

## *Josiah Discussion*

*Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.*

*Josiah could be called “a child at risk” with an ungodly father, yet there must have been people who spoke truth into his life. How does that encourage those who work with children?*

*Children and youth can be idealistic and also rebellious. Can these characteristics be harnessed for good?*

*What are the right decisions that Josiah made when the book of the Law was discovered?*

*Some liberal scholars claim that the Book of the Law was not discovered but actually written long after Moses, to create a backstory for the Jewish people. What are some of the reasons that refute that hypothesis?*

*Why was it necessary to destroy the pagan altars?*

*Was it cruel to kill all the people who had been involved in the pagan practices?*

*Couldn't the LORD have re-educated and reformed them instead?*

*Josiah's attempt to fight Pharaoh Neco was militarily foolish. What was God “up to” in inducing Josiah to do this?*

*How does this affect our judgement of things that seem to have been done wrongly?*

*Does the LORD sometimes work things out in ways that mystify us?*

*Is that surprising?*