



II Kings

II Chronicles

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- One of the kings who began as a child at age 12
- Longest reign in Judah, 55 years
- Most evil reign of any king, exceeding the evil of the nations destroyed by the Israelites (see Deuteronomy 12:29-31)
- Paid no heed to Yahweh’s messages of correction through the prophets

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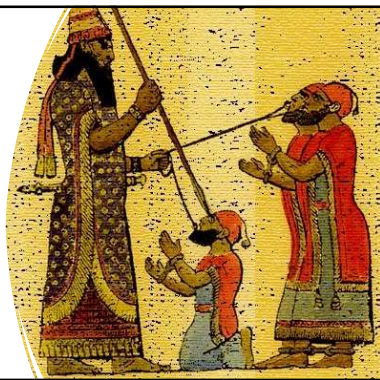
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Assyrian king with hooks in the lips of conquered kings and blinding them with his spear.



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- Manasseh prayed to God and repented of his evil ways while in captivity and God restored him as king in Jerusalem.
- Strengthened the defenses of Jerusalem and other cities in Judah
- Removed the altars and images he had placed in and around the temple

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- Restored sacrifice to Yahweh
- Commanded that the people serve Yahweh, the God of Israel
- His prayer of repentance is in a written record that either no longer exists or has not been discovered.
 - A prayer has been circulated and has been included at the end of 2 Chronicles in the Latin Vulgate since the 4th century A.D. It is written in Greek and the origin is deemed to be the 1st or 2nd century A.D.

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- Prior to his repentance God decreed that the evil committed by Manasseh and the people sealed the judgment of God on His people. 2 Kings 21:10-16; Jeremiah 15:4; 19:3ff
- This judgment would come as the Babylonian Exile over 50 years later.
- Died and buried in the garden at his house, not the tombs of the kings

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The reign of Amon 2 Kings 21:19-26; 2 Chronicles 33:21-25

- Began his reign at 21 years old and reigned for two years
- Followed his father’s earlier path of evil
- Did not repent of his evil ways
- Killed by servants of his household who were executed by the people of the land

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Lessons

- *God seeks to guide His people through instruction and then to repentance by rebuke and then consequences when necessary.*
- *Repentance has observable results. Acts 26:19-20*
- *There is a "point of no return" in God's application of judgment.*
- *God's justice and mercy assures that judgment is applied appropriately in timing and scope.*
