

## Last light in a dark world

2 Kings 22 (p. 312)

### I. A HEART FOR GOD – JOSIAH REPAIRED THE DETERIORATING TEMPLE (2 KINGS 22:1-7).

- A. Godly Josiah, son of Amon, became king at age 8 (1-2).
- B. Josiah ordered Hilkiah the priest to repair the temple, using funds for trustworthy overseers to hire workers (3-7).
  - Trustworthy people are self-accountable to God.
  - Even in sinful times, God awakens the heart of the sincere.

### II. COMMITTED TO GOD'S WORD – JOSIAH HEARD GOD'S WORD AND WAS CONVICTED (2 KINGS 22:8-13).

- A. Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law as work began and his secretary read God's word to King Josiah (8-10).
- B. Josiah was distraught about God's warnings about Judah's sins and inquired of the Lord (11-13; Deuteronomy).
  - God transforms us through personal time in His word with a humble heart (22:19; Hebrews 4:12).

### III. EXPERIENCING GOD'S GRACE – GOD WOULD JUDGE JUDAH, BUT NOT IN JOSIAH'S LIFETIME (2 KINGS 22:14-20).

- A. Huldah the prophetess told Josiah the warning of judgment on Judah would be fulfilled (14-17).
- B. Huldah told Josiah that because he humbled himself, judgment would not come in his lifetime (18-20).
  - God's judgment of sin is inevitable, but God can spare the godly in godless times (2 Peter 2:4-9; 3:5-9 - Noah, Lot).