

2 Kings 21

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21 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah. (Hephzibah = my delight is in her)

(Manasseh was one of the worst kings of Judah. He was also the longest reigning king. He was born 3 years after the beginning of the 15 years that God added to Hezekiah's life in the last chapter)

²And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. (The Canaanites)

³For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. (He undid all the good things that Hezekiah had done. He got into idolatry far worse than any other king in Judah)

⁴And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. (Pagan altars in the Temple of God. This is a total insult to God)

⁵And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. (Sun and moon worship)

⁶And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. (Human sacrifice by fire to Molech) (Fortune telling, sooth saying and magic; necromancers and mediums who speak to the dead)

(Saul did this with the witch of Endor; trying to speak to Samuel, who had died)

⁷And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: (graven image of the grove = a phallic symbol. He brought that filth into the temple of God)

⁸ Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. (They didn't obey the condition that God had set. They lost their country and their freedom)

⁹ But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel. (They became worse than the Canaanites)

¹⁰ And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying,

¹¹ Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: (Amorites were one of the seven Canaanite tribes. Many of them had mated with the fallen angels)

¹² Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. (evil = calamity – better translation) (This was a horrible judgment against Judah. It is so bad that all people who hear of it will be astonished)

¹³ And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down. (They will receive what Israel received – everything and everyone will go. Total destruction of Judah)

¹⁴ And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; (Judgment on Judah)

¹⁵ Because they have done that which was evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day. (We're no better today. Abortion, war for profit, influx of atheism, islam and agnosticism)

¹⁶ Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. (Historically, it is believed he killed Isaiah as well as many other

followers of God. He had Isaiah sawed inside the trunk of a tree. Isaiah was a martyr. It's not in the Bible, but it is in historical documents)

¹⁷ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? (In his later years, Manasseh was captured by the Assyrians. He was led to Assyria in disgrace, with a hook in his lips. He repented to God, was freed from the Assyrians, and afterwards, tried to do well in the sight of God)

¹⁸ And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead. (Not buried with the kings)

¹⁹ Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

²⁰ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Manasseh did. (In Manasseh's early years)

²¹ And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them:

²² And he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD.

²³ And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house. (He reigned 2 years. Judah is now like the last days of Israel. Kill the king, take his place)

²⁴ And the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead. (Josiah was prophesied 360 years before. In the days of Jeroboam, a prophet told Jeroboam of the future coming of Josiah)

²⁵ Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

²⁶ And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead. (He also was not buried in the sepulcher of the kings)