

# The Shepherds

## ?The End is Near

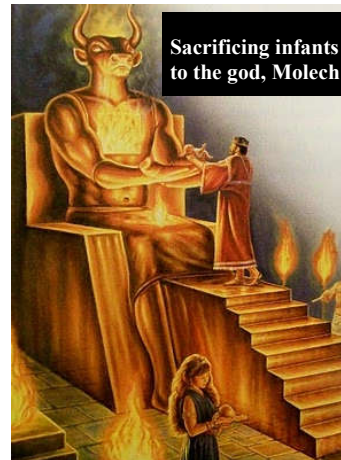
From 2 Kings 21, regarding the reign of Manasseh, we can make 3 observations that are very relevant to our situation with Covid 19 and other world events:



### 1. The reality of \_\_\_\_\_; a time to take

\_\_\_\_\_, verses 2-9

- ◆ W \_\_\_\_\_, verse 2
- ◆ I \_\_\_\_\_, verse 3
- ◆ S \_\_\_\_\_, verses 4-5, 7-8
- ◆ I \_\_\_\_\_, verse 6



**(2 Chronicles 33:6)** Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; ...

- ◆ The O \_\_\_\_\_, verse 6
- ◆ E \_\_\_\_\_, verse 9

Application:

**(1 Corinthians 10:14)** Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

**(Galatians 5:19-20)** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, [20] idolatry, sorcery, .....

**(Colossians 3:5)** Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

**(Matthew 6:24)** "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and

mammon.

**(James 4:4)** Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

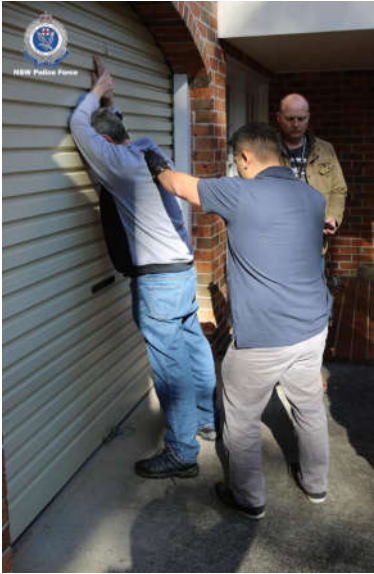
**(Romans 6:16)** Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

**(Ezekiel 14:7)** For anyone of the house of Israel, .. who .. sets up his idols in his heart ..[8] I will set My face against that man ....

**(2 Peter 2:12-14)** But these, ... speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption,...[14] having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin,...



2. The reality of God's \_\_\_\_\_; a time to \_\_\_\_\_  
verses 10-16, 22:1-2, 24:3



**(2 Thessalonians 2:1-2)** Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, [2] not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

**(2 Timothy 3:1-4)** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: [2] For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, [3] unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, [4] traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

**(Matthew 24:38-44)** For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, [39] and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ... [42] Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. [43] But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. [44]

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**(Matthew 3:2)** . "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

**(Luke 13:3)** I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

**(Acts 17:30)** Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

**(Revelation 2:16)** Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

**(Matthew 24:6-8)** And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. [7] For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. [8] All these are the beginning of sorrows.

**(1 Thessalonians 4:14-17)** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. [15] For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. [16] For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

**(Matthew 24:14-15)** And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. [15] "Therefore when you see the 'ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

**(Matthew 24:21)** For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the

beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

**(Matthew 24:22)** And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

**(Revelation 6:8)** . . . And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

**(Daniel 9:3-19)** Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. [4] And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made confession, and said, "O Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, . . . [5] we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, . . . [19] O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

3. The reality of \_\_\_\_\_; too \_\_\_\_\_,

**(Lamentations 1:1-3)** How lonely sits the city That was full of people! How like a widow is she, Who was great among the nations! The princess among the provinces Has become a slave! [2] She weeps bitterly in the night, Her tears are on her cheeks; Among all her lovers She has none to comfort her. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; They have become her enemies. [3] Judah has gone into captivity, Under affliction and hard servitude; She dwells among the nations, She finds no rest; All her persecutors overtake her in dire straits.

**(Revelation 9:20-21)** But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols . . . [21] And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

**(Revelation 16:11)** They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.



Jeremiah laments