

2 KINGS CHAPTER 21

¹ Manasseh *was* twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name *was* Hephzibah. ² And he did that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord, according to the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out from before the children of Israel. ³ And he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father *had* demolished, and set up an altar to Baal, and made groves as Ahab king of Israel *had made*; and worshipped the whole host of heaven, and served them. ⁴ And he built an altar in the house of the Lord, whereas *God* had said, "In Jerusalem I will place My name." ⁵ And he built an altar to the whole host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. ⁶ And he caused his sons to pass through the fire, and practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and made groves, and multiplied wizards, so as to do that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger. ⁷ And he set up the graven image of the grove 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 the tribes of Israel, will I place My name forever. ⁸ And I will not again remove the foot of Israel from the land which I gave to their fathers, *even of those* who shall keep all that I commanded, according to all the commandments which My servant Moses commanded them." ⁹ But they did not listen; and Manasseh led them astray to do evil in the sight of the Lord, beyond the nations whom the Lord utterly destroyed from before the children of Israel.

¹⁰ And the Lord spoke by His servants the prophets, saying, ¹¹ "Forasmuch as Manasseh the king of Judah has done all these evil abominations, beyond all that the Amorites did who lived before *him*, and has led Judah also into sin by their idols, ¹² *it shall* not *be* so. Thus says the Lord God of Israel: Behold, I bring calamities upon Jerusalem and Judah, so that both the ears of everyone that hears shall tingle. ¹³ And I will stretch out over Jerusalem the measure of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a jar is wiped, and turned upside down in the wiping. ¹⁴ And I will reject the remnant of My inheritance, and will deliver them into the hands of their enemies; and they shall be for a plunder and for a spoil to all their enemies; ¹⁵ forasmuch as they have done wickedly in My sight, and have provoked Me from the day that I brought out their fathers out of Egypt, even to this day." ¹⁶ Moreover Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, until he filled Jerusalem *with it* from one end to the other, beside his sins with which he caused Judah to sin, in doing evil in the eyes of the Lord.

¹⁷ And the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin which he sinned, *are* not these things 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 house, *even* in the garden of Uzza; and Amon his son reigned in his place.

¹⁹ Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name *was* Meshullemeth, daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. ²⁰ And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as Manasseh his father had done. ²¹ And he walked in all the way in which his father had walked, and served the idols which his father served, and worshipped

them. ²² And he forsook the Lord God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the Lord.

²³ And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and killed the king in his house. ²⁴ And the people of the land killed all that had conspired against King Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah king in his place.

²⁵ And the rest of the acts of Amon, *even* all that he did, behold, *are* not these written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ²⁶ And they buried him in his tomb in the garden of Uzza; and Josiah his son reigned in his place.