

# 2 Kings 23:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles 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

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**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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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## 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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הָלֹא	עָשָׂה	אֲשֶׁר	וְכָל	יְאֲשִׁי הוּא	דְּבָרִי	וְיָתֵר
Now the rest	of the acts	of Josiah	H3605	H834	and all that he did	H3808
H3499	H1697	H2977			H6213	
הֵם	כְּתוּבִים	עַל	סֵפֶר	דְּבָרִי	הֵמָּה	לְמַלְכֵי
H1992	are they not written	H5921	in the book	of the acts	H3117	of the kings
	H3789		H5612	H1697		H4428
יְהוּדָה:						
of Judah						
H3063						