

Death and Downward Spirals

2 Kings 23:28-35 (cf. 2 Chronicles 35:20-36:4)

1. Death of a Spiritual _____ (v. 28-30a)
 - a. _____ story
 - i. _____ Egyptian Pharaoh in battle
 - ii. _____ in battle and buried in Jerusalem
 - b. _____ story (2 Chronicles 35:20-27)
 - i. Josiah went up to intercept Pharaoh
 - ii. Pharaoh sent _____ to warn Josiah
 1. This is not _____ battle
 2. Do not stop _____'s mission for me
 - iii. Josiah _____ the warning
 - iv. Josiah perished _____ to Jerusalem
 - v. Josiah was _____ by all Judah
 1. Via lament by _____
 2. Via songs of lament for _____ after
2. Fate of the _____'s King (v. 30b-33)
 - a. Installed and anointed by the _____
 - i. _____ reign
 - ii. _____ reign
 - b. Deposed and _____ by Egyptian Pharaoh
 - c. _____ in Egypt according to prophecy
3. Rise of an _____ Vassal (v. 34-35)
 - a. Installed by _____
 - b. _____ changed by Pharaoh Neco
 - i. Demonstration of Egyptian power ____ him
 - ii. Mockingly chosen name points to the _____
 - c. _____ shown to Pharaoh Neco
 - i. At the people's expense via _____
 - ii. To Neco's benefit via _____

Which of these is the general theme?

1. *Spiritual faithfulness doesn't ensure worldly blessings*
2. *The LORD keeps His Word of promise and of judgment*

After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight at Carchemish on the Euphrates, and Josiah went out to meet him. But he sent envoys to him, saying, "What have we to do with each other, king of Judah? I am not coming against you this day, but against the house with which I am at war. And God has commanded me to hurry. Cease opposing God, who is with me, lest he destroy you." Nevertheless, Josiah did not turn away from him, but disguised himself in order to fight with him. He did not listen to the words of Neco from the mouth of God, but came to fight in the plain of Megiddo. And the archers shot King Josiah. And the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am badly wounded." So his servants took him out of the chariot and carried him in his second chariot and brought him to Jerusalem. And he died and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. All Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. Jeremiah also uttered a lament for Josiah; and all the singing men and singing women have spoken of Josiah in their laments to this day. They made these a rule in Israel; behold, they are written in the Laments.

2 Chronicles 35:20-26

Weep not for him who is dead, nor grieve for him, but weep bitterly for him who goes away, for he shall return no more to see his native land. For thus says the LORD concerning Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went away from this place: "He shall return here no more, but in the place where they have carried him captive, there shall he die, and he shall never see this land again."

Jeremiah 22:10-12

And she brought up one of her cubs; he became a young lion, and he learned to catch prey; he devoured men. The nations heard about him; he was caught in their pit, and they brought him with hooks to the land of Egypt.

Ezekiel 19:3-4