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One is more radical than another in the case of 2-kings-21 you can see King Manasseh with a lot of evil in his heart and he does actions that hurt God and make him angry like doing disgusting ceremonies like He rebuilt the pagan altars that his father Hezekiah had destroyed; In addition, he erected other altars in honor of Baal and made an image of the goddess Asherah, as Ahab, king of Israel, had done. He prostrated himself before all the stars in the sky and worshiped them. He built altars in the temple of the Lord, the place of which the Lord had said: "Jerusalem shall be the place where I dwell." In both courts of the temple of the Lord, he built altars in honor of the stars of heaven. He sacrificed his son in the fire, practiced magic and sorcery, and consulted necromancers and spiritualists. He continually did what offends the Lord, thus provoking his wrath.

As we can see, he was out of control and with great evil abounding in his heart and disappointing his land and God himself.

Then his ego killed him and took the image of the goddess Asherah, and put it in the temple, where the Lord had said to David and his son Solomon: In this temple in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen from among all the tribes of Israel, I have decided to dwell forever. In addition, he gave his people to his rivals, leaving them in vain, and he shed a lot of innocent blood from one side to the other, which is why, despite sinning and offending God, he never had or sought forgiveness always promoted evil.

2-Chronicles 33:1-20 has several similarities as differences in this case the similarities it has to the other is that they were the same age when they took the throne which was 12 years and they died at the same age which is 55 years. Another of his similarities is that he was just as rebellious and with a dark heart of evil and you can see these similarities with 2 Kings 21. He practiced disgusting ceremonies, rebuilt the pagan sanctuaries that his father Hezekiah had demolished, and he made images of the goddess Asherah. He prostrated himself before all the stars in the sky and worshiped them. 4 He built altars in the temple of the Lord, practiced magic, sorcery and divination, and he consulted necromancers and spiritualists. Those are the similarities he has to 2-Kings 21

The difference is that in 2 Kings 21 he sacrificed only 1 of his sons and in 2 Chronicles 33:1-20 he sacrificed all his sons in the valley of Ben Hinnom. Also unlike in this one, he does not surrender to Jerusalem and seeks the forgiveness of his sins and the forgiveness of God. humiliating himself to seek redemption and finally finds the light in his life compared to 2 Kings 21 who does not have the path to light compared to the other who after all his bad deeds take responsibility for them and seek the way with God.

Although I try to find a date of when each one was written, I am not able to know exactly, but from what I see, I feel that 2 Kings 21 was written first, and seeing that it was so cruel and without finding the light in 2 Chronicles 33:1-20, seek through all the bad things to try to redirect you and give everything for the Lord that even though you hurt him and do things that bother him, he loves you in a great way and seeks to guide

you on that spiritual path and get out no matter how difficult it is a panorama to get the light and a change in your person.

Manasseh is the perfect example of a saying that says even from the bad you learn and that is to always stay humble and that power does not make you jump to the one who is above all who is god nor take advantage of other people for being a leader and abuse your power as he did, skipping rules and going from humanity to abomination for the acts he did but even more so your dark heart will always be the light at the end of the tunnel and in this case only one of the two he found it while the other taught us why with god you can find the light if you let yourself be helped and open your heart.

this helps me on my way because it drives me to continue growing and learning from the mistakes of others to avoid temptations, greed, and self-centeredness used in a way, feeling superior to your own God for which with this I feel that I can be taking humility and love for God more into practice drives you to be better spiritually and with yourself.