

Kings of Judah
Manasseh- 2 Kings 21
9/18/24

Manasseh (*causing forgetfulness*) reigned as king of Judah for fifty-five years, beginning at the age of twelve. Of those fifty-five he reigned in co-regency with his father for twelve of those years, which left him to reign by himself for forty-three.

Manasseh did evil in the sight of God by restoring all the high places of idol worship and leading the people to worship idols instead of God alone. The list of Manasseh's sins are longer than that of any of the other kings of Judah.

Manasseh was a man of wickedness. He purposefully sinned against the first two commandments of God by worshipping idols, and making graven images of those gods.

The end of Manasseh came when God allowed the Assyrians to capture him and take him bound to Babylon (2 Chronicles 33:11). Before his death he sought God, humbled himself, and turned from idols (2 Chronicles 33:12, 13).

Manasseh's Reign:

2 Kings 21: 1-9

Judah's Sin:

vv. 11-16

The Death of Manasseh:

vv. 17, 18

Small Group Discussion:

- 1. Name some of the sins Manasseh committed that provoked God to anger.**
- 2. How did these sins affect Judah?**
- 3. What does the statement “And he made his sons pass through the fire” mean?**
- 4. What was God’s response to the sins of Judah?**
- 5. Does one’s sin only affect them? Explain.**

Next Week’s Lesson:

King Josiah – 2 Kings 22

Background Reading:

2 Chronicles 34 and 35