

You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. Deuteronomy 13:4

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel? 2. What does this story teach me about myself? 3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good? 4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God? 5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



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THE NORTHERN KINGDOM WAS DESTROYED

2 Kings 17

WHY DO CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN? CHRISTIANS CONTINUE TO SIN BECAUSE WE STILL HAVE A SIN NATURE, BUT WHEN JESUS RETURNS, HE WILL MAKE US SINLESS LIKE HIM.

In Hoshea's ninth year as king, the king of Assyria captured Samaria in Israel, put King Hoshea in prison, and moved all the Israelites to Assyria. The kingdom of Israel was destroyed. This happened because of the sin of the Israelites.

God performed powerful miracles for them and took care of them. He gave them instructions, including a commandment to worship Him alone.

But instead of worshiping God alone, they worshiped other gods. They did evil things, just like the nations who lived there before them.

God warned His people over and over through prophets. He said, "Turn from your evil ways. Keep my commandments and the law sent to you through the prophets." But the people did not listen. They followed worthless idols.

As the people ignored God's warnings over and over, God became very angry. He rejected them, removed them from His presence, and handed them over to the nation of Assyria. The king of Assyria moved all the Israelites out of the land and brought in foreign people to live in Israel's cities.

The kingdom of Israel was destroyed. Only the tribe of Judah remained.

Christ Connection: The kingdom of Israel was destroyed because of their sin. We all sin against God and deserve death, but God sent Jesus to die in our place. Because of Jesus, those who trust in Him will never be removed from God's presence.

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