

# 2 Kings 22:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**But to the king of Judah which sent you to enquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard;**

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. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## 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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וְאֵל H413	מֶלֶךְ But to the king H4428	יְהוּדָה of Judah H3063	הַשֵּׁלָח which sent H7971	אֲתֶכֶם H853	לְדַרֵּשׁ you to enquire H1875	אֶת H853
יְהוָה of the LORD H3068	כֹּה H3541	אָמַר thus shall ye say H559	אֵל יוֹ H413	כֹּה H3541	אָמַר thus shall ye say H559	יְהוָה of the LORD H3068
אֱלֹהֵי God H430	יִשְׂרָאֵל of Israel H3478	הַדֹּבֵר As touching the words H1697	אֲשֶׁר H834	שָׁמַעְתָּ which thou hast heard H8085		

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