

Discovering the Curse of the Law

2 Kings 22:3-20 (cf. 2 Chronicles 34:8-28)

1. A _____ Discovery (v. 3-8)
 - a. Continued _____
 - i. "Next step" after _____ (2 Ch 34:8)
 - ii. Focus on _____ repair
 - b. Priestly _____
 - i. _____ of repair funds
 - ii. _____ the (honest) workers
 - c. Priestly _____
 - i. Hilkaiah knew the most _____ item
 - ii. Shaphan _____ the book

2. A _____ Report (v. 9-13)
 - a. By the _____
 - i. Report on the temple _____ project
 - ii. Report on the _____ discovery
 - iii. He _____ the book before the king
 - b. The King who _____ the words
 - i. He _____ his clothes
 - ii. He organized an " _____ " commission
 1. _____ of the commission
 2. _____ for the commission
 - iii. He recognized the gravity of the law's _____

3. A _____ Communication (v. 14-20)
 - a. National judgment is _____ coming
 - i. Due to people _____ Yahweh
 - ii. Due to people's _____
 - iii. Due to unquenchable _____ of God
 - b. _____ mercy is afforded Josiah
 - i. Due to Josiah's _____ penitence
 - ii. With judgment _____ till another reign

Take this Book of the Law and ut it by the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against you.

Deuteronomy 31:26

But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you...

Deuteronomy 28:15

But the hand of Ahikum the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah so that he was not given over to the people to be put to death.

Jeremiah 26:24

And over the people who remained in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, he appointed Gedaliah the son of Ahikum, son of Shaphan, governor.

2 Kings 25:22

So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, Nebushazban the Rab-saris, Nergal-sar-ezer the Rab-mag, and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon sent and took Jeremiah from the court of the guard. They entrusted him to Gedaliah the son of Ahikum, son of Shapan, that he should take him home. So he lived among the people.

Jeremiah 39:13-14

“The primary point to be made, however, is that Scripture greatly influenced Josiah’s actions. Moses’ writings were not obeyed through the centuries, but the reform restores them to prominence, at least for a brief time. Josiah’s personal commitment grows when he determines that God spoke to Moses and made a covenant with Israel. He either hears at least a large portion of Deuteronomy or some other similar portion of the Pentateuch. This hearing motivates him to act. When he acts, it is with the confidence that he is doing God’s will, based on God’s Word, in service to God’s people.”

(Paul R. House, *The New American Commentary Vol. 8*, p. 384)