

2 Kings 22:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And let them deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the doers of the work which is in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house,

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

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| וַיִּתְּנוּ וְ | עַל | יָד | לַעֲשֵׂי י | הַמְּלָאכָה | |
| And let them deliver | H5921 | it into the hand | it to the doers | of the work | |
| H5414 | | H3027 | H6213 | H4399 | |
| הַמְּפַקְדֵי ים | הַבַּיִת: | יְהוָה ה | וַיִּתְּנוּ וְ | אֶת וְ | |
| that have the oversight | of the house | of the LORD | And let them deliver | | H853 |
| H6485 | H1004 | H3068 | H5414 | | |
| לַעֲשֵׂי י | הַמְּלָאכָה | אֲשֶׁר | הַבַּיִת: | יְהוָה ה | לְחַזֵּק ק |
| it to the doers | of the work | H834 | of the house | of the LORD | to repair |
| H6213 | H4399 | | H1004 | H3068 | H2388 |
| בְּדֹק | הַבַּיִת: | | | | |
| the breaches | of the house | | | | |
| H919 | H1004 | | | | |

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.