

2 Kings 22:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 22: Rediscovery of God's word brings renewal. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. 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

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

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

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

וְבַעַד בְּעַד י יְהוָה אֶת דְּרָשׁ ו לָכוּ
H1157 H1157 H1157 H1980 H1875 H853 H3068 H5971
for me and for the people
ye enquire

הַסּ פֶּר דְּבָרֵי עַל יְהוּדָה ה כָּל וְבַעַד
H1157 H3605 H5921 H1697 H5612 H3063
concerning the words of this book
and for all Judah

הִיא אֲשֶׁר יְהוָה הַמָּוֶל הַגָּדוֹל כִּי הִנֵּה הַנִּמְצֵא
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is the wrath of the LORD
for great
that is kindled

שָׁמַע ו לֹא אֲשֶׁר עַל בָּנוּ נִצְתָּה ה
H8085 H3808 H834 H5921 H0 H3341
have not hearkened
that is kindled

הִנֵּה הַסּ פֶּר דְּבָרֵי עַל אֲבֹתֵינוּ
H2088 H5612 H1697 H5921 H1
concerning the words of this book
against us because our fathers

עָלֵינוּ: הַכֶּת וּב כָּל לַעֲשׂוֹת
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according unto all that which is written
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