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Chapter 22

(1) Josiah *was* eight years old when he began to reign {3487 A.H./C- 555 B.C.}, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath.

(2) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD {Jehovah}, and walked in all the way of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

(3) And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah {3504 A.H./C- 538 B.C.},^a *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, saying,

(4) Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may count the silver which is brought into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, which the door keepers have gathered from the people:

(5) And let them deliver it into the hand of the workers, who have the oversight of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}: and let them give it to the workers who are in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, to repair the damages of the house {temple},

(6) To carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and cut stone to repair the house {temple}.

(7) However there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

(8) And Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}. And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it.

(9) And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house {temple}, and have delivered it into the hand of those who do the work, that have the oversight of the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) And Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest has delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king.^b

(11) And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he tore his clothes.

(12) And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying,

22:3a - 18th year of Josiah king of Judah repairs are made to the temple
 - the Great Revival begins when the book of the Law {of Moses} is found during the renovation – II Chr. 34:8 [3504 A.H./C- 538 B.C.] - see Appendix G: World Time Line of Biblical History

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(13) Go, inquire of the LORD {Jehovah} for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: because great is the anger of the LORD {Jehovah} that is kindled against us, because our forefathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that which is written concerning us.

(14) So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she lived in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

(15) And she said to them, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, Tell the man that sent you to Me,

(16) This is what the LORD {Jehovah} says, Indeed, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon those who live here, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read:^c

(17) Because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore My anger will be kindled against this place, and will not be quenched.

(18) But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD {Jehovah}, this is what you shall say to him, This is what the LORD {Jehovah} God of Israel says, *As concerning* the words which you have heard;

(19) Because your heart was tender, and you have humbled yourself before the LORD {Jehovah}, when you heard what I spoke against this place, and against those who live in it, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and have torn your clothes, and wept before Me; I also have heard you, says the LORD {Jehovah}.

(20) Therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered into your grave in peace; and your eyes will not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

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(1) And the king sent, and they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem.

(2) And the king went up into the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}, and all the men of Judah and all those who live in Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he {king Josiah} read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house {temple} of the LORD {Jehovah}.^a

22:16c – II Chr. 34:23

23:2a – the king {Josiah} read the book of the covenant to the people – II Chr. 34:30