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SAVED PEOPLE SAVE PEOPLE

2 Kings 22:1-3 (NLT)

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years... He did what was pleasing in the LORD's sight and followed the example of his ancestor David. He did not turn away from doing what was right.

In the eighteenth year of his reign, King Josiah sent Shaphan...to the Temple of the LORD...



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2 Kings 22:8-9 (NLT)

Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the court secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the LORD's Temple!" Then Hilkiah gave the scroll to Shaphan, and he read it.

Shaphan went to the king and reported, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a scroll." So Shaphan read it to the king...



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2 Kings 22:11 (NLT)

When the king heard what was written in the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes in despair.



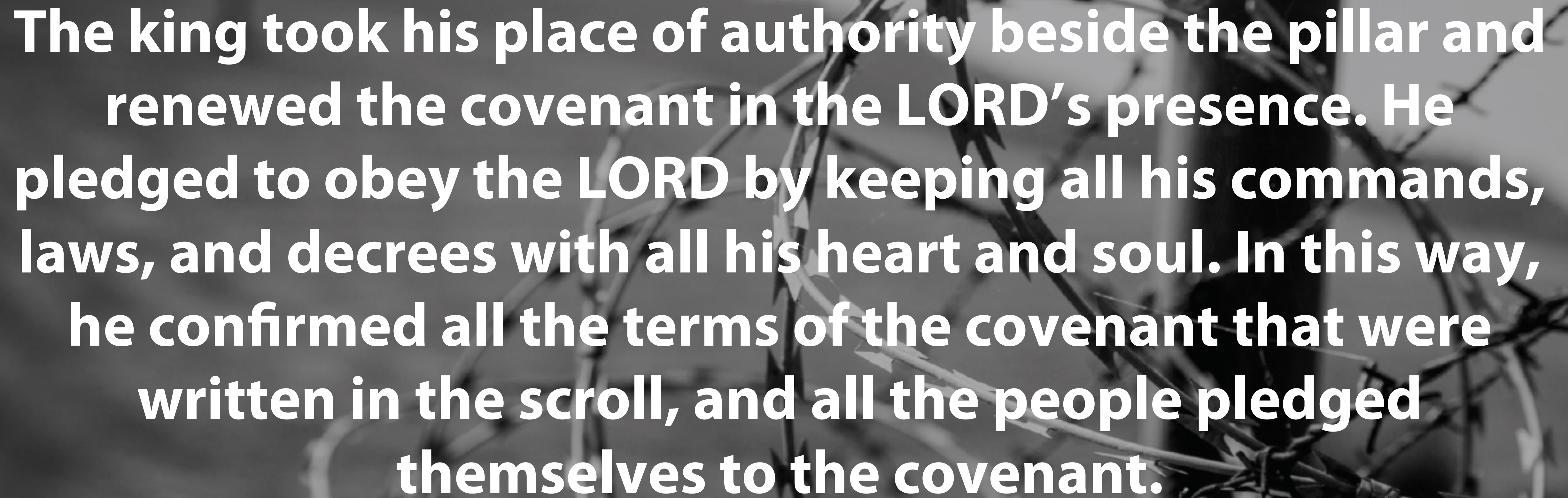
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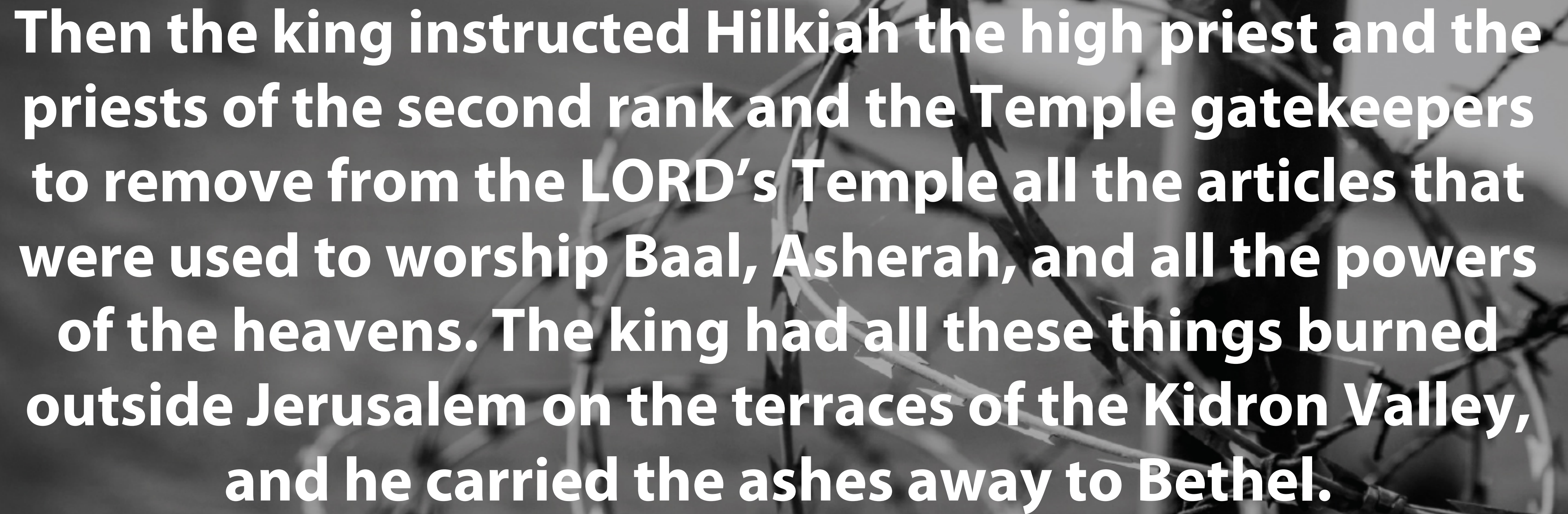
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2 Kings 23:1-7 (NLT)

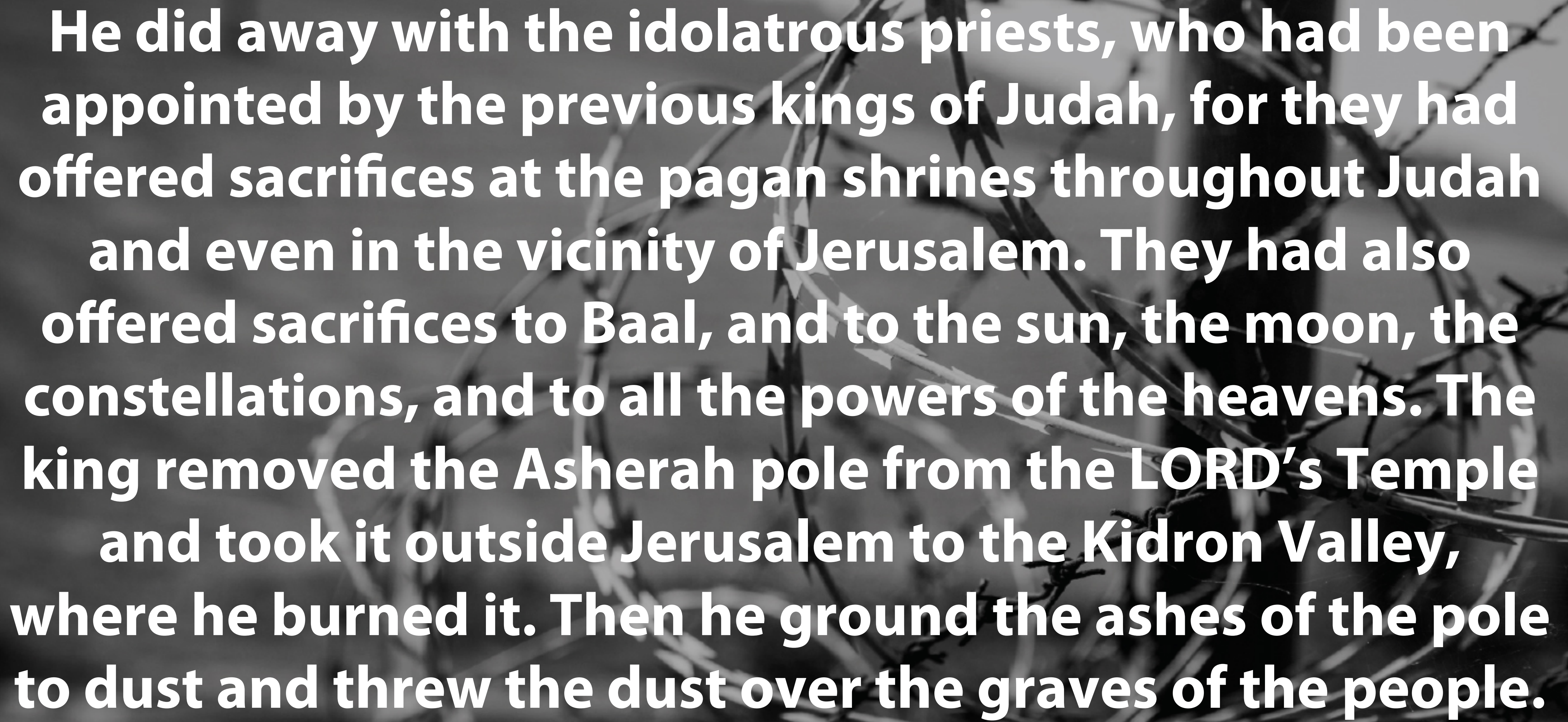
Then the king summoned all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up to the Temple of the LORD with all the people of Judah and Jerusalem, along with the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. There the king read to them the entire Book of the Covenant that had been found in the LORD's Temple.

A black and white photograph of a person standing behind a pillar, with a large, tangled wreath of thorny branches in the foreground. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

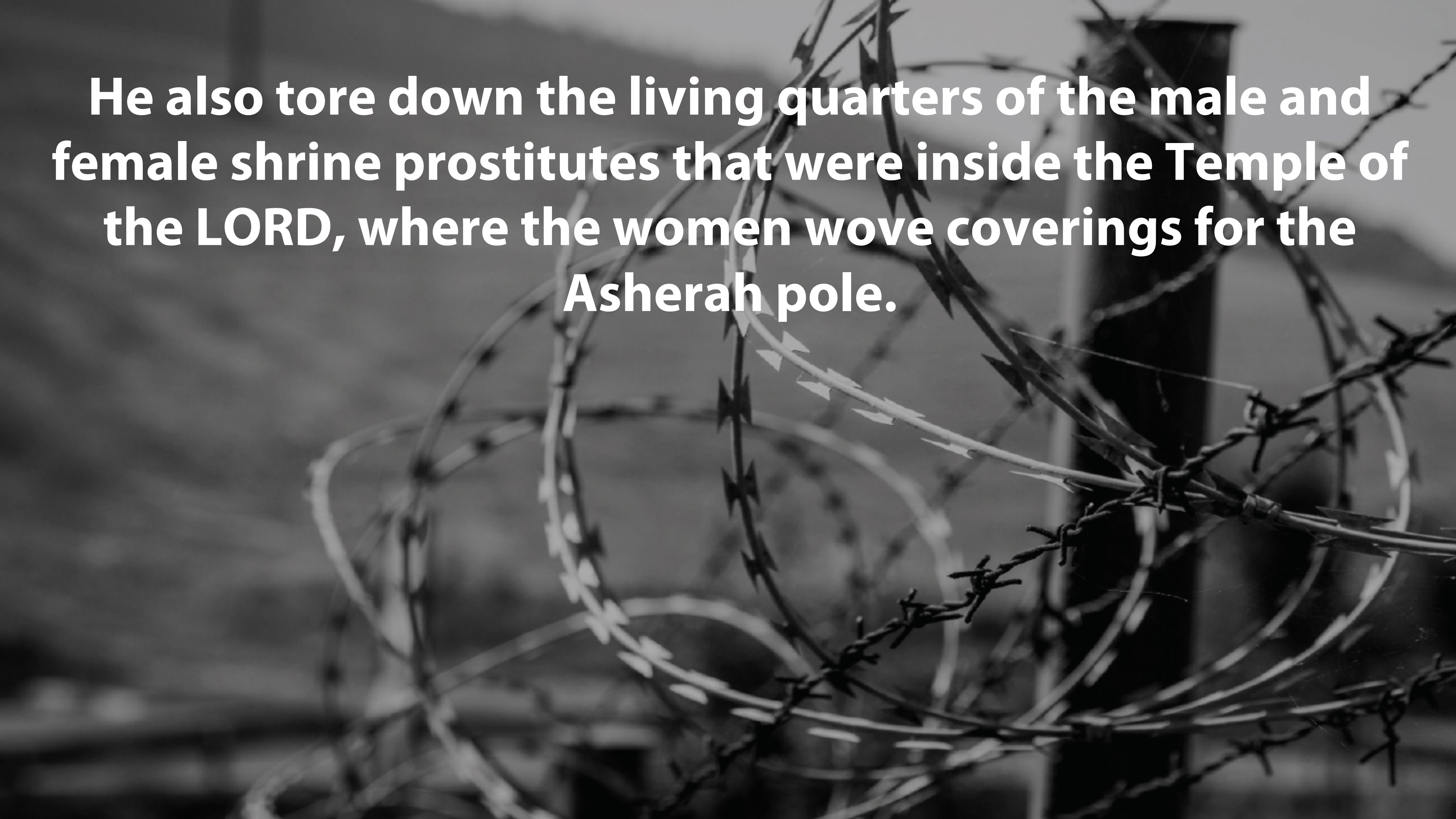
The king took his place of authority beside the pillar and renewed the covenant in the LORD's presence. He pledged to obey the LORD by keeping all his commands, laws, and decrees with all his heart and soul. In this way, he confirmed all the terms of the covenant that were written in the scroll, and all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

A black and white photograph of a bird perched on a thorny branch, with the text overlaid. The bird is dark and positioned on the right side of the frame, facing left. The background is a blurred, light-colored landscape. The text is white and bold, centered on the image.

Then the king instructed Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second rank and the Temple gatekeepers to remove from the LORD's Temple all the articles that were used to worship Baal, Asherah, and all the powers of the heavens. The king had all these things burned outside Jerusalem on the terraces of the Kidron Valley, and he carried the ashes away to Bethel.



He did away with the idolatrous priests, who had been appointed by the previous kings of Judah, for they had offered sacrifices at the pagan shrines throughout Judah and even in the vicinity of Jerusalem. They had also offered sacrifices to Baal, and to the sun, the moon, the constellations, and to all the powers of the heavens. The king removed the Asherah pole from the LORD's Temple and took it outside Jerusalem to the Kidron Valley, where he burned it. Then he ground the ashes of the pole to dust and threw the dust over the graves of the people.



He also tore down the living quarters of the male and female shrine prostitutes that were inside the Temple of the LORD, where the women wove coverings for the Asherah pole.



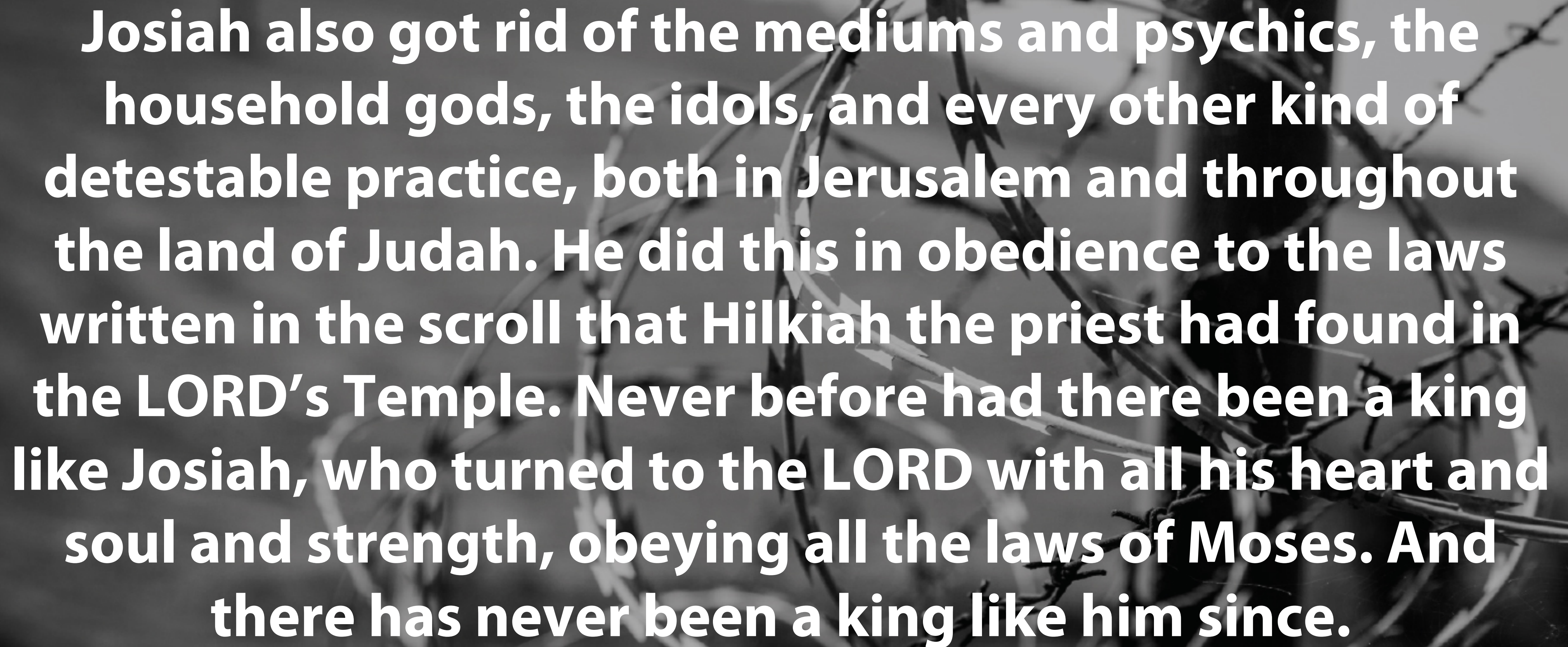
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2 Kings 23:21-25 (NLT)

King Josiah then issued this order to all the people: “You must celebrate the Passover to the LORD your God, as required in this Book of the Covenant.” There had not been a Passover celebration like that since the time when the judges ruled in Israel, nor throughout all the years of the kings of Israel and Judah. But in the eighteenth year of King Josiah’s reign, this Passover was celebrated to the LORD in Jerusalem.

A black and white background image of a crown of thorns, which is a traditional symbol of Jesus Christ's suffering and sacrifice. The thorns are sharp and intertwined, forming a circular shape. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

Josiah also got rid of the mediums and psychics, the household gods, the idols, and every other kind of detestable practice, both in Jerusalem and throughout the land of Judah. He did this in obedience to the laws written in the scroll that Hilkiah the priest had found in the LORD's Temple. Never before had there been a king like Josiah, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and soul and strength, obeying all the laws of Moses. And there has never been a king like him since.



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