

The result of rejecting God's warnings

2 Kings 17 (p. 306)

I. ISRAEL PUNISHED: HOSHEA AND MANY ISRAELITES WERE DEPORTED TO ASSYRIA (2 KINGS 17: 1-6).

- A. Assyria captured King Hoshea because he stopped paying tribute and tried to get Egypt's help (1-4).
- B. Assyria captured Samaria and deported many Israelites (5-6).

II. POST-MORTEM REPORT: GOD PUNISHED ISRAEL'S UNREPENTANT IDOLATRY (2 KINGS 17:7-23).

- A. God delivered them from Egypt, but they chose idols (7-12).
- B. God warned them, but they rejected His prophets (13-17).
- C. God was angry with their sin, so He deported them (18-23).

III. ISRAEL CONFUSED: IMPORTED FOREIGNERS MIXED THEIR RELIGION WITH ISRAEL'S (2 KINGS 17:24-41).

- A. Assyria imported people of other conquered nations to replace the Israelites they deported (24).
- B. God sent lions because people didn't worship Him so Assyria returned a Jewish priest to teach them God's laws (25-28).
- C. Syncretism: Israelites and foreigners tried to mix their religious ideas with God's word (29-41).