

Matthew 1:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and
Amon begat Josias;

Analysis

The mention of Manasseh is particularly striking, as he was Judah's most wicked king who filled Jerusalem with innocent blood (2 Kings 21:16). Yet even Manasseh repented in his final years (2 Chronicles 33:12-13), and the messianic line continued through him. This demonstrates God's sovereign grace reaching even the vilest sinners and His absolute sovereignty in using all things for His purposes.

Historical Context

Manasseh reigned 697-642 BC and led Judah into unprecedented idolatry and violence. His long reign of 55 years seemed to mock God's justice, yet divine judgment eventually fell on the nation.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What does Manasseh's inclusion in Christ's genealogy teach about the depths of God's saving grace?

2. How does God's use of wicked rulers for His sovereign purposes relate to Romans 8:28?

Interlinear Text

Ἐζεκίας	δὲ	ἐγέννησεν	τὸν	Μανασσῆς	Μανασσῆς	δὲ	
Ezekias	And	begat	G3588	Manasses	Manasses	And	
G1478	G1161	G1080		G3128	G3128	G1161	
ἐγέννησεν	τὸν	Ἀμών	Ἀμών	δὲ	ἐγέννησεν	τὸν	Ἰωσίαν
begat	G3588	Amon	Amon	And	begat	G3588	Josias
G1080		G300	G300	G1161	G1080		G2502

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