**THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL LESSON 20**

Manasseh's shedding of “innocent blood” probably refers to not only human sacrifices but also to the martyrdom of God's prophets. The Jewish historian Josephus affirms that Manasseh not only “murdered all the righteous men of Judah,” but killed prophets daily until Jerusalem was “overflowing with blood.” Both Jewish and Christian tradition hold that Manasseh arranged to have Isaiah sawed in two.

2 Kings 21:16

**DAY ONE**

Read 2 Kings 21 and 2 Chronicles 33

1. a. Name Manasseh’s father and mother.

Answer here

b. How old was he when he began to reign?

Answer here

c. How long did he reign?

Answer here

d. Give one or two examples of people or nations whose example he followed in worship from 2 Kings 21.

Answer here

2. a. List some of the evil things he did and practiced.

Answer here

b. What stood out to you as the worst of them?

Answer here

3. a. What happened when God allowed Manasseh to be taken captive to Babylon according to 2 Chronicles 33?

Answer here

b. PERSONAL: Were you surprised at the final outcome of his life? Why?

Answer here

4. What do 2 Kings 23:26 and 24:3-4 add to your thoughts?

Answer here

5. List three things about Manasseh’s successor, King Amon.

Answer here

**DAY TWO**

Read 2 Kings 22-23:30 and 2 Chronicles 34-35

1. Describe how steadfast King Josiah was in his walk with the Lord.

Answer here

2. Give the following concerning him from 2 Chronicles 34:

a. Age when he began reigning.

Answer here

b. Special occurrence in the 8th year of his reign.

Answer here

c. Special occurrence in the 12th year of his reign.

Answer here

d. Special occurrence in the 18th year of his reign.

Answer here

3. a. How did Josiah initially respond when the law was read?

Answer here

b. Why did he send his chief men to inquire of the Lord?

Answer here

c. Who was Huldah?

Answer here

d. What were the two prophecies that she gave?

Answer here

4. a. What does 2 Chronicles 35 record about what happened after Josiah’s death that 2 Kings does not?

Answer here

b. What prophecy is found in Zechariah 12:11-12 almost 100 years later that is compared to this great mourning in Jerusalem for King Josiah?

Answer here

**DAY THREE**

Read 2 Kings 23:30-25:30, 2 Chronicles 36, and Daniel 1:1-7

1. a. List the last four kings of Judah.

Answer here

b. What were their relationships to each other?

Answer here

c. How was each removed from kingship?

Answer here

2. a. List the enemies of Judah under Jehoiakim’s reign.

Answer here

b. What reason is given in 2 Kings 24 for the Lord sending these troubles?

Answer here

3. Who was the King of Babylon at this time?

Answer here

4. a. Who was taken captive from Jerusalem?

Answer here

b. Who was left in Jerusalem after the Babylonian captivity took place?

Answer here

c. Following the captivity, what did the Babylonians do in Jerusalem?

Answer here

5. When did Daniel go into captivity?

Answer here

6. Which prophet was prominent at the time according to 2 Chronicles 36?

Answer here

**DAY FOUR**

Read Jeremiah 36-39:14

1. List verses showing God’s love and mercy.

Answer here

2. List the prophecies Jeremiah gave to Zedekiah that were not recorded in 2 Kings but came to pass.

Answer here

3. What did Zedekiah do in 2 Chronicles 36:13 that was contrary to Jeremiah’s advice that brought him calamity?

The only mention of ink in the Old Testament is in this verse. In ancient times, ink was made from soot or lampblack mixed with gum Arabic, oil or some type of metallic substance.

Jeremiah 36:18

Answer here

4. Share any insights that God revealed to you during your reading.

Answer here

**DAY FIVE**

Read Jeremiah 24-25:12, 29:10-14, and 31:31-34

1. a. List the “I will’s” that the Lord showed Jeremiah about the “good figs.”

Answer here

b. What did he prophesy about the “bad figs”?

Answer here

2. How long would Judah be in captivity?

Answer here

3. How would they be changed when they returned?

Answer here

4. a. CHALLENGE QUESTION: Have the prophecies in chapter 31 been fulfilled yet?

Answer here

b. What does 2 Corinthians 3:3 say about the Spirit of the living God?

Answer here

c. What does Hebrews 10:15-17 say about the new covenant and sin?

Answer here