

It's Never Too Late To Get Right
II King 21

Rotten King Manasseh—what a surprise! (II Kgs. 21:1-18)

- Manasseh co-reigned 10 yrs. with Hezekiah (common) for chronologies to work out (enthroned so young because of Hezekiah's illness? 20:1).
- How does this happen with such a godly dad (18:5-7)? Recall David? What warning is there here for us as parents?
- Horribly idolatrous alterations in the temple are even worse than his godless grandpa Ahaz (16:14-17), and he is compared to Ahab of Israel.
- Note unfortunately Amon ends up being a chip off the old block, 19-26.

Repentant King Manasseh—what a turn around! (II Chron. 33:11-20)

- A unique repentance here: "Humbling himself" was done by others (32:26, I Kgs. 21:29), but he is the lone rotten king who actually does a 180°.
- Assyria again is used by God (Ashurbanipal) to bring discipline. How do you react when you see God's forgiveness of evil Manasseh?
- Reforms reveal real conversion, II Chron. 33:15,16. The king gets freed (forgiven), but the national consequences remain intact.



How is Manasseh's experience similar to what Judah's will be?

How is Manasseh's experience similar to others who sin greatly or do terrible crimes? What does this tell us about God?