

**God of Vengeance, Shine Forth! (c. 648 BC)**

## Psalm 94

- 1 O LORD, God of vengeance,  
God of vengeance, shine forth!
- 2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth,  
Render recompense to the proud.
- 3 How long shall the wicked, O LORD,  
How long shall the wicked exult?
- 4 They pour forth *words*, they speak arrogantly;  
All who do wickedness vaunt themselves.
- 5 They crush Your people, O LORD,  
And afflict Your heritage.
- 6 They slay the widow and the stranger  
And murder the orphans.
- 7 They have said, "The LORD does not see,  
Nor does the God of Jacob pay heed."
- 8 Pay heed, you senseless among the people;  
And when will you understand, stupid ones?
- 9 He who planted the ear, does He not hear?  
He who formed the eye, does He not see?
- 10 He who chastens the nations, will He not rebuke,  
*Even* He who teaches man knowledge?
- 11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man,  
That they are a *mere* breath. [[1 Cor 3:20](#)]
- 12 Blessed is the man whom You chasten, O LORD,  
And whom You teach out of Your law;
- 13 That You may grant him relief from the days of adversity,  
Until a pit is dug for the wicked.
- 14 For the LORD will not abandon His people,  
Nor will He forsake His inheritance. [[Rom 11:2](#)]
- 15 For judgment will again be righteous,  
And all the upright in heart will follow it.
- 16 Who will stand up for me against evildoers?  
Who will take his stand for me against those who do wickedness?
- 17 If the LORD had not been my help,  
My soul would soon have dwelt in *the abode of* silence.
- 18 If I should say, "My foot has slipped,"  
Your lovingkindness, O LORD, will hold me up.
- 19 When my anxious thoughts multiply within me,  
Your consolations delight my soul.
- 20 Can a throne of destruction be allied with You,  
One which devises mischief by decree?
- 21 They band themselves together against the life of the righteous  
And condemn the innocent to death.
- 22 But the LORD has been my stronghold,  
And my God the rock of my refuge.
- 23 He has brought back their wickedness upon them  
And will destroy them in their evil;

The LORD our God will destroy them.

### Manasseh Repents (c. 648–645 BC)

2 Chronicles 33:11–17

11 Therefore the LORD brought the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria against them, and they captured Manasseh with hooks, bound him with bronze *chains* and took him to Babylon.

12 When he was in distress, he entreated the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

13 When he prayed to Him, He was moved by his entreaty and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD *was* God.

14 Now after this he built the outer wall of the city of David on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entrance of the Fish Gate; and he encircled the Ophel *with it* and made it very high. Then he put army commanders in all the fortified cities of Judah.

15 He also removed the foreign gods and the idol from the house of the LORD, as well as all the altars which he had built on the mountain of the house of the LORD and in Jerusalem, and he threw *them* outside the city.

16 He set up the altar of the LORD and sacrificed peace offerings and thank offerings on it; and he ordered Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel.

17 Nevertheless the people still sacrificed in the high places, *although* only to the LORD their God.

### The Death of Manasseh (643t BC)

2 Kings 21:17–18

17 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh and all that he did and his sin which he committed, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

18 And Manasseh slept with his fathers and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza, and Amon his son became king in his place.

2 Chronicles 33:18–20

18 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh

even his prayer to his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are among the records of the kings of Israel.

19 His prayer also and *how God* was entreated by him, and all his sin, his unfaithfulness, and the sites on which he built high places and erected the Asherim and the carved images, before he humbled himself, behold, they are written in the records of the [Seers].

20 So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house.

And Amon his son became king in his place.

### Amon, Manasseh's Son, Assumes the Throne of Judah (643t BC)

2 Kings 21:19–22

19 Amon was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name *was* Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah.

20 He did evil in the sight of the LORD, as Manasseh his father had done.

2 Chronicles 33:21–23

21 Amon *was* twenty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem.

22 He did evil in the sight of the LORD as Manasseh his father had done,

<p>21 For he walked in all the way that his father had walked, and served the idols that his father had served and worshiped them.</p> <p>22 So he forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.</p>	<p>and Amon sacrificed to all the carved images which his father Manasseh had made, and he served them.</p> <p>23 Moreover, he did not humble himself before the LORD as his father Manasseh had done, but Amon multiplied guilt.</p>
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### Amon Is Assassinated by His Servants (641t BC)

2 Kings 21:23–26	2 Chronicles 33:24–25
<p>23 The servants of Amon conspired against him and killed the king in his own house.</p> <p>24 Then the people of the land killed all those who had conspired against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.</p> <p>25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?</p> <p>26 He was buried in his grave in the garden of Uzza, and Josiah his son became king in his place.</p>	<p>24 Finally his servants conspired against him and put him to death in his own house.</p> <p>25 But the people of the land killed all the conspirators against King Amon, and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his place.</p>

### Josiah, Amon's Son, Assumes the Throne of Judah (641t BC)

2 Kings 22:1–2	2 Chronicles 34:1–2
<p>1 Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.</p> <p>2 He did right in the sight of the LORD and walked in all the way of his father David, nor did he turn aside to the right or to the left.</p>	<p>1 Josiah <i>was</i> eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem.</p> <p>2 He did right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David and did not turn aside to the right or to the left.</p>

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## **Chronological Notes**

### 1) Manasseh's repentance.

- A) The Assyrian ruler responsible for deporting Manasseh to Babylon was Ashurbanipal (668–627). The reference to Babylon provides a helpful chronological clue since Ashurbanipal did not bring Babylon under his control until 648.<sup>1</sup> Thus Manasseh's repentance can be placed c. 648–645 BC.

<sup>1</sup> Eugene H. Merrill, *Kingdom of Priests*, p. 435.