

How The Bible Came To Us (2)

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to make certain that even if people try to destroy His word it will be preserved for those who need it or for the time when people will follow it.

Example Of God Preserving His Word

...Near the final days of the southern kingdom of Judah the Israelites had become so wicked they had given themselves to the most extreme forms of idolatry ever practiced in ancient times including child sacrifice and temple prostitution (cf. 2 Kings 23:7-10). Any remnants of true worship according to the Law of Moses came only from traditions held in the memory of the people. This happened because God's word fell into such disuse that the book of the Law had actually been lost! On one occasion when the temple was being cleared Scripture records, *"Now when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord, given by Moses. Then Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, 'I have found the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord,.' And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan"* (2 Chron. 34:14). When the law was read to king Josiah he committed himself to lead the nation in restoration of true worship of God according to His word....

Even though people disregarded God's word so much that it was lost, God preserved it for a time when good hearts would obey its commands. Even though people tried to silence and destroy God's word, God preserved it for those who would respect it. Today we can trust that God has preserved His word just as He intended it. Nothing is lost. Nothing is missing. It exists just as God intended it. In future lessons we will see historical examples of this in God's providential preservation of His word through the ages.

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