

# Passover Day 2 Haftarah

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## II Kings 23:1-9

(1) At the king's summons, all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem assembled before him. (2) The king went up to the House of the LORD, together with all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests and prophets—all the people, young and old. And he read to them the entire text of the covenant scroll which had been found in the House of the LORD. (3) The king stood by the pillar and solemnized the covenant before the LORD: that they would follow the LORD and observe His commandments, His injunctions, and His laws with all their heart and soul; that they would fulfill all the terms of this covenant as inscribed upon the scroll. And all the people entered into the covenant. (4) Then the king ordered the high priest Hilkiah, the priests of the second rank, and the guards of the threshold to bring out of the Temple of the LORD all the objects made for Baal and Asherah and all the host of heaven. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and he removed the ashes to Bethel. (5) He suppressed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had appointed to make offerings at the shrines in the towns of Judah and in the environs of

## מלכים ב כ"ג:א'-ט"ו

(א) וישלח המלך ויאספו אליו  
כל־זקני יהודה וירושלם: (ב) ויעל  
המלך בית־יהוה וכל־איש יהודה  
וְכָל־יֹשְׁבֵי יְרוּשָׁלַם אִתּוֹ וְהַכֹּהֲנִים  
וְהַנְּבִיאִים וְכָל־הָעָם לְמִקְטָן וְעַד־גָּדוֹל  
וַיִּקְרָא בְּאָזְנוֹתָם אֶת־כָּל־דְּבַר סֵפֶר  
הַבְּרִית הַנִּמְצָא בְּבֵית יְהוָה: (ג) וַיַּעֲמֵד  
הַמֶּלֶךְ עַל־הָעֲמֹוד וַיִּכְרֹת אֶת־הַבְּרִית  
לִפְנֵי יְהוָה לְלָכֶת אַחֵר יְהוָה וְלִשְׁמֹר  
מִצְוֹתָיו וְאֶת־עֲדוּתָיו וְאֶת־חֻקֹּתָיו  
בְּכָל־לֵב וּבְכָל־נֶפֶשׁ לְהִקְיִם אֶת־דְּבַר  
הַבְּרִית הַזֹּאת הַכְּתוּבִים עַל־הַסֵּפֶר הַזֶּה  
וַיַּעֲמֵד כָּל־הָעָם בְּבְרִית: (ד) וַיֵּצֵאוּ  
הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־חֻלְקֵיהֶם הַכֹּהֵן הַגָּדוֹל  
וְאֶת־כֹּהֲנֵי הַמִּשְׁנָה וְאֶת־שְׂמֵרֵי הַסֶּף  
לְהוֹצִיא מֵהִיכָל יְהוָה אֶת כָּל־הַכֵּלִים  
הָעֲשׂוּיִם לַבַּעַל וְלְאַשֵׁרָה וְלִכָּל צָבָא  
הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיִּשְׂרֹפֵם מִחוּץ לִירוּשָׁלַם  
בְּשַׂדְּמֹות קִדְרוֹן וַנִּשְׂא אֶת־עֲפָרָם  
בְּיַת־אֵל: (ה) וְהִשְׁבִּית אֶת־הַכְּמֹוֹת  
אֲשֶׁר גָּתְנוּ מִלְּכֵי יְהוּדָה וַיִּקְטֹר בְּבִמֹות  
בְּעָרֵי יְהוּדָה וּמִסְבֵי יְרוּשָׁלַם  
וְאֶת־הַמִּקְטָרִים לַבַּעַל לְשַׁמֵּשׁ וְלִזְרֹחַ  
וְלַמְזֹלוֹת וְלִכָּל צָבָא הַשָּׁמַיִם: (ו) וַיֵּצֵא  
אֶת־הָאַשֵׁרָה מִבְּיַת יְהוָה מִחוּץ  
לִירוּשָׁלַם אֶל־גַּחַל קִדְרוֹן וַיִּשְׂרֹף אֹתָהּ

Jerusalem, and those who made offerings to Baal, to the sun and moon and constellations—all the host of heaven. (6) He brought out the [image of] Asherah from the House of the LORD to the Kidron Valley outside Jerusalem, and burned it in the Kidron Valley; he beat it to dust and scattered its dust over the burial ground of the common people. (7) He tore down the cubicles of the male prostitutes in the House of the LORD, at the place where the women wove coverings for Asherah. (8) He brought all the priests from the towns of Judah [to Jerusalem] and defiled the shrines where the priests had been making offerings—from Geba to Beer-sheba. He also demolished the shrines of the gates, which were at the entrance of the gate of Joshua, the city prefect—which were on a person's left [as he entered] the city gate. (9) The priests of the shrines, however, did not ascend the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate unleavened bread along with their kinsmen.

בַּגִּסְלֵי קִדְרוֹן וַיִּגְדֹּק לְעֹפֶר וַיִּשְׁלֹךְ  
 אֶת־עֲפָרָהּ עַל־קִבְרֵי בְּנֵי הָעָם: (ז) וַיִּתֵּן  
 אֶת־בְּתֵי הַקְּדוּשִׁים אֲשֶׁר בְּבֵית יְהוָה  
 אֲשֶׁר הַנְּשִׂים אֲרָגוֹת וְעָם בְּתִים  
 לְאַשְׁרָה: (ח) וַיָּבֵא אֶת־כָּל־הַכְּהֻנִּים  
 מֵעָרֵי יְהוּדָה וַיִּטְמָא אֶת־הַבַּמֹּת אֲשֶׁר  
 קִטְרוּ־שָׁמָּה הַכְּהֻנִּים מִגִּבְעַ עַד־בְּאֵר  
 נָשֶׁבַע וַנְּתִץ אֶת־בָּמֹת הַנְּשִׁעָרִים  
 אֲשֶׁר־פָּתַח שַׁעַר יְהוֹשֻׁעַ שַׁר־הָעִיר  
 אֲשֶׁר־עַל־שְׂמֹאלוֹ אִישׁ בְּשַׁעַר הָעִיר:  
 (ט) אֲדָּ לֹא יָעֲלוּ כְּהֻנֵי הַבָּמֹת  
 אֶל־מִזְבֵּחַ יְהוָה בִּירוּשָׁלָּיִם כִּי  
 אִם־אָכְלוּ מִצֹּת בְּתוֹךְ אֲחֵיהֶם:

**II Kings 23:21-25**

(21) The king commanded all the people, “Offer the passover sacrifice to the LORD your God as prescribed in this scroll of the covenant.” (22) Now the passover sacrifice had not been offered in that manner in the days of the chieftains who ruled Israel, or during the days of the kings of Israel and the kings of Judah. (23) Only in the eighteenth year of King Josiah was such a passover sacrifice offered in that manner to the LORD in Jerusalem. (24) Josiah also did away with the necromancers and the

**מלכים ב כ"ג:כ"א-כ"ה**

(כא) וַיִּצְוֵה הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶת־כָּל־הָעָם לֵאמֹר  
 עֲשׂוּ פֶסַח לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם כַּכְּתוּב עַל  
 סֵפֶר הַבְּרִית הַזֶּה: (כב) כִּי לֹא נַעֲשֶׂה  
 כַּפֶּסַח הַזֶּה מִימֵי הַשְּׂפֹטִים אֲשֶׁר שָׁפְטוּ  
 אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכֹל יְמֵי מַלְכֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל  
 וּמַלְכֵי יְהוּדָה: (כג) כִּי אִם־בְּשָׁמְנָה  
 עֶשְׂרֵה שָׁנָה לַמֶּלֶךְ יֹאשִׁיָּהוּ נַעֲשֶׂה  
 הַפֶּסַח הַזֶּה לַיהוָה בִּירוּשָׁלָּיִם: (כד) וַגַּם  
 אֶת־הַקְּאֻבוֹת וְאֶת־הַיִּדְעֹנִים  
 וְאֶת־הַתַּרְפִּים וְאֶת־הַגִּלְלִים וְאֶת  
 כָּל־הַשִּׁקְצִים אֲשֶׁר נִרְאוּ בְּאֶרֶץ יְהוּדָה

mediums, the idols and the fetishes—  
all the detestable things that were to  
be seen in the land of Judah and  
Jerusalem. Thus he fulfilled the terms  
of the Teaching recorded in the scroll  
that the priest Hilkiyah had found in  
the House of the LORD. (25) There  
was no king like him before who  
turned back to the LORD with all his  
heart and soul and might, in full  
accord with the Teaching of Moses;  
nor did any like him arise after him.

וּבִירוּשָׁלַם בַּעַר יִאֲשִׁיחֵהוּ לְמַעַן הַקָּיִים  
אֶת־דַּבְרֵי הַתּוֹרָה הַכְּתוּבִים עַל־הַסֵּפֶר  
אֲשֶׁר מָצָא חִלְקִיָּהוּ הַכֹּהֵן בְּבַיִת יְהוָה:  
(כה) וְכָמֵהוּ לֹא־הָיָה לְפָנָיו מֶלֶךְ  
אֲשֶׁר־נָשָׁב אֶל־יְהוָה בְּכָל־לִבּוֹ  
וּבְכָל־נַפְשׁוֹ וּבְכָל־מְאֹדוֹ כְּכֹל תּוֹרַת  
מֹשֶׁה וְאַחֲרָיו לֹא־קָם כָּמֵהוּ:

