MAIN THOUGHT JOSIAH (640-609 BC), the last good king of Judah, CLEANSED the land, REPAIRED the temple, REDISCOVERED the scriptures, COMMITTED to God, REFORMED the land, CELEBRATED Passover, and SACRIFICED his life.

| AGE 8   | He began his reign (640 BC). |
| AGE 16  | He began to seek God.        |
| AGE 20  | He purged the land of sin.   |
| AGE 21  | He began his relationship with Jeremiah (Jer. 1:2). |
| AGE 26  | He repaired the temple, found the Scriptures, celebrated Passover. |
| AGE 39  | He died in battle against Pharaoh Neco of Egypt (609 BC). |

HE CLEANSED THE LAND (1-2; 2 Chron. 34:3-7). He got RID of (Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8; Jam. 1:21; 1 Pet. 2:1) pagan worship, Asherah poles, carved idols, cast images, pagan altars, pagan priests – even burning their bones.

HE REPAIRED THE TEMPLE (3-7; 2 Chron. 34:8-13).
• After he PUT OFF corruption, he PUT ON righteousness (Eph. 4:22-24).
• He began to repair the temple from the funds received by the priests from BOTH the remnant of the Israel and those from Judah (2 Chron. 30:18-20).
• The temple had been allowed to fall into ruin in the previous 57 years.

HE REDISCOVERED THE SCRIPTURES (8-20; 2 Chron. 34:14-28).
• It is remarkable that the Holy Scriptures (PENTATEUCH) had been lost for years in the temple – probably during Manasseh’s 55 year evil reign.
• It was to be kept next to the ark of the covenant (Deut. 31:24-26). Was this the original autograph written in Moses’ own hand?
• It should have been read every seven years before all (Deut. 31:10-13).
• They had NEGLECTED the Word of God (Psa. 119:16; Matt. 22:29).
• You should be like the Bereans who studied the scriptures daily (Acts 17:11).
• The discovery (Isa. 65:1) was reported to Josiah by Shaphan the secretary who read from it (probably Deuteronomy) to the King. He tore his robes when he realized how disobedient they had become (Deut. 17:18-20).
• Because his heart was RESPONSIVE and HUMBLED, with torn robes and tears, Josiah would be spared disaster in his day (19-20).

HE COMMITTED TO GOD (23:1-3; 2 Chron. 34:29-33).
• It was read to all the people who renewed the covenant (Josh. 8:34-35).
• Ezra would do the same (Neh. 8:2-3; 9:3, 37).