

# 2 Kings 22:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 22: Rediscovery of God's word brings renewal. In Judah's later history, we see both genuine reforms and deep-rooted corruption, revealing that external religious activity cannot substitute for heart transformation.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

## Historical Context

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**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 22 takes place during the final century of Judah's existence, 7th century BCE, including Manasseh and Josiah's reigns. The chapter's theme (Josiah's Reform Begins) reflects the historical reality of the worst apostasy under Manasseh followed by the most thorough reforms under Josiah, demonstrating that external righteousness cannot reverse God's determined judgment. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions, administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the biblical

account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 22 regarding rediscovery of god's word brings renewal?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

## Interlinear Text

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בָּן	שְׁמֹנֶה	שָׁנָה	יְאֹשִׁיָּהוּ	מָלַךְ	וְשָׁלֹשׁ	יָמִים
old	was eight	years	Josiah	and he reigned	thirty	and one
H1121	H8083	H8141	H2977	H4427	H7970	H259
שָׁנָה	מָלַךְ	בִּירוּשָׁלַם	וְשֵׁם	אִמּוֹ	יְדִידָה	
years	and he reigned	in Jerusalem	name	And his mother's	was Jedidah	
H8141	H4427	H3389	H8034	H517	H3040	
בַּת	עֲדָיָה	מִבְּצָתָה				
the daughter	of Adaiah	of Boscath				
H1323	H5718	H1218				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 15:39** (Parallel theme): Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon,

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