

Lesson 9
(2 Kings 21)

EVIL IN THE EYES OF THE LORD

MANASSEH, KING OF JUDAH (KINGS 21:1-18)

96. What kind of king was Manasseh? How long did he reign? Is there a connection between the kind of king Manasseh was and the length of his reign?
97. What religious practices of past kings of Israel and Judah did Manasseh imitate? What new religious practices did Manasseh institute?
98. Would you say that Manasseh was a “religious” king? Explain your answer.
99. What concept does the writer of 2 Kings repeat in verses 2, 6b, 9, 11b, 15, and 16b? What is the purpose of this repetition?
100. Verse 11 says that Manasseh’s idolatry was “detestable.” Are there any religions of today that you could classify as detestable? Explain your answer.

105. Did the LORD approve of the assassination of Amon? Explain your answer.
106. Comment on the following statement: When people do not worship the true God, they will naturally turn to such sins as superstition, Satanism, abortion, and lawlessness.

WHERE IS JESUS?

107. Manasseh means “forgetfulness.” What did Manasseh forget? Now read Luke 23:39-43. How did Christ show himself to be the opposite of Manasseh?
108. Re-read 2 Kings 21:9 and compare it to what Jesus says in Matthew 18:6. What do these verses teach us about our sins and the affect they have on others around us?
109. Explain how 2 Kings 21:12-15 gives us a preview of Christ’s suffering on the cross.
110. While the Bible nowhere explicitly says so, we can justifiably conclude that Manasseh is in heaven. Why? How is it possible that such a wicked king, a ruler who rivals even Ahab in evil, could go to heaven?

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