

## **23 – MANASSEH & AMON (2 KINGS 21:1-26; 2 CHRONICLES 33:1-25)**

### I. Manasseh (2 Kings 21:1-18; 2 Chronicles 33:1-20)

#### A. The Wickedness of Manasseh (2 Kings 21:1-9; 2 Chronicles 33:1-9)

- Manasseh was 12 years old when he became king and ruled over Judah for 55 years.
- He did evil in the sight of the Lord according the abominations of the Canaanite nations.
- He rebuilt the high places that Hezekiah had taken down and built altars to Baal and Asherah.
- Manasseh built altars to these gods in the Temple where the Lord said he put his name.
- He also placed altars to the hosts of heaven in two courts of the Temple.
- He sacrificed his sons to the fire and practiced the dark arts which provoked the Lord to anger.
- He also set an Asherah pole in the Temple, where the Lord said that he would put in name.
- The Lord also stated that Israel would not wander anymore from the land if they obeyed.
- But the people did not pay attention and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil.

#### B. The Lord's Judgment (2 Kings 21:10-16; 2 Chronicles 33:10-11)

- The Lord spoke through his prophets to the people concerning the coming judgment.
- Because Manasseh done things more wicked than the Amorites, calamity was coming.
- The judgment will be such that the ears of those who hear of it will tingle.
- The Lord will judge Judah as he did Samaria and cleanse it as one would clean a dish.
- The Lord will abandon the remnant and deliver them to plunderers because of their evil.
- The Lord also pointed out that Manasseh had shed much innocent blood.
- The Chronicler records that the people and Manasseh would not listen to the Lord.
- The Lord sent the Assyrians who took Manasseh as prisoner and carried him to Babylon.

#### C. Manasseh's Repentance (2 Chronicles 33:12-17)

- After being in great affliction, Manasseh cried out to the Lord and humbled himself.

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- The Lord responded to Manasseh's pleas and brought him back to his kingdom.
- When Manasseh returned to Jerusalem, he knew that the Lord was God.
- Manasseh reinforced Jerusalem and fortified the cities throughout Judah.
- He took away the foreign gods and all of altars he built from the Temple.
- He repaired the Temple and offered sacrifices as he commanded Judah to do so as well.
- However, Judah continued to sacrifice to the Lord on the high places.

### D. The Death of Manasseh (2 Kings 21:17-18; 2 Chronicles 33:18-20)

- The writer and Chronicler list where the details of Manasseh's reign are recorded.
- Manasseh was buried in the garden of his own house and his son Amon became king.

## II. Amon (2 Kings 21:19-26; 2 Chronicles 33:21-25)

### A. The Wickedness of Amon (2 Kings 21:19-22; 2 Chronicles 33:21-23)

- Amon was 22 years old when he became King and ruled over Judah for 2 years.
- He did evil in the sight of the Lord as his father Manasseh had done.
- He walked in the ways of his father as he served and worshiped the idols of his father.
- He forsook the ways of his fathers and did not walk in the way of the Lord.
- The Chronicler states that Amon did not humble himself and grew in his sins against the Lord.

### B. The Death of Amon (2 Kings 21:23-26; 2 Chronicles 33:24-25)

- The servants of Amon conspired against the king and killed him in his own house.
- The people executed the conspirators who executed the king and made his son Josiah king.
- The writer lists where the details of Amon's reign are recorded.
- Amon was buried in the tomb located in the garden of his house.