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The reign of Hoshea and the end of the Northern Kingdom. 2 Kings 17:1-41

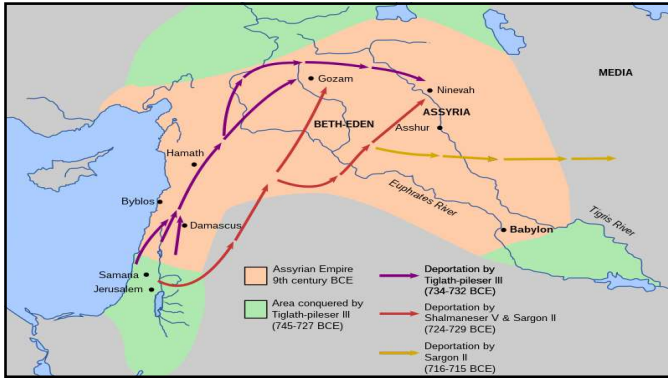
- Began in the twelfth year of Ahaz and reigned for nine years
- Did unspecified evil but not to the level of other kings of Israel
- Soon in his reign came under subjugation to Shalmaneser, King of Assyria
- After several years Hoshea rebelled and appealed to the king of Egypt for help

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- Shalmaneser responded by capturing and imprisoning Hoshea, invading the land and laying siege to Samaria.
- Shalmaneser captured Samaria after three years and deported many of the people.

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- Reasons for the end of the Northern Kingdom (Israel).
 - Idolatry
 - Adopted the sinful customs of the former inhabitants of the land
 - Adopted the sinful practices of their sinful kings
 - Secretly sinned against Yahweh

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- Reasons for the end of the Northern Kingdom (Israel).
 - Erected, maintained, and sacrificed at idolatrous shrines and altars
 - Engaged in wicked practices, e.g., used pagan practices for guidance and direction
 - Turned a deaf ear to God’s calls for repentance
 - Lack of faith in Yahweh

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- Reasons for the end of the Northern Kingdom (Israel).
 - Despised the law of Yahweh
 - Ignored God’s warnings
 - Abandoned the commandments of Yahweh
 - Engaged in horrific human sacrifice

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- God removed them from their land, and they were exiled to Assyria, never to return.
- People were brought from various other places to occupy the land.
- Yahweh sent lions among them as judgment because they did not fear Him.
- The king of Assyria sent a priest back to teach the people about Yahweh and His ways.

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- The priest came to Bethel and taught the people.
- They still practiced the worship of their idols along with a syncretistic acknowledgement of Yahweh.

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- God's expectations for His people had been clear all along:
 - Remember the covenant that God had established with them
 - Remember how God had delivered them from Egypt and brought them into the promised land
 - They were to worship and serve Yahweh exclusively
 - They were to keep all of God's law

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Lessons

- There are no secrets with God.
- God clearly lays out His expectations.
- God passionately pleads with rebellious people to turn back to Him.
- Rejecting God relegates people to becoming something different from what He created and called them to be.

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Lessons

- God's judgment is not quick, but it is sure.
- All the people of the world are accountable to God the Creator.
- Exclusive devotion to the one true and living God revealed, in the Old Testament as Yahweh, is the only acceptable option.
