

people of Judah were doing right now and that the Lord was going to judge them.

- c. He also realized that all those curses in Deut would come.
- d. So Josiah humbled himself before the Lord, he wept, he tore his robe as a sign of mourning and he inquired of the Lord through the prophetess Huldah.
- e. The Lord gave a message through Huldah to Josiah, "I am going to do to Judah <sup>all</sup> the things I said in Deut but because you have humbled yourself before me, I am not going to do these things in your lifetime."
- viii. Josiah then gathered all the people together at Shechem and Josiah and the people renewed their covenant with the Lord.
- ix. Then Josiah started a reformation the likes of which had never been seen in Israel.
  - a. He took the book of Deut and every time he found something contrary to it, he did away with it.
  - b. He destroyed idols.
  - c. He destroyed the altar at Bethel.
  - d. He took human bones out of tombs that were there and he burned them on that altar to so defile it that it would never be ~~sued~~ <sup>used</sup> again.
  - e. The reason he did that was because in 932 B. C. (about 300 years before) a man of God predicted that there would come a king named Josiah who would burn bones on the ~~later~~ <sup>altar</sup>.
- x. Josiah decides that he is going to go to battle against the king of Egypt.
  - a. The king of Egypt was going to fight against the king of Babylon in Carchemash.
  - b. Josiah went out to fight him and was killed at Megiddo.
  - c. When he was killed his son Jehoahas was set up as king.

## 2. Jehoahas

- i. Remember now that Judah is subject to Egypt.
- ii. If Josiah had just stayed home like Pharaoh Neco told him to, this wouldn't happen, but he didn't listen to him.
- iii. Pharaoh Neco didn't want him there.
- iv. Do he took him off and sent him off in chains to Egypt where he died.
- v. He only reigned for 3 months.
- vi. Pharaoh Neco put Jehoiakim (who was the brother of Jehoahas) on the throne.