hearing the Word of the Law, Josiah was deeply moved and tore his cloths in an act of humility, guilt, remorse, and deep sadness (verse 11).

**► Lesson Aims:**

As a result of experiencing this lesson, the participants should be able to do these things:

- Analyze the prophetess Huldah’s message from God for King Josiah.
- Reflect on Josiah’s behavior after hearing the words of the Book of the Law.
- Seek godly advice about your future.

► **Lesson Outlines/Key Points:**

I. **A Rebellious People's Calamity (2 Kings 22:14-17)**

Key Point 1: The prophetess Huldah sent God's message to Josiah.

Key Point 2: God's wrath and calamity would be poured out on Israel because of their persistent sin of idolatry.

II. **A Pious King's Consolation (2 Kings 22:18-20)**

Key Point 1: God's message to Josiah was one of judgment but tempered with mercy.

Key Point 2: Judgement was sure, but God informed Josiah that it would not come during his lifetime.

► **Lesson Summary:**

- Josiah was so moved after hearing the Word of God that he responded by calling for spiritual reforms.
- God recognized and rewarded Josiah's faithfulness in seeking wisdom for Judah and for himself.
- As we read, study, and hear God's Word, we too should be encouraged not only to listen but to obey and respond in repentance and obedient faith.

► **What Do You Think? (These questions are found in this week's Faith Pathway student book.)**

1. What is a prerequisite for being genuinely convicted by the Word of God?

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2. Why do you think some people prefer to order their lives by counterfeit (ungodly) sources of wisdom?

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► **As a result of this lesson, I will do the following:**

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