

→ **Scripture Reading**- 2 Chron. 33:1-2, 6, 10-13

## INTRODUCTION

**2 Chronicles 7:14** (NIV) **IF** My people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, **THEN** will I HEAR from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

**Deut. 18:9-14** (NIV) <sup>9</sup> When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do NOT learn to imitate the DETESTABLE ways of the nations there. <sup>10</sup> Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, <sup>11</sup> or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. <sup>12</sup> Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD...

→ **Chart of Kings and Empires**

## DEVASTATING Sin and JUDGMENT ~ 2 Chronicles 33:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. <sup>2</sup> He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. <sup>3</sup> He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had demolished; he also erected altars to the Baals and made Asherah poles. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them.

**2 Kgs 21:3** ...he erected altars for Baal and made an Asherah, AS Ahab king of Israel had done...

<sup>4</sup> He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "My Name will remain in Jerusalem forever." <sup>5</sup> In both courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts.

→ **Picture of Temple**

<sup>6</sup> He sacrificed his sons in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, practiced sorcery, divination and witchcraft, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did MUCH EVIL in the eyes of the LORD, provoking Him to anger. <sup>7</sup> He took the carved image he had made and put it IN God's temple, of which God had said to David and to his son Solomon, IN this temple and IN Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my Name forever. <sup>8</sup> I will NOT again make the feet of the Israelites leave the land I assigned to your forefathers, IF only they will be careful to do everything I commanded them concerning all the laws, decrees and ordinances given through Moses. <sup>9</sup> BUT Manasseh led Judah and the people of Jerusalem astray, so that they did MORE EVIL than the nations the LORD had destroyed before the Israelites. <sup>10</sup> The LORD spoke to Manasseh and His people, but they paid NO ATTENTION. (NIV)

**2 Kings 21:13** (NLT) I will JUDGE Jerusalem by the same standard I used for Samaria and the same measure I used for the family of Ahab. I will WIPE AWAY the people of Jerusalem as one wipes a dish and turns it upside down.

<sup>11</sup> So the LORD brought AGAINST them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner, put a hook in his nose, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon.

→ **Picture of hook in nose**

## IMPLICATION

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**Manasseh Turned AWAY From the...** CCE

>God who offers **Atonement** seen in the Sacrifices-

>God who is **Present** seen in the Bread of the Presence-

>God who **Hears** seen in the Altar of Incense-

**2 Kings 21:16** (NIV) ...Manasseh also shed so much innocent blood that he FILLED Jerusalem from end to end...

**Galatians 6:7-9** (NLT) Don't be misled - you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest WHAT you plant. <sup>8</sup> Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature...

<sup>8</sup> Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest DECAY and DEATH... (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. (NLT)

## Repentance and RESTORATION ~ 2 Chronicles 33:10-20

<sup>10</sup> The LORD spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention. <sup>11</sup> So the LORD brought AGAINST them the army commanders of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh prisoner, put a hook in his nose, bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon. <sup>12</sup> In his distress he sought the favor of the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. <sup>13</sup> And when he prayed to Him, the LORD was moved by his entreaty and listened to his plea; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. **Then Manasseh KNEW that the LORD is God.**

<sup>15</sup> He got RID OF the foreign gods and REMOVED the image from the Temple of the LORD, as well as ALL the Altars he had built on the temple hill and in Jerusalem; and he THREW them out of the city. <sup>16</sup> Then he restored the altar of the LORD and sacrificed fellowship offerings and thank offerings on it, and told Judah to serve the LORD, the God of Israel.

<sup>20</sup> Manasseh rested with his fathers and was buried in his palace. And Amon his son succeeded him as king. (NIV)

## IMPLICATION

<sup>13</sup> And when he prayed to Him, the LORD was moved by his entreaty and **listened to his plea**; so he brought him back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. **Then Manasseh KNEW that the LORD is God.**

<sup>13</sup> ...Then Manasseh REALIZED that the LORD is the TRUE God. (NET)

**Isaiah 45:5-6** (NIV) I AM the LORD, and there is NO other; apart from ME there is NO God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged ME, <sup>6</sup> so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides ME. I AM the LORD, and there is NO other.

<sup>5</sup> I AM the LORD, and there is NO other; apart from ME there is NO God.

## TAKE AWAY ??

<sup>12</sup> **In his PAIN** Manasseh **asked** the LORD his God **for MERCY** and truly humbled himself before the God of his ancestors. (NET)

<sup>13</sup> And when he prayed to Him, the **LORD was moved** by his entreaty and **listened to his plea**...

**Luke 18:14** (NIV) I tell you that this man rather than the other, went home JUSTIFIED before God...

On the Mount of Crucifixion, Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the flood-gates of God's Mercy - Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and Love like mighty rivers - Poured incessant from above;  
Heaven's PEACE and perfect JUSTICE - Kissed a guilty world in love.