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### **THE LIFE OF KING MANASSEH**

When looking at the two accounts of the life of King Manasseh in the books of 2 Kings 21 and 2 Chronicles 33:1-20 we see many similarities. One of the similarities that we see in both book of the Bible is that King Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. Other similarities that we found in both of these eye account was during Manasseh's reigns in Judah he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, according the abominations of the nation whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel. He rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had broken down, erected altars to the Baals, made Asheroth, and worshiped all the hosts of heaven and served them. We see in both accounts that Manasseh was taken captivity by his enemies. The last similarity that we find in both eye account is that Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel. In the reign of King Manasseh we see that he provoked the Lord's anger on him and the people of Judah.

When looking at the accounts of the life of King Manasseh we see a difference in 2 Chronicles 33:1-20 from the account in 2 Kings 21. The difference that we see in 2 Chronicles 33:1-20 is that in verse 12-20 that King Manasseh repented and look for God forgiveness. We see

that the Seer had a different view from the Prophet. Manasseh pray to God and humbled himself so the Lord restored him and brought him back to Jerusalem. Then Manesseh knew that Lord was his God. So once he chose to live his rest of his in obedience to Lord he change and the people of Jerusalem as well, they stop committing idolatry and started giving sacrifice to their Lord their God. But 2 Kings 21 we see no evidence of him repent to God. This was the biggest difference we once between both these eye witness account.

When we look at both the accounts in 2 kings 21 and 2 Chronicles 33:1-20 we see that the author changes. We see in 2 Kings 21 that the Prophet was the author. In 2 Chronicles 3:1-20 it was the Seers who was the author. When we look at the changes that both of authors made on the life of King Manasseh see Prophet talk about the sins of King Manasseh and nothing else. They believe that the King Manasseh was full of sin, he didnt repent, and spoke everything that God told them to speak and didnt add on. But the Seers account we completely different from the Prophet. The Seers wrote in their account that King Manasseh repent and destroy all the idol and life the name of God up high as well as people. They believe that God restored King Manasseh because he humble himself onto God.

We learned that the Grace of God over the life of King Manasseh. King Manasseh was the long living King that the people of Israel had. Even though we see that King Manasseh repent and humble himself to God because he recognize his sin and God restored him in 2 Kings 21 his testimony was the same for everyone us. We also learn that testimony of those who remember will always look to see if the good out weighst the bad and if the bad out weights the good to judge you base on one of these account. Even through King Manasseh repent in 2 Chronicles

33:1-20 in both account the facts still remain he was know for sinning and leading the people away from God.