

2 Chronicles 33:1-25 **Manasseh – King of Judah – Amon King 2 years**

Manasseh Reigns in Judah (2 Kings 21:1-9)

1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

2 But he did evil in the sight of Yahweh (the Lord), according to the abominations of the nations whom Yahweh (the Lord) had cast out before the children of Israel.

3 For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; he raised up altars for the Baals, and made wooden images; and he worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.

4 He also built altars in Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord), of which Yahweh (the Lord) had said, "In Jerusalem shall My name be forever."

5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord).

6 Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of Yahweh (the Lord), to provoke Him to anger.

7 He even set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in Beit Elohiym (the house of God), of which Elohiym (God) had said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever;

8 and I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I have appointed for your fathers — only if they are careful to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses."

9 So Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom Yahweh (the Lord) had destroyed before the children of Israel.

Manasseh Restored After Repentance

10 And Yahweh (the Lord) spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen.

11 Therefore Yahweh (the Lord) brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze fetters, and carried him off to Babylon.

12 Now when he was in affliction, he implored Yahweh Elohayv (the Lord his God), and humbled himself greatly before Elohey (the God of) his fathers,

13 and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Yahweh (the Lord) was Elohiym (God).

14 After this he built a wall outside the City of David on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, as far as the entrance of the Fish Gate; and it enclosed Ophel, and he raised it to a very great height. Then he put military captains in all the fortified cities of Judah.

15 He took away the foreign gods and the idol from Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord), and all the altars that he had built in the mount of Beit Yahweh (the house of the Lord) and in Jerusalem; and he cast them out of the city.

16 He also repaired the altar of Yahweh (the Lord), sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it, and commanded Judah to serve Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (the Lord God of Israel).

17 Nevertheless the people still sacrificed on the high places, but only to Yahweh Eloheyhm (the Lord their God).

Death of Manasseh (2 Kings 21:17,18)

18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, his prayer to Elohey (his God), and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of Yahweh Elohey Yisrael (the Lord God of Israel), indeed they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

19 Also his prayer and how God received his entreaty, and all his sin and trespass, and the sites where he built high places and set up wooden images and carved images, before he was humbled, indeed they are written among the sayings of Hozai.

20 So Manasseh rested with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. Then his son Amon reigned in his place.

Amon's Reign and Death (2 Kings 21:19-26)

21 Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 But he did evil in the sight of Yahweh (the Lord), as his father Manasseh had done; for Amon sacrificed to all the carved images which his father Manasseh had made, and served them.

23 And he did not humble himself before Yahweh (the Lord), as his father Manasseh had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

24 Then his servants conspired against him, and killed him in his own house.

25 But the people of the land executed all those who had conspired against King Amon. Then the people of the land made his son Josiah king in his place.

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Facts Revealed:

Manasseh Reigns in Judah (2 Kings 21:1-9) [2 Chronicles 33:1-9]

- ✧ Manasseh restored all the pagan worship his father Hezekiah had destroyed and defiled the Temple of Yahweh doing worse than the nations Yahweh had cast out before the Children of Israel which provoked Yahweh to anger.
- ✧ His abominations included idolatry, Baal worship causing his sons to pass through the fire, altars to of the host of heaven in the courts and Temple of Elohiym, soothsaying, witchcraft, sorcery, consulted mediums and spiritists.
- ✧ Even though Yahweh had said, "I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I have appointed for your fathers — **only if they are careful to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.**"

Manasseh Restored After Repentance [2 Chronicles 33:10-17]

- ✧ Yahweh (the Lord) spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they would not listen.
- ✧ Therefore Yahweh (the Lord) brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze fetters, and carried him off to Babylon.
- ✧ Manasseh humbled himself greatly and prayed to Yahweh Elohayv (the Lord his God).
- ✧ Yahweh received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom.
- ✧ Manasseh knew that Yahweh is God.
- ✧ Manasseh removed all the idolatry he had built in Beit Yahweh and Jerusalem, cast them out of the city, repaired the altar of Yahweh and commanded the people to serve Yahweh.
- ✧ Nevertheless the people still sacrificed on the high places, but only to Yahweh Eloheyhm (the Lord their God).
- ✧ The return to Yahweh was only done in Jerusalem, not the rest of the country. It was a good start but insufficient to change the approaching wrath against the nation.

Death of Manasseh (2 Kings 21:17,18) [2 Chronicles 33:18-20]

- ✧ Manasseh rested with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. Then his son Amon reigned in his place.

Amon's Reign and Death (2 Kings 21:19-26) [2 Chronicles 33:21-25]

- ✧ Amon another vile king of Judah reigned 2 years in Jerusalem.
- ✧ Amon was caught up in all the paganism his father Manasseh had brought to Judah.
- ✧ Manasseh's repentance did not touch the generation brought up in such a vile idolatrous society.
- ✧ His servants conspired and killed him in his own house.
- ✧ The people of the land executed the conspirators and made Josiah his son king in his place.