

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

וַיָּבֹא	וַיֹּאמֶר	הַסֹּפֵר	אֶל	הַמֶּלֶךְ	וַיָּשָׁב	אֶת	הַמֶּלֶךְ
came	And Shaphan	the scribe	H413	the king	again	H853	the king
H935	H8227	H5608		H4428	H7725		H4428
רִבְכָּה	וַיֹּאמֶר	הֵתְּ יָכוֹ	עֲבָדֶיךָ	אֶת	הַכֶּסֶף	הַנִּמְצָא	
word	and said	have gathered	Thy servants	H853	the money	that was found	
H1697	H559	H5413	H5650		H3701	H4672	
בֵּית	וַתִּתֵּן	עַל	יָד	עֲשֵׂי			
in the house	and have delivered	H5921	it into the hand	of them that do			
H1004	H5414		H3027	H6213			
הַמְּלָאכָה	הַמִּפְקָדִים	בֵּית	יְהוָה:				
the work	that have the oversight	in the house	of the LORD				
H4399	H6485	H1004	H3068				

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