

Assignment 2

As we can see, from the books of Samuel, Kings was written around 550-560 BC, which is during the Babylonian exile, but Chronicles was written after the exile, about 450-440 BC. The Chroniclers concentrate on David and Solomon, through the Chronicles history, it's refer to the repentance and return to the God, but King Manasseh said the evil king in 2 Kings 21 and 2 Chronicles 33. Chroniclers use a lot of words describe the kings of Judah, not the kings of Israel, I think it's because there's some connection between the Judah in the south. From my perspective, the God was still with his people, Yahweh is still their God, 'purpose of kings was to continue the story of kingship begun in Samuel and their primary purpose was to record the covenant failures.' "God still ruled human history and remained faithful to his agreement with the Hebrews". Samuel show the people the nation's troubles were the result of their sinful disobedience rather than God's abandonment of his people. Chronicles wanted to encourage the Israelites turn back to Yahweh as the one true God.

Manasseh was the most evil king, he sacrificed his children in the fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, he rebuilt the high places his

father Hezekiah had demolished ,he also erected altars to the Baals and made Asherah poles.He did evil in the eyes of the Lord.In my opinion,the reason that why he did these wrong things ,it's because he felt desperation to act based on the difficulty in his situation ,he was anxious,he was facing very difficult situation “so the Lord brought against them the army commanders of the king of Assyria,who took Manasseh prisoner ,put a book in his nose ,bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon”(2 Chron.33:12).God is always ready to move toward him,he is gracious and compassionate God.So from this point,we should also be encouraged,when we do wrong,we need to repair to the right.On the other hand,when we do wrong ,we also influence others to do wrong Gog's word's says that: Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err,and to do worse than the heathen”, so when we make mistakes,we have to control ourselves,don't influence others,If we've been doing the wrong things ,we don't need to stay there,we can turn around,we need to turn the Lord ,start doing the right things,God works mercifully in our lives, even in our wrongdoing.Don't let the past failures burden you.The Lord is with you,when you are with him.Like Manasseh,the restoration not only brought him back physically ,it brought him back in is heart,he started doing the right things,he began to do his

duty as king,he let the people in the right way.All of this spirit is worth to learn and repair ourselves.