

## **Old Testament Sacrifice and Worship Personal Worship – National Revival and Restoration**

The works of Josiah and Ezra – because worship includes actions

### **Josiah**

II Kings 22-23 (also II Chronicles 34-35)

1. Restored Temple – II Kings 22:1-7
2. Restored Scripture – II Kings 22:8-13 (read 8-11)
3. Renewed Covenant with the People – II Kings 22:14-23:3 (read 23:1-3)
4. Cleansed Idolatry – II Kings 23:4-27 (read 4-5, 8, 10, 12-13, 24-25)
  - a. Baal
  - b. Asherah / Ashtoreth
  - c. Molech / Milcom
  - d. Chemosh
  - e. “Host of Heaven”
  - f. mediums, spiritists, teraphim, idols
5. Passover Restored – II Kings 23:21-23

### **Ezra**

(Book of Ezra)

1. Ezra 7:6-10 – The heart and commitment of Ezra (read)
  - a. Ezra 1-6 – Zerubbabel restores the Temple, Passover celebrated (discuss)
2. Ezra 7:11++ – The provision of the king (discuss)
3. Ezra 8:1-20 – Gathers 1500, no Levites, goes and gets 258 Levites & priests (discuss)
4. Ezra 9 – (Read 1-5, 10:1) Mixed marriages, repentance

Ezra’s accomplishments (CF 7:6-10)

- Instrumental in restoration of temple worship (King’s favor, treasure & people)
- Instrumental in excising foreign wives (source of idolatry)
- Wrote Ezra, Nehemiah (ed), I & II Chronicles
- (trad.) Translated at least the Pentateuch into Aramaic
- (trad.) Large contribution to Old Testament Canon
- (trad.) Instituted the Great Assembly, which became the Sanhedrin
- (trad.) Instituted weekly synagogue worship – as seen time of Christ, forward