

2 Chronicles 34:26-28

But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, in this manner you shall speak to him, 'Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "Concerning the words which you have heard-- because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says the LORD. Surely I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place and its inhabitants.' ' ' So they brought back word to the king.

What if the Lord actually spoke to you and told you that in 2018 that the entire USA will be in a drought, and that there would be massive earthquakes and famine in the land because of how the people had rebelled against Him? How would you respond?

Would you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants, and you humbled yourself before Me, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me?

Or would you ignore it and let things just happen, maybe not even believing the Lord would do such a thing.

Now before you start turning your answer into a political one, STOP IT. This has nothing to do with politics but rather how a nation (the USA) has turned its back on the Lord and let sin run rampant, not caring what God thinks, but rather being more concerned with what man thinks and wants.

Maybe you would start posting on social media and telling all your friends and family about the disaster that would be coming to the USA next year. You would also tell them to tell their friends and family and so on.

In today's devotional verses this is in regards to king Josiah:

† **2 Chronicles 34:1-2** *Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.*

You gotta read the story about him starting in II Chronicles chapter 34. But 18 years after he became king of Israel (He is not 26) the book of the law was found, which was read to him telling of why there was disaster in the land, and it was because the children of Israel had turned their backs on God and served other false gods.

So this young 26 year old king humbled himself first before the Lord, then he went and had the people warned and were told to get right with God (I'm paraphrasing here) and he removed all the false shrines and gods/idols from the land.

It just tells us that before we think we can go and conquer or clean up this world, our state or town, that we need to start with ourselves and clean up our act first and seek the Lord.

† **2 Chronicles 34:19-21** *Thus it happened, when the king heard the words of the Law, that he tore his clothes.*

Then the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying, "Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for those who are left in Israel and Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book." (underlined for emphasis)