



**Message Outline**  
*Back to the Books:*  
*The Day the Bible Was Lost*  
**2 Kings 22-23**

**Intro:** Back to school with back to the books of Scripture...

- Past weeks...reasons we believe this Book to be God-breathed (cf. 2Tim. 3:16, 1Pet. 3:15)...

**22:1**—Not the average age for a national leader...

- Tough circumstances led to tough spot for young Josiah...

**v.1-2**—A “father” to follow...David’s positive (not perfect) model for youth with poor models...

**v.3**—Nothing noteworthy for 17 years...

**v.4-7**—Building project as backdrop of an even bigger renovation...

**v.8**—Book of Law (Deut.?) found!!!

- How do you lose the Bible in the place built to teach the Bible?!! (Dt. 17:18ff., 31:11ff.).
- How everyday items get lost:

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Which best explains your experience with the Bible?*

**v.9-13**—Reading and reacting to Scripture...

- Ripping robes as sign of repentance...
- Seeking right course...

**v.14-20**—Forgiveness doesn’t always eliminate consequences (cf. 2Sma.12), yet still gracious...

- God hears humility (v.19)!

**23:1-3**—A platform to proclaim God’s Word to more lives...

- The covenant that spills out into the community (cf. v.4ff.)...

*Prayer: “Come, divine Interpreter, bring me eyes thy book to read, ears the mystic words to hear, words which did from thee proceed, words that endless bliss impart, kept in an obedient heart. All who read, or hear, are blessed, if they plain commands we do; of thy kingdom here possessed, thee we shall in glory view when thou comest on earth to abide, reign triumphant at thy side.”*

*-Charles Wesley UMH No.594*

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. -2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

<sup>20</sup> Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding,<sup>21</sup> or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. -2 Peter 1:19b-21 NLT

<sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,<sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. -Isaiah 55:10-11 NIV

<sup>17</sup> “Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. -Matthew 5:17-18 RSV

<sup>105</sup> Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. -Psalm 119:105 RSV

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered... ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” -Matthew 4:4 NIV