

JOSIAH'S LIST OF EARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- FIXED UP THE TEMPLE.
- THEY FIND THE BOOK OF THE LAW HIDDEN IN THE WALL.
- HE READ IT. HE HAD IT PUBLICLY READ. HE SOUGHT TO OBEY IT.
- HE COMMANDED THE PEOPLE TO OBEY THE WORD.
- HE ERADICATED IDOLATRY, LITERALLY BURNING IT TO DUST.
- SO WHY IS THIS MESSAGE (ZEPHANIAH) BEING PREACHED IN THE DAYS OF JOSIAH?

*Govt. laws
commanding
external behavior
don't result in
real change*



*“The Lord said to me in
the days of King Josiah...”
(3:6)*

*“...Judah did not return to
Me with their whole heart,
but in pretense” (3:10)*

GOD REIGNS
OVER
THE NATIONS





The goal of God's discipline is not as much about punishment for the past but transforming us for the future.

Zephaniah 3:12

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