

### Josiah Orders Repairs to the Temple (Tishri [October] 623 – Nisan [April] 622 BC)

2 Kings 22:3–7

2 Chronicles 34:8–14

3 Now in the eighteenth year of King Josiah,  
the king sent Shaphan, the son of Azaliah  
the son of Meshullam the scribe,  
  
to the house of the LORD saying,  
4 “Go up to Hilkiah the high priest that he may count  
the money brought in to the house of the LORD  
which the doorkeepers have gathered from the  
people.  
5 Let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen  
who have the oversight of the house of the LORD,  
and let them give it to the workmen who are in the  
house of the LORD to repair the damages of the  
house,  
6 to the carpenters and the builders and the masons  
and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the  
house.  
7 Only no accounting shall be made with them for  
the money delivered into their hands, for they deal  
faithfully.”

8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign,  
when he had purged the land and the house,  
he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah,  
  
and Maaseiah an official of the city,  
and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder,  
to repair the house of the LORD his God.  
  
9 They came to Hilkiah the high priest and delivered  
the money that was brought into the house of God,  
which the Levites, the doorkeepers, had collected  
from Manasseh and Ephraim, and from all the  
remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin  
and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.  
10 Then they gave *it* into the hands of the workmen  
who had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and  
the workmen who were working in the house of the  
LORD used it to restore and repair the house.  
11 They in turn gave *it* to the carpenters and to the  
builders to buy quarried stone and timber for  
couplings and to make beams for the houses which  
the kings of Judah had let go to ruin.  
12 The men did the work faithfully with foremen  
over them to supervise: Jahath and Obadiah, the  
Levites of the sons of Merari, Zechariah and  
Meshullam of the sons of the Kohathites, and the  
Levites, all who were skillful with musical  
instruments.  
13 *They were* also over the burden bearers, and  
supervised all the workmen from job to job; and  
*some* of the Levites *were* scribes and officials and  
gatekeepers.

14 When they were bringing out the money which had been brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the LORD given by Moses.

### Hilkiah the High Priest Discovers a Copy of the Torah (c. Nisan [April] 622 BC)

2 Kings 22:8–20

8 Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan who read it.

9 Shaphan the scribe came to the king and brought back word to the king and said, "Your servants

have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD."

10 Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king.

11 When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes.

12 Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Achbor the son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant saying,

13 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for great is the wrath of the LORD that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us."

14 So Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor, Shaphan, and Asaiah 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 Second Quarter); and they spoke to her.

15 She said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to me,

16 thus says the LORD, "Behold, I bring evil on this place and on its inhabitants, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah

2 Chronicles 34:15–28

15 Hilkiah responded and said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan.

16 Then Shaphan brought the book to the king and reported further word to the king, saying, "Everything that was entrusted to your servants they are doing.

17 "They have also emptied out the money which was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hands of the supervisors and the workmen."

18 Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, "Hilkiah the priest gave me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

19 When the king heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes.

20 Then the king commanded Hilkiah, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying,

21 "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book which has been found; for great is the wrath of the LORD which is poured out on us because our fathers have not observed the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book."

22 So Hilkiah and *those* whom the king had told went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, the keeper of the wardrobe (now she lived in Jerusalem in the Second Quarter); and they spoke to her regarding this.

23 She said to them, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Tell the man who sent you to Me,

24 thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am bringing evil on this place and on its inhabitants, *even* all the curses written in the book which they have read

has read. [cf. [Deut 28:15–68](#)]

17 Because they have forsaken Me and have burned incense to other gods that they might provoke Me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore My wrath burns against this place, and it shall not be quenched.”

18 “But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall you say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD God of Israel, “*Regarding* the words which you have heard,

19 because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants that they should become a desolation and a curse,

and you have torn your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you,” declares the LORD.

20 Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes will not see all the evil which I will bring on this place.””

So they brought back word to the king.

in the presence of the king of Judah.

25 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 wrath will be poured out on this place and it shall not be quenched.”

26 “But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus you will say to him, ‘Thus says the LORD God of Israel *regarding* the words which you have heard,

27 Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before God when you heard His words against this place and against its inhabitants,

and *because* you humbled yourself before Me, tore your clothes and wept before Me, I truly have heard you,” declares the LORD.

28 Behold, I will gather you to your fathers and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, so your eyes will not see all the evil which I will bring on this place and on its inhabitants.””

And they brought back word to the king.