

## ~HILKIAH 4 (110)

(Hil-ki'ah) [My Portion or Share Is Yehowah]

- The High Priest in the days of King Josiah, son of Shallum and father of Azariah, apparently a forefather of Ezra the copyist.
- And it came about in the eighteenth year of King Josiah that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah the son of Meshullam the secretary to the house of Yehowah, saying; (**2 Kings 22:3**)
- Go up to **Hilkiah** the High Priest, and let him complete the money that is being brought into the house of Yehowah that the doorkeepers have gathered from the people. (**2 Kings 22:4**)
- Shallum, in turn, became father to **Hilkiah**. **Hilkiah**, in turn, became father to Azariah. (**1 Chronicles 6:13**)
- And after these things in the reign of Artaxerxes the king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah the son of Azariah the son of **Hilkiah** (**Ezra 7:1**)
- The son of Shallum the son of Zadok the son of Ahitub. (**Ezra 7:2**)
- The said Ezra himself went up from Babylon, and he was a skilled copyist in the Law of Moses, which Yehowah the God of Israel had given, so that the king granted him, according to the hand of Yehowah his God upon him, all his request. (**Ezra 7:6**)
- **Hilkiah**, as High Priest, figured prominently in the restoration of true worship undertaken by Josiah. During the course of the temple repair work, Hilkiah found the very book of Yehowah's Law by the hand of Moses.
- What made the find outstanding was most likely the manuscripts being the original book written by Moses. **Hilkiah** gave it to Shaphan the secretary, who took the manuscript to the king.
- Upon hearing Shaphan read the book, King Josiah dispatched a delegation headed by High Priest **Hilkiah** to Huldah the prophetess to inquire of Yehowah in behalf of the king and the people.
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- Go up to **Hilkiah** the High Priest, and let him complete the money that is being brought into the house of Yehowah that the doorkeepers have gathered from the people. (**2 Kings 22:4**)
- And let them put it into the hand of those doing the work, the appointed ones, in the house of Yehowah, that they may give it to those doing the work who are in the house of Yehowah to repair the cracks of the house. (**2 Kings 22:5**)
- To the craftsmen and the builders and the masons, and to buy timbers and hewn stones to repair the house. (**2 Kings 22:6**)
- Only no accounting should be taken of the money with them into whose hand it is being put, for it is in faithfulness that they are working. (**2 Kings 22:7**)
- Later **Hilkiah** the High Priest said to Shaphan the secretary; The very book of the Law I have found in the house of Yehowah. So Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he began to read it. (**2 Kings 22:8**)
- Then Shaphan the secretary came in to the king and replied to the king and said; Your servants have poured out the money that was to be found in the house, and they keep putting it into the hand of the doers of the work, the ones appointed, in the house of Yehowah. (**2 Kings 22:9**)
- And Shaphan the secretary went on to tell the king, saying; There is a book that **Hilkiah** the priest has given me. And Shaphan began to read it before the king. (**2 Kings 22:10**)
- And it came about that as soon as the king heard the words of the book of the law, he immediately ripped his garments apart. (**2 Kings 22:11**)
- Then the king commanded **Hilkiah** the priest and Ahikam the son of Shaphan and Achbor the son of Micaiah and Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's servant, saying; (**2 Kings 22:12**)
- Go, inquire of Yehowah in my own behalf and in behalf of the people and in behalf of all Judah concerning the words of this

book that has been found, for great is Yehowah's rage that has been set afire against us over the fact that our forefathers did not listen to the words of this book by doing according to all that is written concerning us. (**2 Kings 22:13**)

- Accordingly **Hilkiah** the priest and Ahikam and Achbor and Shaphan and Asaiah went to Huldah the prophetess the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah the son of Harhas, the caretaker of the garments, as she was dwelling in Jerusalem in the second quarter, and they proceeded to speak to her. (**2 Kings 22:14**)
- Now while they were bringing out the money that was being brought to the house of Yehowah, **Hilkiah** the priest found the book of Yehowah's Law by the hand of Moses. (**2 Chronicles 34:14**)