

For Christ's Sake: Trusting God in the Calm and Crisis
“Nations Come and Go, But the Book Remains for the Nations”

2 Kings 21–23
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Our word “Bible” comes from the Greek word *bibleos* which literally means “book.” The Bible is the Book. Our Bible contains all of what the Kings had plus what God added in the years since. Over 1500, God wrote the Book, but with the coming of Jesus, the better prophet (Dt.18:18), the Book was completed. The Book contains God's Law (what he requires), and God's Gospel (what he provides). The Book is the only hope for the nations.

1. What should have happened: God's people live by the Book and influence the nations to turn from idols and worship the Author (21:7–9; Dt. 4:6–8).
2. What happened: The nations influenced God's people to turn from the Author to worship idols and leave the Book (21:1–6).
3. What will happen: God will use the nations to purge his people of idolatry (21:10–26).
4. What God does through Josiah: God delays his judgment so they can recover the Book (22:1–23:25).
5. What God will do after Josiah: God will send his people to the nations with the Book (23:26–37).

Application for Our Church

1. _____ the Book to the nations.
2. _____ the Book for the nations.
3. _____ the Book in the nations.