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## Part 8

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**But Manasseh led the people of Judah and Jerusalem to do even more evil than the pagan nations that the Lord had destroyed when the people of Israel entered the land.**



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**And when he prayed, the Lord listened to him and was moved by his request. So the Lord brought Manasseh back to Jerusalem and to his kingdom. Then Manasseh finally realized that the Lord alone is God!**



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**However, the people still sacrificed  
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# 2 Chronicles 33:18

The rest of the events of Manasseh's reign, his prayer to God, and the words the seers spoke to him in the name of the Lord, the God of Israel, are recorded in

*The Book of the Kings of Israel.*

## 2 Chronicles 33:19a

Manasseh's prayer, the account of the way God answered him, and an account of all his sins and unfaithfulness are recorded in *The Record of the Seers.*



## **2 Chronicles 33:19b**

**It includes a list of the locations where he built pagan shrines and set up Asherah poles and idols before he humbled himself and repented.**

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**When Manasseh died, he was buried  
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