

The Lord's 5-part message:

1. An _____ of Israel and Judah for being stubborn and stiff-necked.
2. _____ of immediate danger.
3. A call to _____ to avoid calamity.

Are we missing a link in the chain?

Sin → _____ → Prayer asking for forgiveness → Forgiveness through the grace of God

What's the missing element?

4. A tender _____ that even if they choose destruction, the Lord still
 - a. _____ them and
 - b. will make sure a _____ of the nation is savedWhy? So He can fulfill all his _____ of _____ their nation in the future.

5. God promises to _____ the nations that attack and ravage His people. God is allowing the attacks for the sole purpose of _____ from among His people.

Why? Israel and Judah are holy and precious to God, as precious as a _____. (So are we!)

King Josiah

Age 21: He's been traveling around the country busting up _____.

Age 26:

- He decides to _____ the Temple of the Lord.
- The workers find _____ and bring it to King Josiah
- When King Josiah heard the blessings and the curses, the great promises as well as the commandments of the Lord, he _____.
- King Josiah gathers the people together for a celebration of _____,

Sometime during King Josiah's 20's, the Scythians attacked _____ but were turned back by a bribe from the Pharaoh.

But even Egypt couldn't compete with the great and terrible nation of _____ which had taken the northern 10 tribes of Israel into captivity. The Lord announced his intentions of taking _____ on the Assyrians for their cruelty to the ten tribes of Israel.

Age 33: Nabopolassar, the Assyrian general who broke off from Assyria and made himself king of _____ attacked the former capital of Assyria, Asshur, but he _____ to conquer it.

King Josiah's Story

It's all about the choices

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The next year, the _____ attacked Asshur. Nabopolassar became great friends with the King of the Medes, Cyaxares. They formed an _____.

Within another year or so, the Babylonians and the Medes, under _____ had conquered the Assyrian capital city of _____.

Age 39: Neco became ruler of _____. He was the son of the great Pharaoh Psamtik we talked about earlier. _____ told Pharaoh Neco to march out against the Babylonians and to do it quickly!

But for some reason, King Josiah decided to go out to fight against Pharaoh Neco.