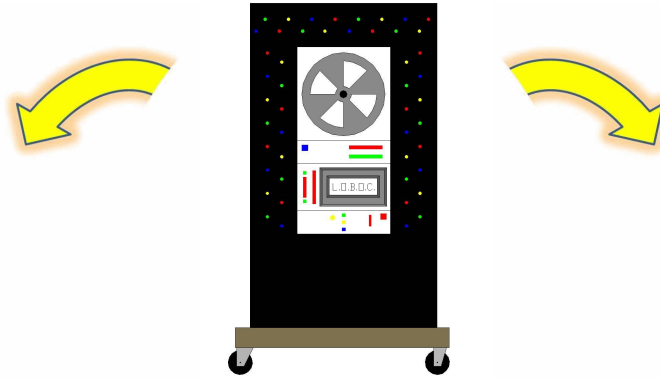


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THE FORGOTTEN WORD



Josiah was only eight years old when he became the king, but even at that young age, he knew his people were supposed to live for God. The problem was, he was not really sure how. Josiah did get rid of the idols in his kingdom of Jerusalem. He even destroyed all the places where his people worshipped false gods. Still, he knew there was something more.

When he was 18, Josiah decided it was time to repair the Temple of God. He sent money to Hilkiyah the high priest, and told him to take the money to repair the Temple and make it like new. While Hilkiyah was bringing the money into a store room in the Temple, he found some old scrolls. When he opened the scrolls he realized that they were the scriptures, the Word of God, the books of God's Law. Hilkiyah took the scrolls to King Josiah.

When Josiah had them read to him, he realized how far away from God his people had gotten. Josiah cried over how badly his people had behaved toward God. He then ordered his people to cry over their sin and repent.

(Bible Reference: 2 Chronicles 34:1-35:19)