

King Manasseh and hope

2 Kings 21:1-18

1. 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.

2. **And 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.

3. For 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.

4. And he built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord said, In Jerusalem will I put my name.

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

6. And 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.

7. And 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:

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.

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. (Rev 2:200Jez)

10. And the Lord spoke by His servants the prophets, saying,

11. Because Manasseh, the 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:

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.

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 wipes a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down.

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;

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.***

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.

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?

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.

Numbers 14:18 The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Chronicles 33:10-20

10. And the Lord spoke to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken.

11. Wherefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

12. And when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

13. And prayed unto Him: and he was intreated of Him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord He was God.

14. Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah.

15. And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the Lord, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city.

16. And he repaired the altar of the Lord, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the Lord God of Israel.

17. Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the Lord their God only.

18. Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spoke to him in the name of the Lord God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel.

19. His prayer also, and how God was intreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.

20. So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

Hosea 14:1,2, 4

1. Oh Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.

2. Take with you words, and **turn to the Lord: say unto Him, "Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously:** so will we render the calves of our lips".

4. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.

Deuteronomy 4:31 For the LORD your God is a merciful God; He will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which He confirmed to them by oath.

Deuteronomy 31:6&8 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee; **He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee...**and the Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; **He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee:** fear not, neither be dismayed.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore **come boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, **according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

2 Cor 5:17&18 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;