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**A JEWISH KING &  
THE COVENANT OF REVIVAL**  
(2 Kings 22:1 – 23:5)  
- Rev. Dr. Jack Sin  
*A Sermon Summary*

SOVEREIGNHOPE  
bible presbyterian church  
AN APPRAISAL AND  
UNDERSTANDING OF  
BIBLICAL REVIVALS  
JANUARY TO MARCH 2021

14 FEBRUARY

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2 KINGS 22:1-20

**3 Salient Points to consider:**

- A) Repair of God's house & the Revitalisation of true worship (2 Kings 22:1 – 10)
- B) Restoration of the Scriptures & Seeking the Will of God (2 Kings 22:11—20)
- C) Recommitment of God's People to Obey and honour God (2 Kings 23:1—5)

**Background to King Josiah:**

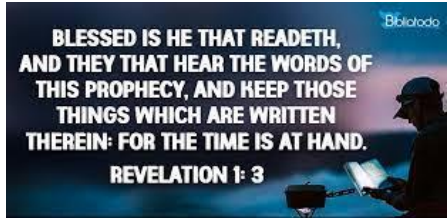
- King Josiah, son of King Ammon and Jedidah, daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath, began to reign at the age of 8, for a total period of 31 years.
- He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. (2 Kings 22:1 – 2)
- Josiah began to seek the Lord in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of his reign, when he was 16 years old. He was a good king and had a good mother too.
- He began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of all graven images of pagan worship in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of his reign (2 Chron 34:3—10).
- In the 18<sup>th</sup> year of his reign, King Josiah began to repair and "amend" the Temple, the house of the Lord, his God (2 Kings 22:3 –7).

**A) What did this Jewish king do?**

- King Josiah sent his Scribe, Shaphan, to Hilkiah, the High Priest, to tally up the silver that had been collected at the temple gates and pay the workmen for all the repairs and amendments that were completed in the old, unused & dilapidated Temple (2 Kings 22:4—7).
- During the repairs on the old, unused and dilapidated Temple, Hilkiah found the Book of the Law in the Temple (2 Kings 22:8).
- Hilkiah gave Scribe Shaphan the Book which he then **read**.

- After that, Shaphan reported to Josiah about the repair and restoration works on the Temple and also about the Book of the Law that Hilkiah found there.
- Shaphan then **read** the Book of the Law to Josiah (2 Kings 22:9-10).

In **Rev.1:3**, we are reminded of what to do in these last days with the Word of God. We need to **read, hear** the words of the prophecy and **keep** those things that are written therein: for the time is at hand. If we do these 3 things, then we will be blessed of the Lord.



The Jewish Temple was the centre of religious life for the Jewish nation. Hence it is consistent that it should be maintained in a pristine physical condition and façade.

It was built by King Solomon but unfortunately, it was desecrated by Josiah's grandfather Manasseh and later on by Ammon his father.

It's important to maintain the physical state of the Church and to restore and revitalize it. How much more important is the house of God today?

## B) What happened to King Josiah?

- When King Josiah heard the words of the Book, he **rent** his clothes (2 Kings 22:11).
- He ordered **Hilkiah** the High Priest, **Ahikim** the son of Shaphan, **Achbor** the son of Michaiah, **Shaphan** the Scribe and **Asaiah**, a king's servant to **enquire of the Lord** what they should do to appease God's wrath when their forefathers had brazenly defied and forsaken God for other idolatrous worship (2 Kings 22:12 –13).
- They sought the help of the prophetess Huldah for advice. (2 Kings 22:14)
- She told them of God's impending punishment of desolation, curse and evil upon the land and their inhabitants and that Josiah would be spared because of his humility and sincerity in showing his deep sorrow and repentance to God for provoking His wrath (2 Kings 22:15—20).
- After King Josiah's reign (death), God would still impute His wrath and punishment upon the land and its inhabitants for their disobedience and idolatrous pagan worship.
- Have we constantly **enquired** of the Lord of His will for the major and momentous decisions in our lives? Let us seek and wait upon the Lord be for we decide on any major decisions in life.

### C) How did King Josiah bring about a great revival in the time of the divided Kingdom?

- King Josiah gathered all his people, priests and prophets into the Temple and read out the contents in the book of the Law to them, admonishing them to **obey** God's commandments (2 Kings 23:1-2)
- He **renewed** a covenant with the Lord to:
  - ...**walk** after the Lord,
  - ...**keep** His commandments and
  - ...**perform (do) all that is written in the Covenant in this book of the Law. (2 Kings 23:3)**
- **It was a revival of epic proportion.**
- **He removed all idolatrous priests and abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel.**
- **He commanded them to keep the Passover to the Lord, as written in book of the Law.**
- He thus restored the temple worship procedure for the people and glorified God. We need to return to the house of God and worship him corporately today.

### Conclusion

Do we need to restore and revitalize our own spiritual lives in such a crucial time like now, in the midst of the pandemic?

Is there something we ought to think about rebuilding our lives, our families, our church and even overseas missions in the will of God?

Something we need to pray and ponder over seriously and act upon too.

Han Kin Hoong

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Pastoral visitation with Kin Kheng & Say Poe to Dewi and Simon's home to serve Holy Communion.

Witnessing to a fruit seller with the gospel and a Chinese New Year tract.



## **Divine Guidance for the Media Ministry of Sovereign Hope BP Church**

*“The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those  
that published it.” Psa 68:11*

### **Introduction**

By the sovereign will of God, the aims of Sovereign Hope BP Church (SHBPC) are as follows:

1. The awakening and salvation of souls as the Lord wills.
2. The exhortation and edification of Christians through the systematic teaching and expository preaching of God’s holy Word.
3. The promotion of theocentric corporate worship, fellowship and prayer.
4. The vigilant contention and the defence of the most holy “faith against false teachings of the last days.
5. The establishment and extension of Christian mission and institutions for the furtherance of God’s Kingdom, both local and abroad.
6. The promotion of Christian relief with the pure gospel.
7. The strengthening of mutual fellowship, encouragement and spiritual unity among reformed churches for the Word of God and the enrichment of the saints and churches

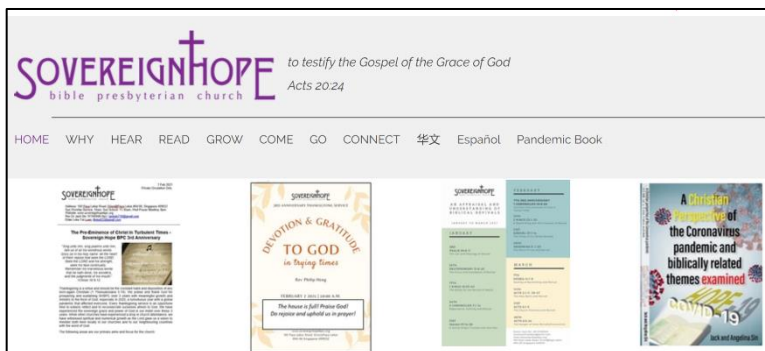
We thank God for his covenant faithfulness and mercies in the effectual ministry of SHBPC over these years. The Lord has blessed this growing, reformed church over the past 3 years with a growing congregation of worshippers, working together with our associated missions in India, Myanmar, Country X and Batam, Indonesia. The church has its weekly prayer meeting and 3 Sunday school/Catechism classes, our monthly Neighborhood Bible Class, a systematic bible study class and our virtual Chinese service on Sunday night with brethren from 4 countries, besides pastoral visitation and evangelistic outreaches.



SHBPC is committed to the faithful preaching and teaching of the inspired and infallible word of God, the propagation of the pure gospel, the vigilant defence of the faith and the building of the flock in the fear and knowledge of God. We thank God for a committed and united session who are serving the Lord as responsible stewards of the church, supported by the faithful members and regular worshippers in our various ministry and outreaches.

The church has a meaningful media ministry in these 4 aspects:

## 1. Church Website



The church website, [www.sovereignhopebpc.org](http://www.sovereignhopebpc.org), is managed by our team of webmasters and it provides relevant information on the background, ministry, activities and programme of the church. The weekly articles and the Sunday sermons are put up on the website and it is listened to by Christians from different churches and countries. There is a section on seminars conducted at SHBPC, including themes on depression and suicide, reformation, biblical perspective of pain and suffering, a Q and A and pastoral chats among others. There is also a Chinese and Spanish section with relevant articles and a mission segment of our gospel work in overseas churches and bible colleges in Yangon, Myanmar, Bangalore, India, Batam, Indonesia and other church photo news.

## 2. The Church Weekly

One of the regular features every Sunday is the SHPBC weekly which has pertinent theological, devotional articles on the different aspects of Christian living and testimonies, photo news, summary of sermons, memory verses and announcements of the church, among others. It is read by readers from about 10 countries and it is also translated into Chinese and sometimes, Spanish.

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**Committing a Noteworthy Year (CNY) to Divine Providence**

*\*Deut 33:26,27 says,  
"There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun,  
who dwells upon the heaven  
in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky.  
The eternal God is thy refuge,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms:  
and he shall trust out the enemy from before  
thee; and shall say, Destroy them."*



This new year of 2021 will go down in history as a memorable year. We noted that about this time last year, our nation was made aware of a deadly and contagious virus that was affecting people in Wuhan, China resulting in many deaths and quickly spreading to many other countries. The rest is history, as today, it has adversely affected more than 200 countries with more than 106 million people infected and 2.3 million deaths worldwide. It has drastically changed the way we live, work, study, interact, travel, do business, eat, worship and play(isure) as well. Many are not able to travel for work or leisure and it will be a kind of a new normal (or abnormal) in due time that we will have to learn to accept or to get used to.



How do the Chinese community normally celebrate the Chinese New Year (CNY)? Culturally, the Chinese people place great importance on the arrival of a new year as it spells the commencement of a new season of life, the arrival of Spring, normally called 春节 (chun) especially in the villages of China and Taiwan, is hoped to bring in the new blessings of prosperity and health for the family in the new year.

### 3. The Church Facebook Page and Zoom meetings



The SHBPC Facebook page has about 200 members and our Sunday sermons are available on it for the edifying listening by its members. A brother often shares the spiritual lessons for the Chinese evening service as well. Our Chinese evening virtual services is an effective tool to connect and communicate with our brethren from different Chinese speaking countries to exhort them with the word of the Lord.



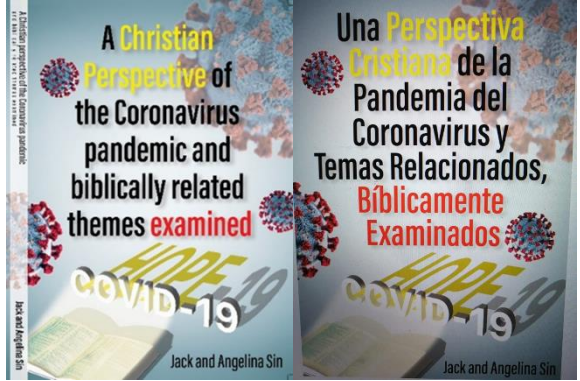
### 4. Pamphlets, Articles and Tracts

The church produces about 50 pamphlets and articles covering different themes on the bible, theology, church history and Christian living. We have about 10 different tracts in both English and Chinese, with Tamil, Bahasa Indonesian, Thai and Myanmar tracts for outreach purposes as well. They are freely available for anyone to take and distribute as the Lord leads, for edifying and evangelistic purposes.



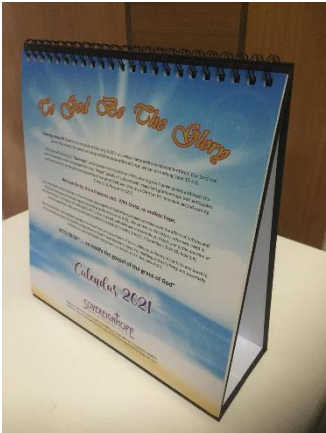
**5. Publication of books and a calendar**

The church published a book entitled “*The Christian Perspective of the Coronavirus Pandemic and Biblically Related Themes*” in Sep 2020. It was recently translated



into Spanish led by Rev Hal Ricker of Guatemala and will be ready by March 2021, God willing. This book has been distributed to churches or individuals in about 9 countries and we have orders from Christians from 4 other countries too. There are plans for it to be translated into Khmer for the Cambodian churches and bible colleges. Our associated mission station, Covenant BPCI in Bangalore publishes a bi-annual Reformation Now magazine with up-to-date articles on the reformed faith.

The church also produced a 2021 calendar for the edifying of the saints with relevant biblical verses, church events and important dates and photos.



We acknowledge that without Christ, we can do nothing (Jn 15:5,6). We thank God for his covenant faithfulness and grace in leading and guiding SHBPC in our church media ministry to the edifying of the saints locally and worldwide. It is our prayer that it will continue to be a blessing to the enrichment of the saints as the Lord leads to His glory.

Jack Sin

(NB. This was requested by the Mass Media Commission of the ICCC and presented on 26 Feb 2021 at the Zoom meeting among ICCC Pastors of various churches.)

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## Memory Verse

*Neh 8:8* So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly,  
and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor Jack speaks today on **“The Word of God & Revival” (Neh 8:1-20)**, continuing the 2021 Jan – Mar sermon series on **“An Appraisal & Understanding of Biblical Revivals”**.
3. Pastor Jack speaks next Sunday on **“Healing of Backsliding & Revival” (Hos 14:1-9)**.
4. Sunday School classes continues in church after the worship service:
  - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
  - “Rules for Walking in Fellowship by John Owen” – Dn Choo Siang
  - Studies in Leviticus – Dr Kwong Leen
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren.
6. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The Feb prayer list is available from Dn Choo Siang.
7. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class meets on the first Friday of the month, **5 Mar 2021**, at 7.30pm in church on the study of 2 Samuel. Do come and join us for a time of learning God’s Word.
8. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at [sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com](mailto:sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com).
9. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
10. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
  - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
  - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
  - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

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