

The Lost Book

The Power of God's Word – Part 1 (2 Kings 22:1-20)

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2 Kings 22:8 (NIV) Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it.

2 Peter 1:21 (NIV) For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Jeremiah 23:29 (NIV) "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?"

1. _____ in the light you have

2 Kings 22:1-2 (NIV) Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ... He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in all the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

2. _____ in your church

2 Kings 22:4 (NIV) "Go up to Hilkiyah the high priest and have him get ready the money that has been brought into the temple of the LORD, which the doorkeepers have collected from the people.

2 Kings 22:5 (NIV) Have them entrust it to the men appointed to supervise the work on the temple. And have these men pay the workers who repair the temple of the LORD—

3. _____ God's Word for yourself

4. Fall under _____ for your sin

2 Kings 22:10 (NIV) Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiyah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

2 Kings 22:11 (NIV) When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes.

2 Kings 22:13b (NIV) Great is the LORD's anger that burns against us because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written there concerning us.

5. _____ understanding from the Holy Spirit

2 Kings 22:13a (NIV) "Go and inquire of the LORD for me and for the people and for all Judah about what is written in this book that has been found."

2 Kings 22:16 (NIV) 'This is what the LORD says: I am going to bring disaster on this place and its people, according to everything written in the book the king of Judah has read.

2 Kings 22:19-20 (NIV) Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the LORD ... and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the LORD. Therefore I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place.

The Lost Book – Study Guide
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Intro. In what ways is the Bible unlike any other book (2 Peter 1:2)?

What kind of power does God's Word have (Jeremiah 23:29)?

In what ways is the Bible a lost book in America today?

1. How do you think Josiah walked in God's ways, even though his father and grandfather were wicked (2 Kings 22:1-2)?

Why is following the light you have important for being given more light (1 John 1:7)?

2. Why do you think the temple was in such a state of disrepair (2 Kings 22:3-7)?

Why is giving your resources and time to your church important?

3. What is the correlation of the Book of the Law being lost for decades and the state of Israel at this time (2 Kings 22:8, 2 Kings 21:19-22)?

What advantages do we have today with the Bible that the people of Israel at that time did not have?

In what ways is daily Bible reading a good habit (Joshua 1:8)? Is it easy for you? Why or why not?

4. Why did King Josiah react as he did to the reading of God's Word (2 Kings 22:10-13)?

Why is conviction of sin through God's Word important for a person or a nation?

5. What did the prophetess Huldah explain about the future of Judah (2 Kings 22:15-17)? How does this principal apply to us today?

What did the prophetess Huldah explain about the future for King Josiah (2 Kings 22:18-20)? How does this principal apply to us today?

In what ways does the Holy Spirit speak through others today to give us a clearer understanding of God's Word?