

## Chapter 21

*For the enormous impietie of Manaffes, 10. God threatneth deftruction of the kingdom. 16. He fpilleth innocent blood, 18. dieth, and his fonne Amon reigneth alfo wickedly: 23. is flaine by his feruantes, and his fonne Iofias reigneth.*

**T**welue yeares old was Manaffes, when he began to reigne, & he reigned fiue and fiftie yeares in Ierufalem: the name of his mother was Haphfiba. <sup>2</sup> And he did euil in the fight of our Lord, according to the idols of the Nations, which our Lord deftroyed from the face of the children of Ifrael. <sup>3</sup> And he was turned, and built the excelfes, which Ezechias his father had deftroyed: and he fette vp altars to Baal, and made groues, as Achab the king of Ifrael had done: and he adored al the hoft of heauen, and worshipped it. <sup>4</sup> And he built altars in the houle of our Lord, of the which our Lord fayd: In Ierufalem I wil put my name. <sup>5</sup> And he built altars to al the hoft of heauen in the two courtes of the temple of our Lord. <sup>6</sup> And he made his fonne paffe through fyre: and he vfed foothfaying, and obferued diuinations, and made pithones, and multiplied inchanters, to doe euil before our Lord, and to prouoke him. <sup>7</sup> He fette alfo the idol of the groue, which he had made in the temple of our Lord: concerning the which our Lord fpake to Dauid, and to Salomon his fonne: In this temple, and in Ierufalem, which I haue chofen out of al the tribes of Ifrael, I wil put my name for euer. <sup>8</sup> And I wil noe more make the foote of Ifrael to be moued out of the land, which I gaue to their fathers: yet fo if in worke they fhall keepe al things, that I haue commanded them, al the law which my feruant Moyfes commanded them. <sup>9</sup> But they heard not: but were feduced by Manaffes, to doe euil <sup>a</sup>)aboue the Nations, which our

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<sup>a</sup> The Iewes finned more greuoufly reuolting from the Law of God and contemning the admonitions of holie prophetes, then the nations that had neither law nor prophetes to instruct them.

Lord deftroyed before the face of the children of Ifrael.  
<sup>10</sup> And our Lord fpake in the hand of his feruantes, the  
 prophetes, faying: <sup>11</sup> Becaufe Manaffes the king of Iuda  
 hath done thefe moft wicked abominations, paffing al  
 thinges that the Amorrheites did before him, and hath  
 made Iuda alfo to finne in his filthes: <sup>12</sup> therefore thus  
 fayth our Lord the God of Ifrael: Behold I wil bring  
 in euils vpon Ierufalem and Iuda: that whofoeuer shal  
 heare it, both his eares shal tingle. <sup>13</sup> And I wil ftretch  
 out vpon Ierufalem the corde of Samaria, and the weight  
 of the houle of Achab: and I wil wipe out Ierufalem,  
 as tablets are wont to be wiped out, and wypping out I  
 wil turne it, and draw often the pencil vpon the face  
 therof. <sup>14</sup> <sup>a)</sup> But I wil leaue remnantes of mine inher-  
 itance, and wil deliuer them into the handes of their  
 enemies: and they fhall be vnto waſte, and vnto ſpoile to  
 al their aduerſaries: <sup>15</sup> becauſe they haue done euil be-  
 fore me, and haue continewed prouoking me, from the  
 day that their fathers came out of Ægypt, vntil this day.  
<sup>16</sup> Moreouer Manaffes ſhed alſo innocent blood exceding  
 much til he filled Ierufalem euen to the mouth: befide his  
 finnes, wherein he made Iuda to finne, to doe euil before  
 our Lord. <sup>17</sup> But the reſt of the wordes of Manaffes, and  
 al that he did, and his finne, which he finned, are not  
 theſe thinges written in the Booke of the wordes of the  
 dayes of the kinges of Iuda? <sup>18</sup> And Manaffes ſlept with  
 his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his houle,  
 in the garden of Oza: and Amon his ſonne reigned for  
 him. <sup>19</sup> Two and twentie yeares old was Amon when he  
 began to reigne: two yeares alſo he reigned in Ierufalem:  
 the name of his mother was Meffalemeth the daughter  
 of Ieteba. <sup>20</sup> And he did euil in the fight of our Lord, as  
 Manaffes his father had done. <sup>21</sup> And he walked in al the  
 way, by the which his father had walked: and he ferued  
 the filthes, which his father had ferued, and he adored

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<sup>a</sup> God ſtil preferred ſome in true religion, though they alſo ſuffered  
 tribulations with the wicked for the general finnes of the king  
 and people. *Pfal.* 88. *v.* 35. Yea this king Manaffes in captiuitie  
 became vertuous and recouered his kingdom. 2. *Paralip.* 33.

them, <sup>22</sup> and forfooke our Lord the God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of our Lord. <sup>23</sup> And his feruantes lay in wayte agaynft him, and flewe the king in his houfe. <sup>24</sup> But the people of the land ftroke al them, that had confpired agaynft king Amon: and made Iofias his fonne their king for him. <sup>25</sup> But the reft of the wordes of Amon which he did, are not thefe writen in the Booke of the wordes of the dayes of the kinges of Iuda? <sup>26</sup> And they buried him in his fepulchre, in the garden of Oza: and Iofias his fonne reigned for him.