

# 2 Kings 23:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;

## Analysis

**Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah;**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 23: Comprehensive reformation cannot avert certain judgment. 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 23 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 Thorough Reforms) 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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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 23 regarding comprehensive reformation cannot avert certain judgment?
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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וְאַכִּי	לֹא	נִعְשָׂה	כַּפֵּר	סָחָר	בַּיּוֹם	יְמִינֵיכֶם
H3588	H3808	<b>Surely there was not holden</b>	<b>such a passover</b>	H6453	H2088	<b>from the days</b>
		H6213				H3117
שִׁפְטֵי	רֹאשׁ	שִׁפְטֵי	אֶת	יִשְׂרָאֵל	יְמִינֵיכֶם	
<b>of the judges</b>	H834	<b>of the judges</b>	H853	<b>Israel</b>	H3605	<b>from the days</b>
H8199		H8199		H3478		H3117
וְמֶלֶךְ	יִשְׂרָאֵל	וְמֶלֶךְ	יְהוּדָה			
<b>nor of the kings</b>	<b>Israel</b>	<b>nor of the kings</b>	<b>of Judah</b>			
H4428	H3478	H4428	H3063			