

**Christian Formation**  
**1 & 2 Kings**  
**23 April 2017**

**MANASSEH'S DECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION**

**Passages: 2 Kgs 21 & 2 Chr 33** (verses in Kgs; *verses in Chr*)

- I. What were Manasseh's sins?
- A. (2; 2) Did evil like the other nations (Dt 9.4,5)
  - B. (3a; 3a) Built high places that Hezekiah destroyed (Dt 12.1-2)
  - C. (3b; 3b) Erected Baal and Asherah poles like Ahab (Fertility cult)
  - D. (7; 7) Put Asherah pole in temple (Dt 12.3)
  - E. (3c; 3c) Bowed down to the starry host and worshipped them
  - F. (4,5; 4,5) Built altars to them in the temple of the Lord (Neh 9.6; Ps 33.6; Rom 1.18ff)
  - G. (6a; 6a) Sacrificed his son (Dt 18.10; Jer 32.34,35)
  - H. (6b; 6b) Practiced sorcery and divination (Dt 18.10,14)  
Consulted mediums and spiritists (Lev 19.31; 20.6; Is 8.19,20)
  - I. (16) Shed innocent blood (Dt 19.8-10 w/ cities of refuge)
  - J. (11) Became more detestable than the Amorites
  - K. (vs. 9; 9) And the people followed Manasseh in his sins
- II. What did the Lord do?
- A. (10, 11; 10,11) Spoke to Manasseh and his people, but to no avail
  - B. (12-15) Forecasts total disaster upon the nation
  - C. (11) Manasseh taken prisoner
- III. What was Manasseh's response?
- A. (12,13) Called out to God (prayed)
  - D. (14) Fortified the city (Why? The Assyrians would see this as rebellion.)

E. **(15)** Got rid of the foreign gods and altars and threw them out of the city

F. **(16a)** Restored the altar of the Lord

G. **(16b)** Made thank offerings

H. **(16c)** Told the people to serve the Lord

IV. Manasseh's end: **(18)** Manasseh rested with his ancestors and was buried in his palace garden, the garden of Uzza.

V. Lessons

A.

B.

C.

D.

E.