

2 Kings 22:9

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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. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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 John 4:8 — God is love

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

בָּעֵד לְגַם אֶת תִּשְׁבַּח בְּעֵד לְגַם אֶל הַסְּפָר
the king again the king
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בְּפִנְמֵץ אֶת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ אֶת עֲבָדֵךְ יְהָוָה
the money that was found
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בְּבֵית יְהָוָה עַל יָד עַד עַש
in the house and have delivered it into the hand of them that do
H1004 H5414 H5921 H3027 H6213

וְהַהֲנָה בְּבֵית הַמִּפְקֵד יְמִינֵךְ הַמְּלָאֵךְ הָ
the work that have the oversight in the house of the LORD
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