

2 Kings 17

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(God explains why He separated Himself from Israel. They abandoned God and fell to idolatry and perversion)

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years. (He was the last king of the 10 tribes. Afterwards, they were defeated by the Assyrians and dispersed. Hoshea means deliverer. He will deliver Israel into the hands of the Assyrians)

²And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him. (Not as bad as the preceding kings, but still evil. He murdered his predecessor to gain the throne. Hoshea allowed the people to go worship at Yahoveh's temple in Jerusalem, after Hezekiah re-opened the temple)

³Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents. (Tribute)

⁴And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison.

⁵Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. (613-611 BC)

(Some historians believe that Shalmaneser and Sargon of Assyria are the same person. Others think that Sargon ruled Assyria after Shalmaneser died) (This Sargon was a different man than Sargon the Magnificent who was a Kenite)

⁶In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. (He took away 27,290 people, according to Sargon's inscription; a historical artifact. These were the leaders and scholars, military leaders, princes, etc; the best and brightest. What was left in Samaria was the general population)

⁷For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared

other gods, (Look at the demise of western nations <US, Canada, EU> today and the growth of atheism, homosexuality and islam. It's not going to end well for us either)

⁸And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. Deuteronomy-7

⁹And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. (The rural areas of the country)

¹⁰And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

¹¹And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger: (They brought this upon themselves. The US is doing the same thing today, with atheism, islam, hatred of Christians, sexual perversions, etc.... Even the Christians churches do not teach the Bible anymore)

¹²For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. Exodus-20:3-4, Leviticus-26:1

¹³Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets. (Isaiah and many others were prophesying in Israel; Jeremiah-18:11 and many others were prophesying in Judah)

¹⁴Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God. (Many young people today do not believe there is a God. Schools have banned Christianity, yet they teach Islamic studies)

¹⁵And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like them. (God ordered Israel to destroy the heathen tribes. They disobeyed Him)

¹⁶ And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. (The sun gods, the moon gods, the stars, Ishtar the queen of heaven, etc...)

(Mohammad created the false god Allah from an old Babylonian moon god. That's why the muslim standard is the crescent moon)

¹⁷ And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. (Human sacrifice by fire to Molech; soothsayers and psychics; harlotry)

¹⁸ Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. (And Judah only had 200 years left, because they also went the way of Israel)

¹⁹ Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. (Judah also fell to idolatry)

²⁰ And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. Jeremiah-3:8 (God divorced Israel; and yet Judah didn't learn from that either)

²¹ For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin. (Golden calves, fake priests, Jeroboam's own religion with made up holidays) (Israel never returned to God after Jeroboam's great sin)

²² For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; (They worshipped the golden calves that Jeroboam had made to replace Yahoveh worship in the temple in Jerusalem. 19 kings in Israel, Jeroboam to Hoshea, and they never returned back to God)

²³ Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day. (After several hundred years, they migrated over the Caucasus Mountains and settled Europe as Caucasians)

²⁴ And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. (Hamath—the land of Kenites) (Babylon = confusion) (The land of milk and honey was now in the hands of heathen colonists)

²⁵ And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew some of them. (Historically, they became known as Samaritans. A mix of nationalities and religions)

²⁶ Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land. (The God of the land - heathen logic of the day; they thought that God was only for that geographic area)

²⁷ Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land. (The king is sending one of the calf worshipping priests of Israel to teach the rest of them. God had disowned these losers already)

²⁸ Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. (By worshipping the golden calves of Jeroboam) (This is the blind leading the blind)

²⁹ Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

³⁰ And the men of Babylon made Succothbenoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima,

³¹ And the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. (Cities all made their own gods, including human sacrifice by fire, of their own children)

³² So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the

houses of the high places. (They did that to get rid of the lions, which were preying on them)

³³ They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence. (They worshipped God and their own gods <polytheism>. That won't work)

³⁴ Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel;

³⁵ With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: Exodus-34:14

³⁶ But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice.

(Instead, Jeroboam made 2 golden calves for Israel to worship. He said – "Here are your gods who brought you up out of the land of Egypt." He was the first king of the 10 northern tribes. It never got any better with the other 18 kings. Israel never returned to God)

³⁷ And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods. (The Ten Commandments are still the law of God today and for all time)

³⁸ And the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods.

³⁹ But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. (God did so, time after time, until they abandoned Him)

(Today, the western Christian countries are also abandoning God. They are already falling to atheism, islam, and other perversions. Abortion <murder of babies> is even legal. They will completely fall if they do not repent and return to God)

⁴⁰ Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner.

⁴¹ So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day. (You can't do both – worship God and heathen gods. Today – people go to church 1 hour a week to hear traditions and sayings of men, not of God. They celebrate Easter, not Passover)