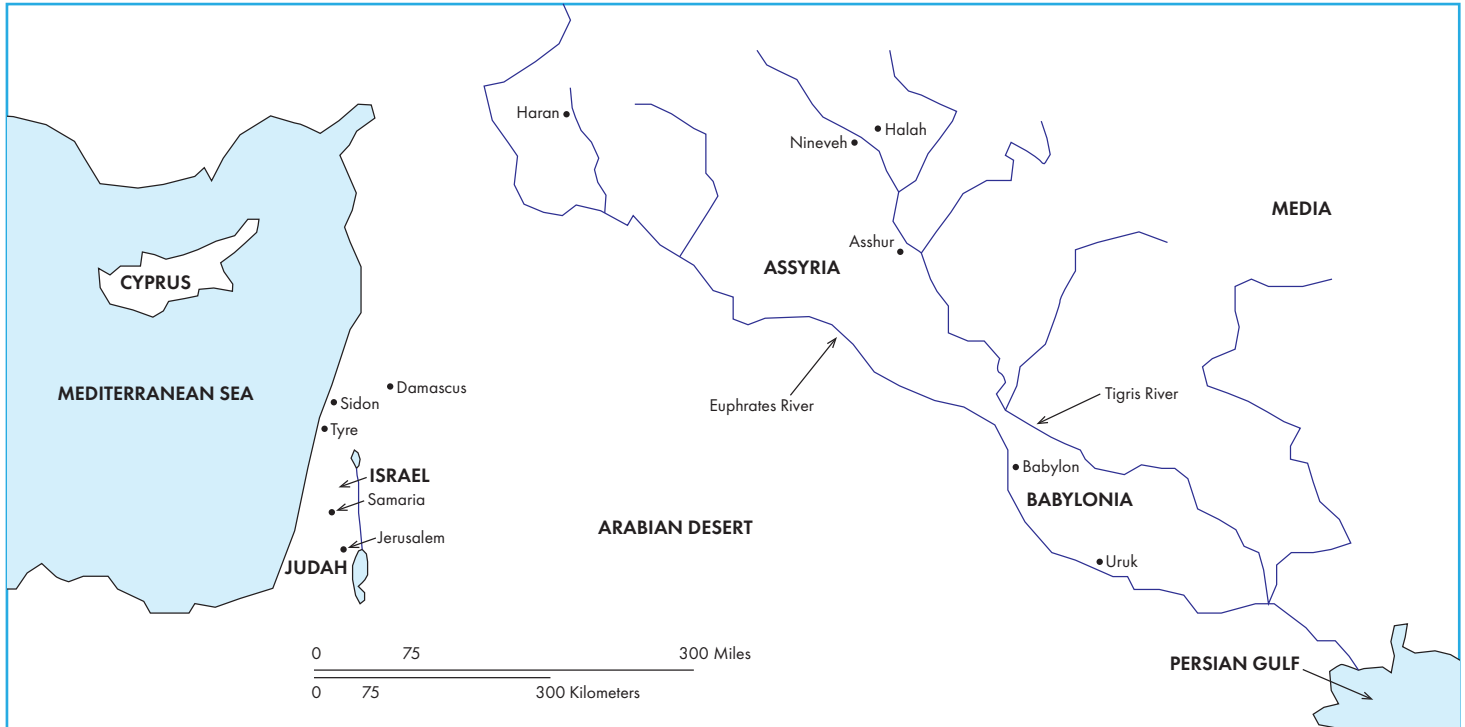




## CHAPTER 22

## When

- The reign of King Josiah in Judah likely fits between 640-608 B.C.

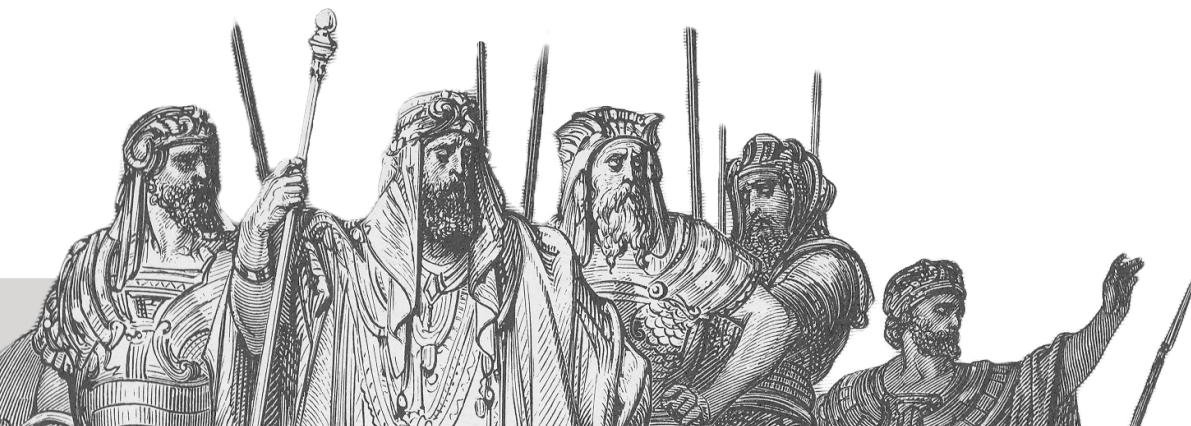


## Where

- As the capital of Judah, Jerusalem is the central point of 2 Kings 22.

## Key Characters

- **Josiah** – The son of Amon. He became king of Judah after Amon his father. He became king at just 8 years old.
- **Hilkiah** – The High Priest in Judah who found the book of God's laws in the Temple.
- **Huldah** – A prophetess who lived in Jerusalem.



## Outline

### - JOSIAH BECOMES KING OF JUDAH (22:1-2):

- + Josiah became king of Judah when he was 8 years old and reigned 31 years.
- + He “did what was right in the eyes of the Lord.”

### - JOSIAH REPAIRS THE TEMPLE AND FINDS THE BOOK OF THE LAW (22:3-11):

- + In Josiah's 18th year, he determined to renovate the Temple in Jerusalem.
- + He instructed Hilkiah, the High Priest, to count the money the people had contributed to the Temple and use it to pay laborers and buy necessary supplies.
- + Hilkiah found a book containing the laws of God (the laws God gave to Moses) in the Temple.
- + He gave it to Shaphan, the secretary, who read it to King Josiah.
- + Josiah tore his clothes when he realized just how badly the people of Judah had neglected God's commands.

### - HULDAH THE PROPHETESS AND THE FATE OF JUDAH (22:12-20):

- + Josiah wanted to hear from God, so he sent Hilkiah and two other men, to inquire of the Lord.
- + They visited Huldah, the prophetess, and asked her what message God had for Judah.
- + She told them God had decreed disaster for Judah because they failed to keep His commands, worshipped idols, and practiced wickedness.
- + God's wrath was kindled, and He would not quench it (22:17).
- + But God appreciated Josiah's humble heart and his respect for the law, so God promised him the punishment of Judah would not happen during his days.
- + God would punish Judah after Josiah's death.
- + Josiah's messengers took Huldah's message and reported it to the king.

## Application:

- God's judgement will fall on those who know God's word and willfully neglect it.
- God's judgements will also fall on those who are ignorant of God's commands.
- It's hard to believe the people of Judah lost the most important book in the country.
- But is your copy of God's word lost? I don't mean literally, but is it practically lost? Does it ever get opened? Does it ever get read? Does it collect dust on a bookshelf? Would your life be impacted in any way if it was actually lost?
- Many people go through their lives like the people of Judah. Their copy of God's word is collecting dust, and they aren't in a hurry to find it.
- You can't fix every household, but you can be a Hilkiah for your family, be the one who dusts off the Scriptures and makes sure your family knows the words of the Lord.