

¹كَانَ مَنَسَّى ابْنُ اثْنَيْ عَشَرَ سَنَةً حِينَ مَلَكَ، وَمَلَكَ خَمْسًا وَخَمْسِينَ سَنَةً فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ.² وَعَمِلَ الشَّرَّ فِي عَيْنَيِ الرَّبِّ حَسَبَ رَجَاسَاتِ الْأُمَمِ الَّتِي طَرَدَهُمُ الرَّبُّ مِنْ أَمَامِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ.³ وَعَادَ قَبَتَى الْمُرْتَفَعَاتِ الَّتِي هَدَمَهَا حَزَقِيَّا أَبُوهُ، وَأَقَامَ مَذَابِحَ لِلتَّبْعِيمِ وَعَمِلَ سَوَارِيَّ وَسَجَدَ لِكُلِّ جُنْدِ السَّمَاءِ وَعَبَدَهَا.⁴ وَبَنَى مَذَابِحَ فِي بَيْتِ الرَّبِّ الَّذِي قَالَ عَنْهُ الرَّبُّ فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ يَكُونُ اسْمِي إِلَى الْأَبَدِ.⁵ وَبَنَى مَذَابِحَ لِكُلِّ جُنْدِ السَّمَاءِ فِي دَارِيَّ بَيْتِ الرَّبِّ.⁶ وَغَبَّرَ بَنِيهِ فِي النَّارِ فِي وَادِي ابْنِ هُتُومَ، وَغَافَ وَتَقَاعَلَ وَسَحَرَ، وَاسْتَحْدَمَ جَانًا وَتَابِعَةً، وَكَثَّرَ عَمَلَ الشَّرِّ فِي عَيْنَيِ الرَّبِّ لِإِغَاظَتِهِ.⁷ وَوَضَعَ تِمْنَالَ الشَّكْلِ الَّذِي عَمَلَهُ فِي بَيْتِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي قَالَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ لِدَاوُدَ وَلِسُلَيْمَانَ ابْنَيْهِ فِي هَذَا الْبَيْتِ وَفِي أُورُشَلِيمَ الَّتِي اخْتَرْتُ مِنْ جَمِيعِ أَسْبَاطِ إِسْرَائِيلَ أَصْغُ اسْمِي إِلَى الْأَبَدِ.⁸ وَلَا أُعَوِّدُ أَرْحَحُ رَجُلٍ إِسْرَائِيلِيٍّ عَنِ الْأَرْضِ الَّتِي عَيَّنْتُ لِآبَائِهِمْ، وَذَلِكَ إِذَا حَفِظُوا وَعَمِلُوا كُلَّ مَا أَوْصَيْتُهُمْ بِهِ، كُلَّ الشَّرِيعَةِ وَالْفَرَائِضِ وَالْأَحْكَامِ عَنْ يَدِ مُوسَى.⁹ وَلَكِنْ مَتَسَّى أَصَلَ يَهُودًا وَسُكَّانَ أُورُشَلِيمَ لِيَعْمَلُوا أَسْرَ مِنْ الْأُمَمِ الَّتِي طَرَدَهُمُ الرَّبُّ مِنْ أَمَامِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ.¹⁰ وَكَلَّمَ الرَّبُّ مَنَسَّى وَسَعِيَهُ فَلَمْ يُصْغُوا. فَجَلَبَ الرَّبُّ عَلَيْهِمْ رُؤُسَاءَ جُنْدٍ مَلَكَ أَشُورَ، فَأَخَذُوا مَنَسَّى بِخَرَامَةٍ وَقَبَذُوهُ بِسَلَاسِلِ نَحَاسٍ وَذَهَبُوا بِهِ إِلَى بَابِلَ.¹² وَلَمَّا تَصَافَى طَلَبَ وَجْهَ الرَّبِّ إِلَهُهِ، وَتَوَاضَعَ جَدًّا أَمَامَ إِلَهِهِ آتَانِهِ،¹³ وَصَلَّى إِلَيْهِ فَاسْتَجَابَ لَهُ وَسَمِعَ تَضَرُّعَهُ، وَرَدَّهُ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ إِلَى مَمْلَكَتِهِ. فَقَلِمَ مَنَسَّى أَنَّ الرَّبَّ هُوَ اللَّهُ.¹⁴ وَبَعْدَ ذَلِكَ بَنَى سُورًا خَارِجَ مَدِينَةِ دَاوُدَ غَرَبًا إِلَى جِيحُونَ فِي الْوَادِي، وَإِلَى مَدْخَلِ بَابِ السَّمَكِ، وَخَوَّطَ الْأَكْمَةَ بِسُورٍ وَعَلَاهُ جِدًّا. وَوَضَعَ رُؤُسَاءَ جُيُوشٍ فِي جَمِيعِ الْمُدُنِ الْحَصِينَةِ فِي يَهُودَا.¹⁵ وَأَزَالَ الْأَلْهَةَ الْغَرِيبَةَ وَالصُّنَمَ مِنْ بَيْتِ الرَّبِّ، وَجَمِيعِ الْمَذَابِحِ الَّتِي بَنَاهَا فِي جَبَلِ بَيْتِ الرَّبِّ وَفِي أُورُشَلِيمَ، وَطَرَحَهَا خَارِجَ الْمَدِينَةِ.¹⁶ وَرَمَمَ مَذْبَحَ الرَّبِّ وَدَبَّحَ عَلَيْهِ دَبَائِحَ سَلَامَةٍ وَشُكْرٍ، وَأَمَرَ يَهُودًا أَنْ يَعْبُدُوا الرَّبَّ إِلَهَ إِسْرَائِيلَ. إِلَّا أَنَّ الشَّعْبَ كَانُوا يَعْذُ يَذْبَحُونَ عَلَى الْمُرْتَفَعَاتِ، إِنَّمَا لِلرَّبِّ إِلَهُهِمْ.¹⁸ وَبَقِيَ أُمُورُ مَنَسَّى وَصَلَاتُهُ إِلَى إِلَهُهِ وَكَلَامُ الرَّاغِبِينَ الَّذِينَ كَلَّمُوهُ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ إِلَهَ إِسْرَائِيلَ، هِيَ فِي أَحْبَارِ مُلُوكِ إِسْرَائِيلَ.¹⁹ وَصَلَاتُهُ وَالِاسْتِجَابَةُ لَهُ، وَكُلُّ خَطَايَاهُ وَخِيَانَتِهِ وَالْأَمَاكِنِ الَّتِي بَنَى فِيهَا مُرْتَفَعَاتٍ وَأَقَامَ سَوَارِيَّ وَتَمَاثِيلَ قَبْلَ تَوَاضُعِهِ،

¹Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty and five years in Jerusalem.²But did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.³For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.⁴Also he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever.⁵And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.⁶And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.⁷And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever.⁸Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for your fathers; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses.⁹So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the

مَكْتُوبُهُ فِي أَحْبَارِ الرَّائِيْنَ. ²⁰ثُمَّ اصْطَلَجَ مَنَسَّى مَعَ آبَائِهِ
فَدَقُّوهُ فِي بَيْتِهِ، وَمَلَكَ أُمُونُ ابْنُهُ عَوَصاً عَنْهُ. ²¹كَانَ
أُمُونُ ابْنُ اثْنَتَيْنِ وَعِشْرِينَ سَنَةً حِينَ مَلَكَ وَمَلَكَ سِتِّينَ
فِي أُورُشَلِيمَ. ²²وَعَمِلَ الشَّرَّ فِي عَيْنَيِ الرَّبِّ كَمَا عَمِلَ
مَنَسَّى أَبُوهُ، وَدَبَّحَ أُمُونُ لِجَمِيعِ التَّمَائِيلِ الَّتِي عَمِلَ
مَنَسَّى أَبُوهُ وَعَبَدَهَا. ²³وَلَمْ يَتَوَاضَعْ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ كَمَا تَوَاضَعْ
مَنَسَّى أَبُوهُ، بَلْ ارْذَادَ أُمُونُ إِثْمًا. ²⁴وَقَتَنَ عَلَيْهِ عَيْبِدُهُ
وَقَتَلُوهُ فِي بَيْتِهِ. ²⁵وَقَتَلَ شَعْبُ الْأَرْضِ جَمِيعَ الْقَانِينِ
عَلَى الْمَلِكِ أُمُونٍ، وَمَلَكَ شَعْبُ الْأَرْضِ يُوْشِبَّا ابْنَهُ عَوَصاً
عَنْهُ.

children of Israel. ¹⁰And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. ¹¹Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. ¹²And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, ¹³And prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God. ¹⁴Now after this he built a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah. ¹⁵And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast them out of the city. ¹⁶And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed thereon peace offerings and thank offerings, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. ¹⁷Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, yet unto the LORD their God only. ¹⁸Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel. ¹⁹His prayer also, and how God was

intreated of him, and all his sin, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.²⁰ So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.²¹ Amon was two and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem.²² But he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them;²³ And humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more.²⁴ And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house.²⁵ But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.