

**Run-up to Doom's Day – a study showing that
the wicked life of King Manasseh
– being a run-up to the horrific Babylonian Captivity
– adumbrates conditions before the Final Judgment.**

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Spiritual conditions were so bad during the 55-year-reign of Manasseh – (indeed, more abominable than Canaan when their iniquity was full and God annihilated them) – to wit: “But they hearkened not (to the prophets); and Manasseh seduced them to do MORE EVIL than did the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the children of Israel.” Q.: Why did the Lord not destroy Judah during the iniquitous reign of Manasseh? Why wait 55 years after Manasseh to execute the Babylonian Captivity (type of Final Judgment Day) during Zedekiah's 11-year reign?

Lev. 18:22-28: “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith:...Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things (sodomy, pedophilia, incest, adultery, bestiality): for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you: (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you...Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, that ye defile not yourselves therein; I am the Lord your God.”

2 Kings 21:1-2: “Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, after the ABOMINATIONS OF THE HEATHEN, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel.”

2 Kings 21:9-11: “But they hearkened not; and Manasseh seduced them to do MORE EVIL THAN DID THE NATIONS WHOM THE LORD DESTROYED BEFORE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL. And the Lord spake by his servants the prophets, saying, Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly ABOVE ALL THAT THE AMORITES DID, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols.”

The outrageously blasphemous idolatries and sodomite practices instituted by King Manasseh were gloriously exposed and defiled by his young grandson – King Josiah – after finding the lost Book of the Law of God and humbling himself to obey it.

2 Kings 22:1-2: “Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.”

Upon the death of wicked King Manasseh after reigning 55 years, his evil son Amon became king and reigned only 2 years and was assassinated at age 24. Thereupon Amon’s righteous son Josiah became king at age 8 and reigned 31 years. Then evil Jehoikim became king for 11 years, followed by evil King Zedekiah who reigned 11 years until the Babylonian Captivity. Thus $2+31+11+11=55$ years between the death of wicked King Manasseh when the decree to destroy Judah went forth – Manasseh having seduced Judah “to do more evil than did the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the children of Israel,” 2 Kings 21:9 – and God’s execution of the decree.

Faithful Huldah the prophetess revealed the irreversible decree.

“And she said to them (King Josiah’s emissaries), Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.”

2 Kings 22:15-17. Note that Huldah revealed the existence of the irrevocable decree of God to destroy Judah in the 18th year of Josiah’s reign (2 Kings 22:3) to which add the 2-year reign of Amon – making 20 years after Manasseh’s death and 35 years before execution: Gill: “The decree for the destruction of Jerusalem was gone forth, and not to be called back; the execution of it could not be stopped or hindered by cries, prayers, entreaties, or otherwise; this wrath of God was an emblem of the unquenchable fire of Hell. Matt. 3:12; Mark 9:44.”

The nameless prophets who lived contemporary with Manasseh itemized his sins and declared God's irreversible decree of Judah's Final Doom for it; and apparently these faithful anonymous messengers of God endured bloody persecution at Manasseh's hands; to wit:

"And the Lord spake by his servants the prophets, saying ...Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the Lord." 2 Kgs. 21:10,16. Cf. Psalms 9:12: "Inquisition for blood."

REMEMBER, THERE IS NO GREATER SIN THAN PERSECUTING GOD'S PROPHETS.

This great sin was the immediate precursor or forerunner to Judah's destruction by Babylon, and included God's prophets who were persecuted by Manasseh as well as those after Manasseh ending with Zedekiah; to wit: *"But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy. THEREFORE, he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees (Babylonians), who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age; he gave them all into his hand."* 2 Chron. 36:16-17.

It is likely that Manasseh institutionalized sodomy as a holy religious sacramental rite as the capstone of his huge catalogue of mighty sins – sodomy being the offspring of idolatry and incapable of penitential cure.

Sodomy was clearly institutionalized when good King Josiah came to power following the death of Manasseh, who had vigorously flooded the Temple of God at Jerusalem with "the abominations of the heathen." 2 Kgs. 21:2. Just as vigorously or more so did Josiah purge all such abominations – including sodomy as the worst of all; to wit: *"And he (Josiah, the holy Crusader) brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by (or, in, says Gill) the house of the Lord, where the women wove hangings for the grove."* 2 Kgs. 23:7. The do-gooder Catholic/Episcopal/Methodist/Baptist women prepared fancy booths where cubicles separated by heavy woven draperies gave worshipers privacy to perform same-sex copulation as a part of divine worship.

God was apparently more tolerant of Judah – and probably more tolerant of America – than He was of the Amorites when He destroyed them and gave their land to Judah “when the iniquity of the Amorites was full.” Gen. 15:16.

The children of Israel were forced to remain in slavery in Egypt for four hundred years – *“for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full,”* said the Lord God to Abraham; to wit: *“And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years...But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: FOR THE INIQUITY OF THE AMORITES IS NOT YET FULL.”* Gen. 15:13,15.

A rather clinical historical description of what we shall call MANASSEH’S MESS is found largely in 5 verses – (2 Kgs. 21:2-7). The dreadful reality of things – that MANASSEH’S MESS is certain to culminate in Doom’s Day and everlasting Hell fire and damnation – is found in the analysis of the prophets in 6 verses – (2 Kgs. 21:11-16).

2 Kings 21:2-7 Synopsis: Manasseh followed the abominations of the Amorites whom the Lord cast out (Lev. 18:24); he rebuilt the high places, reared up altars for Baal, made a grove for idols, and worshipped all the host of heaven and served them. He built altars in the house of the Lord, including altars for all the host of heaven in two courts in the house of the Lord. He passed his son through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards; he wrought much wickedness to provoke the Lord to anger. And he set a graven image of the grove, which the Lord strictly forbade David to do. Seduced the people to do more evil than the Amorites the Lord cast out. They draw nigh with mouths; hearts far from God. Mat. 15:8; Isa. 29:13.

2 Kings 21:11-16 Synopsis: The Lord spake by His servants the prophets, saying, Because Manasseh did wickedly above all that the Amorites did, making Judah sin with his idols, I will bring evil upon Judah and Jerusalem that will make all ears tingle, punishing them more than Ahab and Israel, wiping them as a dish upside down, delivering them as a prey and a spoil to their enemies. Worse than all, he persecuted the prophets, filling Jerusalem with blood. Psa. 9:12. Fruit – end of the process – wholehearted acceptance of sodomites, “above all that the Amorites did.” 2 Kgs. 21:11; 23:7; Mat. 7:15-20: “By their fruits.”