

2 Chronicles 33

King James Version (KJV)

33 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem: (Manasseh means forgetting; his reign was the longest in Judah. He was totally against Yahoveh. He worshipped every idol he could get his hands on)

(His long reign must have been hell for the people of Judah)

² But did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. (Like the Canaanites) Deuteronomy-18:9

(God cast the Canaanites out of their land because they not only worshipped every idol that they could get their hands on. They also practiced all sorts of sexual perversions between adults and with children. They also sacrificed their children by fire to Molech. God sentenced them to death for these abominations. HE gave the land to the descendants of Jacob; whom He renamed, Israel) Genesis-35:10

³ For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. Deuteronomy-4:19 (God told the people not to worship the heavens nor the angels. Many heathen nations did that in ancient days)

⁴ Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. (He put heathen altars inside the temple of God)

⁵ And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. (He defiled the temple of God and the temple courts with heathen altars)

⁶ And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. (He sacrificed Judah's children by fire to the heathen god Molech)

(That was the reason that God judged the Canaanites to death; and gave their land to Israel. Now, under Manasseh, Israel is doing the same abominations)

(Manasseh also used psychics, witches, necromancers and fortune tellers) 2Kings-21

⁷ And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: (carved image - a phallic symbol) (Manasseh insulted God in every way that he could think of)

⁸ Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. 2Samuel-7:10 (God made this promise IF the Israelites would walk in the ways of God. Israel failed miserably, so they lost God's promises and eventually, their nation)

⁹ So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. (He made Judah worse than the Canaanites who had preceded them)

¹⁰ And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. (God sent Manasseh many prophets. He imprisoned them and killed some of them. The people of Judah went right along with Manasseh)

NOTE: (We see the same in used-to-be Christian nations today in Western Europe and North America. Sexual perversion is rampant; crime is rampant. Christians are mocked and belittled at every occasion. The result is that we have lost all of God's blessings as a nation. We are financially bankrupt and morally bankrupt as a nation. We will be judged for our sins – just as Israel and Judah were judged for theirs)

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. (thorns = hooks)

NOTE: (An ancient artifact has been found showing King Azar-haddan leading two captives with hooks or rings in their lips. The inscription reads – I counted among the vassals in my realm, 12 kings of Syria; Baloo, king of Tyre; and Manasseh, king of Judah)

¹² And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, (He repented, and God heard him)

(If you seek the Lord, HE will be found of you. If God can forgive that evil king for all the evil that he did, He can forgive us for our sins)
See Jeremiah-29:13-14

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. (In the Apocrypha, there is a book called the Prayer of Manasseh)

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. (He fortified the 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. (He got rid of all the idols that he had put in Jerusalem. His son Amon will later find these idols and start worshipping them again)

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. (God cast Judah out of His sight because of the sins of Manasseh) See Jeremiah-15:4, 2Kings-24:3

¹⁷ Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the LORD their God only. (Although this was worship to Yahoveh and not to idols, it was still wrong. God said to only to worship in the temple)

¹⁸ Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake 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. (Written in the Apocrypha – The Prayer of Manasseh)

(Manasseh only humbled himself after when was taken captive like a slave)

NOTE: (Was he trying to con God? Or was he truly repentant? Only God knows for sure. God is totally fair. In the end we all get what we deserve)

²⁰ So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead. (They buried him in the garden of his house. He didn't deserve to be buried in the sepulcher of the kings) see the Septuagint & KJV Bible 2Kings-21:18

²¹ Amon was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.

²² But he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them; (He brought the idols back from the Valley of Kidron)

²³ And humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.

²⁴ And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house. (The people wanted to get rid of yet another evil king. He was buried in the garden with his father Manasseh. Nothing else is written about Amon. He wasn't worth writing about) 2Kings-21:26

²⁵ But 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 had been prophesied 360 years before, in the time of Jeroboam. He was the last righteous king of Judah)