

Professor David Emmanuel

Old Testament NA

03/24/2023

The character Hezekiah, who had a son named Manasseh, who reigned and dominated over 55 years as an evil king beginning from the time he was 12 years old, is the cause of the connections between the books of 2 Kings 21 and 2 Chronicles 33:1–20. Because he committed so many sins that were offensive to God throughout his rule, Manasseh was definitely an evil king. Both stories verse 3 mentions Manasseh's actions, which included the fact that he rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had destroyed. The altars were built for Baal by Manasseh. Like the Israelite king Ahab, who built the grove in the same manner, he likewise served and adored all of heaven's hosts.

The difference between the two narratives is that in verses 12–15 of 2 Kings 21, King Manasseh's actions toward God are described, and the land is punished as a result. This is different from 2 Chronicles 33:1–20. According to these Scriptures, anybody who hears of the terrible things I am bringing upon Jerusalem and Judah will experience tingling in both ears. And God will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. I will also stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria and the plummet of the house of Ahab.

God will abandon the remaining members of my inheritance and turn them over to their foes, making them both a target and a prey. The difference between Chronicles 33:1–20 and 2 Kings 21 is that King Manasseh was attempting to be a decent king. What prompted him to seek God's forgiveness and make an effort to become a good monarch. He came to the realization that whatever he did was offensive to God. Manasseh removed and cast out of the city anything that did not belong in the presence of the Lord, such as other gods and idols. God saw the repented heart of Manasseh.

As a Christian, the most important lesson I can take away from this is that my daily pattern will inevitably vary over my life. Regardless of the conditions or things I may observe around me, change can make life easier even though it might occasionally feel difficult, unsettling, or frightening. King Manasseh saw that he needed to have a change of heart in order for his dominion and function as king to have improved for both him and the people he had reigned over during his reign. I would need to be reminded by someone with one or many talks about who I am, what I believe, and how I may change to become better in my Christian life.