

# 2 Chronicles 33-36

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## Day 1- 2 Chronicles 33-36

Read 2 Chronicles 33-36 in your Bible.

- Pray as you read, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in understanding, praise, confession, thanksgiving, and petition in light of the truth you are reading.
- Underline/highlight key words, phrases, and verses that stand out to you.

## Day 2- 2 Chronicles 33

1. What did Manasseh do that was designed to intentionally offend God? (33:1-9)

Digging Deeper: Look up Jeremiah 15:4. From the information in 33:1-9 why do you think Manasseh was named as the one responsible for the coming exile of Judah?

2. What steps did God take to get Manasseh's attention according to 33:10?

3. What was it that made Manasseh realize that “the LORD alone is God”? (33:12-13)

Picture and Ponder: “Forgiveness is limited, not by the amount of sin, but by our willingness to repent.” NLT Chronological Life Application Study Bible notes.



Manasseh’s epitaph in 33:18-20 reminds readers of his legacy of sin, but it also points to God’s mercy and forgiveness in response to Manasseh’s humble prayer. Manasseh was considered the worst king Judah had and his actions sealed certain judgment upon Judah, but yet God forgave him when he humbled himself and turned back to God.

Is there someone in your life who you despair of ever turning or returning to God? Remember Manasseh and how far he went into sin and how gracious and merciful God was to get his attention and bring him to repentance.

- Spend time now praying for someone in your life who is lost. Ask for God’s mercy on them, that they might see their need for a savior and turn to God. Thank God for his great mercy and patience.

4. How did Amon increase his guilt?

### **Day 3- 2 Chronicles 34**

5. How thorough was Josiah in his destruction of the pagan relics according to 34:3-7? How did this differ from Manasseh’s purge? (33:15)

6. In the repairing of the temple what did they discover that had also been deserted according to 34:14-15? Who made the discovery?

7. What does hearing the Word of God produce in Josiah? When we hear the Word of God and are not moved by it, what might that reveal about our hearts?



Make Isaiah 66:2 your prayer. “This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.” (NIV)

- What does it mean to tremble at God’s Word?

8. How and why does God show mercy to Josiah according to 34:27-28?

#### Day 4- 2 Chronicles 35

8. How does Josiah’s life demonstrate that love for God and his Word produces a heart of worship? (35:1-19) Why do you think this is true?

9. What mistake did Josiah make that was similar to many of his ancestors?  
(35:20-22)

Scholar's Note: "The Lord's consistent message to his people had been that they must rely on him and, correspondingly, keep themselves from involvement in the international power politics of their day." –Expositor's Commentary

10. Trace Josiah's spiritual progression. How is his faith demonstrated when he is 16 and 20 years old (34:3)? When Josiah is 26 years old the Book of the Law is found. How does his faith progress after that?

Scholar's Note: "Josiah instituted the most thorough of all the OT reforms, dating to 622, and one that restored Israel's commitment to God's Book. It was this faith in holy Scripture that was then able to keep the nation's hope alive during their exile through most of the succeeding century (cf. Dan 9: 2), during the difficult century of restoration that followed (Ezra 7: 10; Mal 4: 4), and during the next four hundred, silent years until the appearance of John the Baptist (Mal 3: 1; 4: 5- 6) and the kingdom of Jesus the Messiah, God's personal Word, who fulfilled the written Word (Matt 5: 17- 18)."- Expositor's Commentary

## Day 5- 2 Chronicles 36

11. Even as Nebuchadnezzar is controlling the kings of Judah and beginning to take over the country, how are Zedekiah, the people and the priests responding? (36:11-14)

12. Describe the character of God and the character of the people from the information in 36:15-16. How does the last phrase “until there was no remedy” impact you?

13. Since Ezra wrote Chronicles as a book of hope for the returning exiles, he jumps ahead seventy years to the return of the exiles to Israel. What means did God use to restore his people back to the Promised Land?

Digging Deeper: Read Isaiah 44:21-28. What had Isaiah prophesied almost 150 years earlier? How does this impact you?

14. From 2 Chronicles...

- What have you learned about the nature of God?
  
- What have you learned about human nature, character and behavior (yourself)?
  
- What is something God has shown you that needs to change as a result of what you have learned about God or yourself?

Spend time now praying that God would impress the truths you have learned from 2 Chronicles in your heart, that you would yield to him and allow the Holy Spirit to work in your heart to bring about the changes in your life that befit a beloved child of God and bring honor and glory to his Name.