

FINDING THE BOOK OF THE LAW. 2 Kings 22:8

**JOSIAH THE GOOD KING.**

- a. Grandson of Manasseh who reigned 55 years. (19)
- b. Son of Amon, who reigned 2 years. 2 Kings 21:18
- c. He was the subject of prophecy at the time of Jeroboam. 1 Kings 13:2. Fulfilled in 2 Kings 23:16.

**JOSIAH AND HIS TIMES.** — Jeremiah's time <sup>Jer</sup> 12; 25:3

- a. Religion at a low ebb, due to idolatry.
- b. Kings before Josiah had led people into the sin of idolatry, and disobedience.
- c. Princes, priests, prophets, people, all were decadent. See the record of Jeremiah.

**JOSIAH'S MANNER OF LIFE.**

- a. He began well.....He set an example. v2
- b. He continued well.....He was steadfast. v2
- c. He ended well.....He finished his work.

**1. THE GREAT DISCOVERY.** "I have found the Book of the Law."

- a. **The Chief Priest found it.** vs 8. Hilkiah.  
It was the priests that had lost it. It is the same today.  
The pew is sounder than the pulpit.
- b. **The Scribe Shaphan read it.** vs 8.
- c. **The King heard it.** vs. 10-11. Kings have not always been willing to hear it. Jehoiachim the son of godly Josiah was not willing to hear it. Jer 36:23.
- d. **The People obeyed it.** Revival was the result.

THE BOOK that was found was the temple copy of the law. It was possibly the autograph copy of Moses. Hilkiah the High Priest called it:—"A book of the law of the Lord by the hand of Moses". 2 Chr. 34:14. (A.V. margin)

cf. Deut. 31:25, 26. Written by hand of Moses. Deut 31:24

## 2. THE GREAT MARVEL. "In the house of the Lord"

- a. The law was lost in the temple--the place of worship.  
God's word was lost in God's house.  
God's word was lost by God's servants, the priests of Israel.  
God's word had been committed to the priests for God's people.  
God's word is always the basis of God's worship.

### b. The book had been covered with rubbish.

- It still is covered with rubbish.
- It is covered for the Jew, by the Talmud.
- It is covered for Romanist by the Fathers.
- It is covered for many by tradition.
- It is covered for some by denomination.
- It is covered for fundamentalists
- It is covered for modernists, by

### NEVER PLACE ANYTHING ON THE BIBLE.

- c. It was still God's law, tho' not obeyed.  
It had not lost its authority. Note the results in the lives of those men:-  
Josiah.....He humbled himself.  
Priests.....They searched and taught it.  
People.....Revived and sought the Lord.  
The land.....Was granted peace.  
To God.....He had the glory.

WHAT IS THE NEED OF OUR DAY? Let's get back to the Bible.

Mary Jones walked miles to get the Bible.  
Lowell Thomas Nov. 1938 gave out that the Bible in 2000 tongues.

Cf "Cottar's Saturday Night". It moulded Scottish life.

*Queen Victoria's answer to the question as to Britain's greatest treasure was. The Bible.*

*One Person - The Savior - Lo I come.*

*One Book - The Bible - In the vol. of the book.*