L3L47: Huldah 2 Kings 22-23

When Josiah became king of Judah, God's beautiful temple in Jerusalem had been neglected and the people were worshipping idols. They had forgotten God's law. It was during this time that a woman named Huldah was serving as a prophetess in Judah. King Josiah had instructed the priests to repair the damages done to the temple, and while working on it the workers found the book of the Law which they quickly brought to the king. Josiah, deeply distressed upon learning God's expectations for His people, told his men to seek out the word of the Lord to discover what God was planning to do to Judah because of their sins. And to whom did the men go? To Huldah the prophetess, of course!

Discuss:

- What is the purpose of prophecy? How does God usually present prophecy to His people?
- Can you name any other prophetesses mentioned in the Bible? (There are several women called prophetesses in both the Old and New Testaments)
- How do you think the king knew where to find Huldah?
- What did God reveal to Huldah to tell King Josiah?
- How did King Josiah react to Huldah's prophecies? Why was Judah's punishment delayed? What can we learn from Josiah's example?



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• Josiah and Huldah served God in different ways. What are some ways we can prepare to serve God?

Memory Challenge:

2 Kings 22:19

"...because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says the Lord.