

2 Kings 22:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

Analysis

Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

הָאֵל עָלָה	חִלְקִיָּהוּ	הַכֹּהֵן	הַגָּדוֹל	וַיִּתֵּן	אֶת	הַכֶּסֶף
Go up	to Hilkiah	priest	the high	that he may sum		the silver
H5927	H413 H2518	H3548	H1419	H8552	H853	H3701
הַמִּזְבֵּחַ	בֵּית	יְהוָה	אֲשֶׁר	אָסְפוּ		
which is brought	into the house	of the LORD		have gathered		
H935	H1004	H3068	H834	H622		
שְׁמֵרֵי	הַסֶּף	מֵאֵת	הָעָם:			
which the keepers	of the door		of the people			
H8104	H5592	H853	H5971			

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 12:4 (References Lord): And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, even the money of every one that passeth the account, the money that every man is set at, and all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD,

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