

# 2 Kings 22:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.**

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

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## 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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רְשָׁפֵעַ	וְ	אֶתְמָרָה	בֶּן	הַגָּדוֹלָה	עַל	הַכֹּהֶן	וְ	חֶלְקֵיָה	וְ	אֶתְמָרָה	יָמָנָה
the scribe	and	H5608	the priest	H1419	the high	H5921	to	Shaphan	the	Hilkiyah	said
H5608	H2518	H3548	H1419	H5921	H8227	H5608	H5608	H5608	H5608	H2518	H559
בְּבֵיתְךָ	וְ	יְהִיָּה	וְ	יְתִתְךָ	וְ	פֶּרֶת	הַתֹּוֹךְ	מִצְאָתְךָ	בְּבֵיתְךָ	וְ	חֶלְקֵיָה
in the house	of the	the LORD	gave	I have found	the book	of the law	the book	in the	the book	of the	the book
H3068	H5414	H5612	H4672	H8451	H5612	H413	H5612	H1004	H8451	H5612	H2518
וְ	אֶתְמָרָה	בְּ	פֶּרֶת	וְ	אֶתְמָרָה	וְ	אֶתְמָרָה	וְ	אֶתְמָרָה	וְ	אֶתְמָרָה
and he read	to Shaphan	the book	the book	the book	the book	the book	the book	the book	the book	the book	the book
H7121	H8227	H5612	H413	H8451	H5612	H559	H5608	H5608	H5608	H5608	H5608

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