

## Burning Idolatrous Altars

2 Kings 23:4-20 (cf. 2 Chronicles 34:33)

1. Cleaning up the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 4-7)
  - a. Removal and burning of idol \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. Kidron valley burning – Asa & Hezekiah
    - ii. Note this was in \_\_\_\_\_'s temple
  - b. Deposition of \_\_\_\_\_ priests
  - c. Removal and destruction of \_\_\_\_\_
    - i. The actual idolatrous pole or image itself
    - ii. The houses of male cult \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ the people involved in its worship
2. Cleaning up \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8-14)
  - a. Getting rid of the \_\_\_\_\_ places in all Judah
    - i. Removing the \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ the places
    - iii. Demolishing a particular known place
    - iv. Demoting the priests to \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Defiling the “\_\_\_\_\_” of Molech child-sacrifice
  - c. Removing horses & chariots devoted to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Destroying the \_\_\_\_\_ of previous kings
    - i. Altars on the roof of \_\_\_\_\_'s upper chamber
    - ii. Altars \_\_\_\_\_ installed in temple courts
    - iii. \_\_\_\_\_'s “mountain of corruption”
      1. With abominable \_\_\_\_\_
      2. With abominable \_\_\_\_\_
      3. With abominable \_\_\_\_\_
3. Cleaning up the \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom (v. 15-20)
  - a. Burning the infamous \_\_\_\_\_ altar of Bethel
    - i. Total defilement with \_\_\_\_\_ bones
    - ii. Fulfillment of \_\_\_\_\_ year old prophecy

- b. Removal of the high places of \_\_\_\_\_
- i. “\_\_\_\_\_” removed
  - ii. Priests removed and \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ defiled with human bones

**Which of these is the general theme?**

1. *The extensive and thorough corruption of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah* OR
2. *The extensive and thorough reforms of King Josiah*

*Thus says the LORD, “Behold, I will bring disaster upon this place and upon its inhabitants, all the words of the book that the king of Judah has read. Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched.”*

2 Kings 22:16-17

*Still the LORD did not turn from the burning of his great wrath, by which his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked him. And the LORD said, “I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city that I have chosen, Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.”*

2 Kings 23:26-27

*The carved images of their gods you shall burn with fire. You shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them or take it for yourselves, lest you be ensnared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God.*

Deuteronomy 7:25

*For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and did not wholly follow the LORD, as David his father had done. Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem.*

1 Kings 11:5-7

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.*

1 Corinthians 5:10