

# 2 Kings 22:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.

## Analysis

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**Unto carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 22: Rediscovery of God's word brings renewal. 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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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## 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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וְאֶבְנֵי יָ	עֲצִים	וּלְקַנּוֹת	וּלְגֹדָרֵי	וְלִבְנֵי	לְחָרָשִׁים
stone	timber	and to buy	and masons	and builders	Unto carpenters
H68	H6086	H7069	H1443	H1129	H2796
הַבַּיִת:	אֶת	לְחֹזֵק	מְחֹצֵב		
the house	H853	to repair	and hewn		
H1004		H2388	H4274		

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