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## Iraq defeated ISIS more than a year ago. The group's revival is already underway



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Two and a half years ago, ISIS plowed a truck packed with explosives into a busy shopping area down the road during Ramadan, killing hundreds of people.

Now, young men sporting skinny jeans, funky jackets and what we're told is the new "spikey" hairstyle hang around in groups. It's a look that once would have gotten them killed, back in the years of Iraq's sectarian bloodletting when Baghdad was a patchwork of brutal militias.



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For Hisham al-Hashimi, an Iraqi expert on ISIS, therein lies the problem. Despite the rhetoric from some Iraqi leaders, this is a country where political failures and the rise of terrorism and violence are inextricably intertwined.

"Iraq has not learned the lesson from ISIS," Hashimi, who has tracked the terror group from back in its early days as al Qaeda in Iraq, told CNN. "Especially when it comes to co-existing and civil security, accepting others and apologizing to others, the same reasons that made ISIS a state are still there and growing."





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**Jesus: King of the Eternal Kingdom**

**2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chron. 34-35 Jeremiah 3:6-10; 31:31-34**

**Ezekiel 36:24-28 John 3:1-21**

# 1. The Kingdom is Revived

- ❖ Josiah – great grandson of Hezekiah – grandfather and father made a massive mess of the kingdom!
- ❖ Josiah - a man with a heart for God!

2 Chronicles 34:1-3, 8, 14, 19, 27-33

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  - ❖ Repents



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**“Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people, that they would become accursed and laid waste, and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the LORD. Therefore I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place.’ ”**  
So they took her answer back to the king.”

(2 Kings 22:19–20, NIV84)





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**“The king stood by his pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD—to follow the LORD and keep his commands, regulations and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book. Then he had everyone in Jerusalem and Benjamin pledge themselves to it; the people of Jerusalem did this in accordance with the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. Josiah removed all the detestable idols from all the territory belonging to the Israelites, and he had all who were present in Israel serve the LORD their God. As long as he lived, they did not fail to follow the LORD, the God of their fathers.” (2 Chronicles 34:31–33, NIV84)**



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- ❖ He Took a Stand for the Lord – total commitment



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**“Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—**

**with all his heart and**

**with all his soul and**

**with all his strength,**

**in accordance with all the Law of Moses.” (2 Kings 23:25, NIV84)**



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Millennial History

## People have always whinged about young adults. Here's proof

Older people love to gripe about the entitled, lazy millennial generation. But it's nothing new - by delving into the archives, we found plenty of parallels stretching back 2,000 years.

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# 1. The Kingdom is Revived

- ❖ Josiah's proves otherwise!
- ❖ It is the heart that matters – not the age!
- ❖ Who was behind him?

*'When it comes time to develop a Christian identity apart from one's parents, young adults need persisting communities of faithful adults, mentors, and friends in their lives.'*

*"Renegotiating Faith"*



# 1. The Kingdom is Revived

## Application # 1

- ❖ Is it time to:
  - ❖ Take a stand?
  - ❖ Renew your stand?



## 2. The Kingdom Collapses

- ❖ Josiah's reforms aren't enough
- ❖ Josiah is 'randomly' killed! ( at age 39 – about 13 years later)
- ❖ Principle # 1 - You reap what you sow  
2 Kings 23:26-30 Pew Bible Page 280
- ❖ Principle # 2 Even a good man fails... Pride?  
2 Chronicles 35:20-27 Pew Bible Page 333
- ❖ Principle # 3 - God sees the heart and motives  
Jeremiah 3:6-10 Pew Bible Page 535



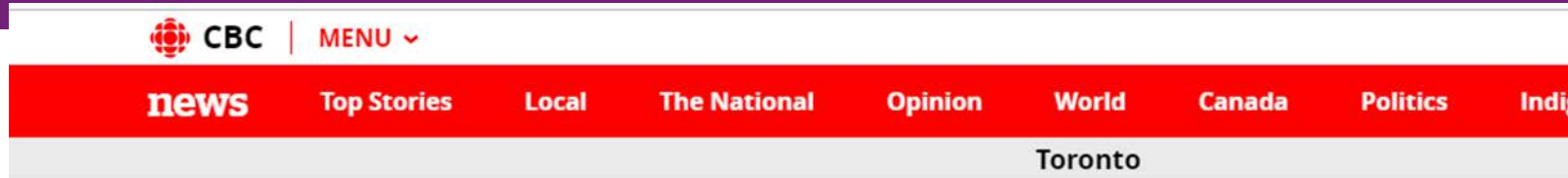
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### Application # 2

❖ Beware of Superficiality!



## 2. The Kingdom Collapses



### **A tree fell on their dream home, and that was just the beginning of their nightmare**

Port Perry couple doesn't know when, or if, they'll be able to rebuild

Farrah Merali - CBC News · Posted: Mar 04, 2019 4:00 AM ET | Last Updated: March 4



## 2. The Kingdom Collapses

The couple filed an insurance claim and an engineering company was brought in to assess the damage. It applied to the Township of Scugog for a permit to do repairs, but was denied because roughly two-thirds of the house was built without proper permits.

"It was quite a shock," said Carlson-Graves from the rented house they've been living in for nearly a year and a half.

"They said, 'Well, [that part of the house] is not even supposed to be there.'"

The couple is now wading through a bureaucratic nightmare as the house has been deemed structurally unsound. The property needs to be rezoned. Then, they need to apply for a permit from the Township of Scugog to rebuild.





## 2. The Kingdom Collapses

### Application # 2

- ❖ Beware of Superficiality!
- ❖ The 'trees' will fall – the truth about our hearts and lives revealed
- ❖ We reap what we sow!



**Is the message over????**

**Only fear of failure and reaping what I sow?**

**Coming judgement??**

**No !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**



# 3. The Eternal Kingdom

❖ In the time of Josiah hope was given!

Jeremiah 31:31-33 Pew Bible page 561

❖ A New Covenant

❖ God's laws in their heart

❖ Forgiveness of sins!!!!!!



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❖ In the time of Josiah hope was given!

Jeremiah 31:31-33 Pew Bible page 561

❖ More Promises of Hope!

Ezekiel 36:24-29 Pew Bible Page 614

❖ Cleansing!

❖ New heart and spirit

❖ God's Holy Spirit!

❖ Salvation from Sin!



### 3. The Eternal Kingdom

❖ At the last supper and at the cross, Jesus ‘sealed the deal’ – secured the kingdom and the promise of Jeremiah!

“And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.” (Luke 22:20, ESV)



### 3. The Eternal Kingdom

❖ On the cross – Jesus paid the debt- enabled us to be cleansed and indwelt by the Spirit as promised in Jeremiah and Ezekiel

““Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” (John 3:5–6, ESV)





### 3. The Eternal Kingdom

**“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” (John 3:14–17, ESV)**



# 3. The Eternal Kingdom

- ❖ By the power of The Holy Spirit we serve the King in His Kingdom! It is an eternal Kingdom!
- ❖ “And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”” (John 3:19–21, ESV)



# 3. The Eternal Kingdom

## Application # 3

- ❖ Am I alive in and empowered by the King of Kings?
- ❖ Have I believed in Jesus who was 'lifted up' on the cross for me?
- ❖ Have I been born again as Jesus said?
- ❖ Do I see the power of God's Holy Spirit working in me and gradually transforming me?





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