

2 Kings 22:5

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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

בְּמַלְאָכָה	לְעַשׂ	וְיִתְּנֵן	עַל	יָד	לְעַשׂ	וְיִתְּנֵן	וְיִתְּנֵן
And let them deliver	H5921	it into the hand	H3027	it to the doers	H6213	of the work	H4399
H5414			H3068		H5414		
that have the oversight	H6485	of the house	H1004	of the LORD	H3068	And let them deliver	H853
						H5414	
it to the doers	H6213	of the work	H4399	אֲשֶׁר	H834	בְּמַלְאָכָה	לְמַן
						בְּבַיִתְךָ	לִפְנֵי
the breaches	H919	of the house	H1004	בְּבַיִתְךָ	H1004	הָעָשָׂר	יְהִי
							הָעָשָׂר
the breaches		of the house		הָעָשָׂר			לְמַן

Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 12:5 (Parallel theme): Let the priests take it to them, every man of his acquaintance: and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found.

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