

Manasseh & Amon

(2 Kings 21; 2 Chron. 33)

After Hezekiah died, his son Manasseh became king. He was very wicked! He worshipped every idol he could find. He burned his own sons in sacrifice to idols. The stars were also worshipped by Manasseh. Manasseh put alters to idols in God's temple!

God sent prophets to warn Manasseh that Judah would be destroyed by God because Manasseh had been so wicked. The destruction would be so bad that when people heard about it, it would make their ears tingle. Jerusalem would be wiped away like someone wipes a dish.

Because Manasseh was wicked, the Assyrian army came and took him prisoner. They put him in shackles and put a hook in his nose, then led him away to prison in Babylon. Manasseh prayed to God and changed his ways.

Because Manasseh turned back to God, he was brought back to Jerusalem. When he got back, he took away the idols from God's temple and built up the altar of God. He commanded the people to serve God. The people were so deep into idolatry that they did not really serve God.

When Manasseh died, his son Amon became king. Amon turned the people back to worshipping idols! He was just as wicked as Manasseh had been, but he did not turn back to God as Manasseh did. Some of Amon's servants killed him in his own house and put his son Josiah on the throne.

Main Points:

1. God will punish the wicked.
2. Even the very wicked can change their ways and turn back to God.

Lesson 13 Questions: Manasseh & Amon

1. Who did Manasseh worship?

God

Idols

2. What did God warn that He would destroy?

Judah

Israel

3. Who came to take Manasseh prisoner?

Egypt

Assyria

4. What did they put in his nose?

Hook

Tissue

5. Who did Manasseh pray to when he was taken prisoner?

God

Idols

6. Did Manasseh change his ways?

Yes

No

7. Was Amon a good king?

Yes

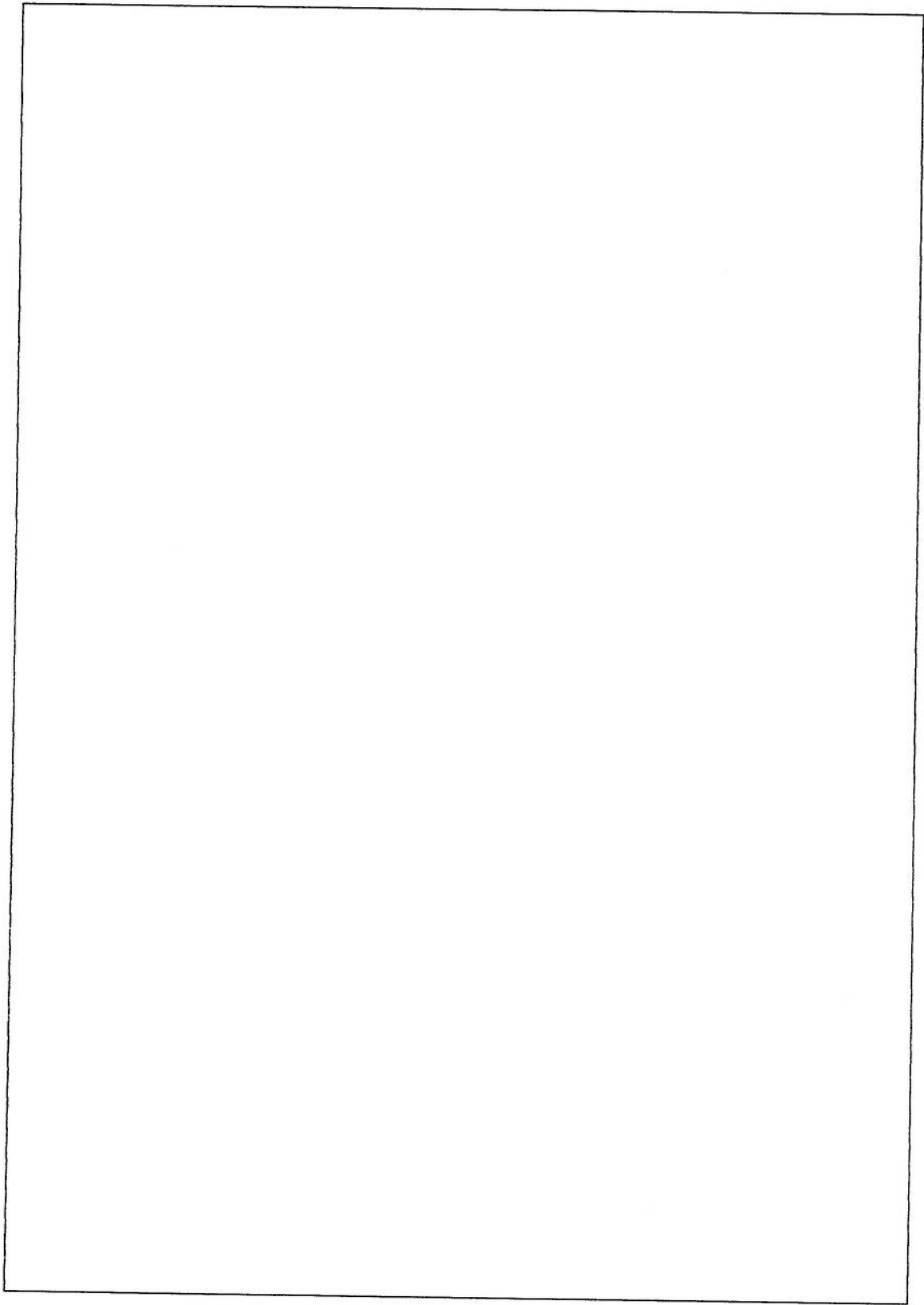
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8. Who killed Amon?

Servants

Assyria

Draw a picture of Manasseh being taken prisoner.





2 Chronicles 33—Manasseh Prays for Forgiveness

Chain Mobile

Supplies

- copies of the Chain Mobile for each child
- 1" wide strips of construction paper (any color, 6 per child)
- crayons or markers
- scissors
- tape
- hole punch
- varying lengths of yarn or twine (4 pieces per child)

Directions

Color and cut out each mobile piece. Punch holes in the top of each piece where indicated by the open circles. Using the construction paper strips, make a chain by taping the ends of each strip together in interlocking circles (see the example). Tie each mobile piece to a separate link in the chain, using varying lengths of yarn or twine. Use the scenes on the Chain Mobile to retell the story of Manasseh praying for forgiveness.

