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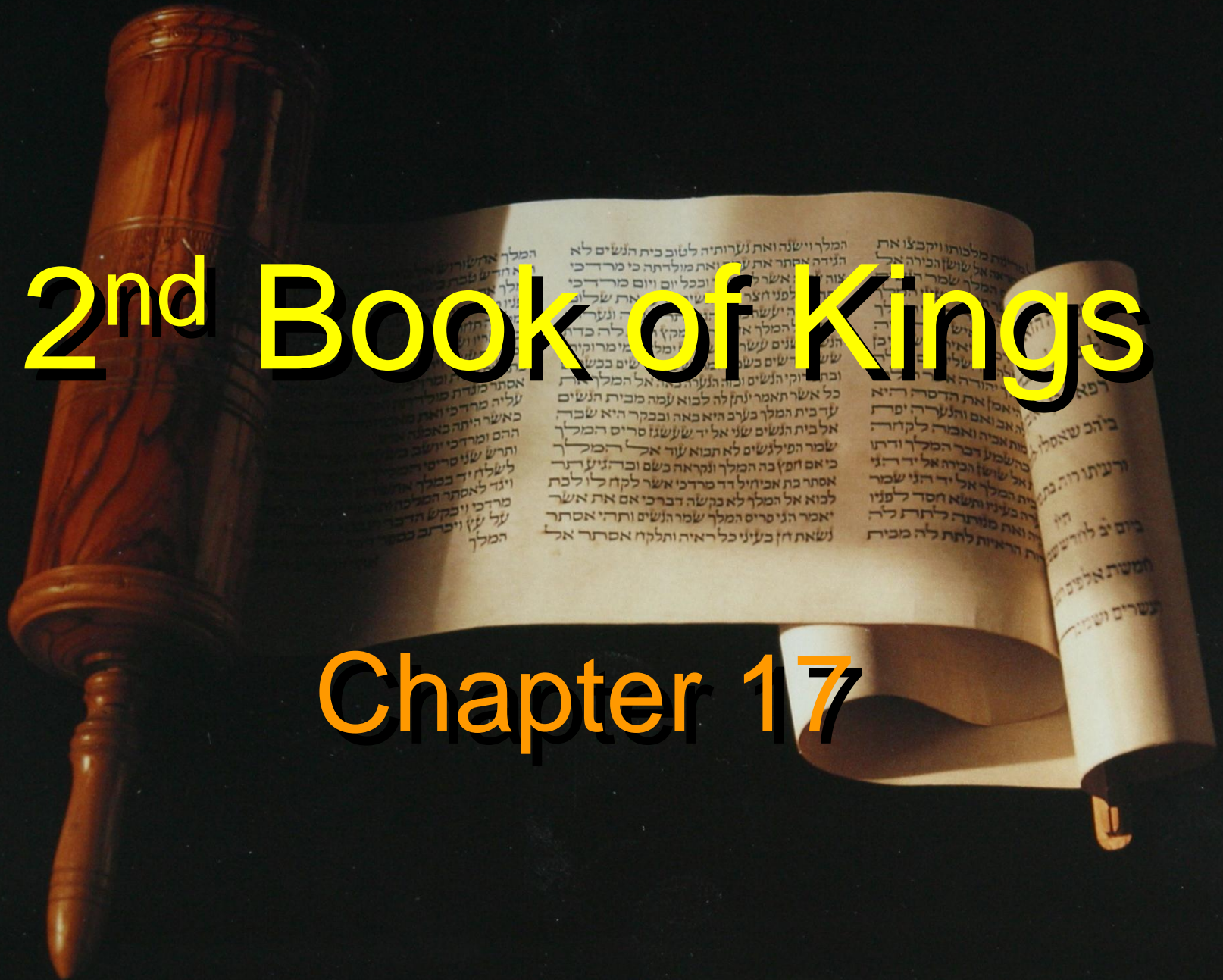


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Chapter 17

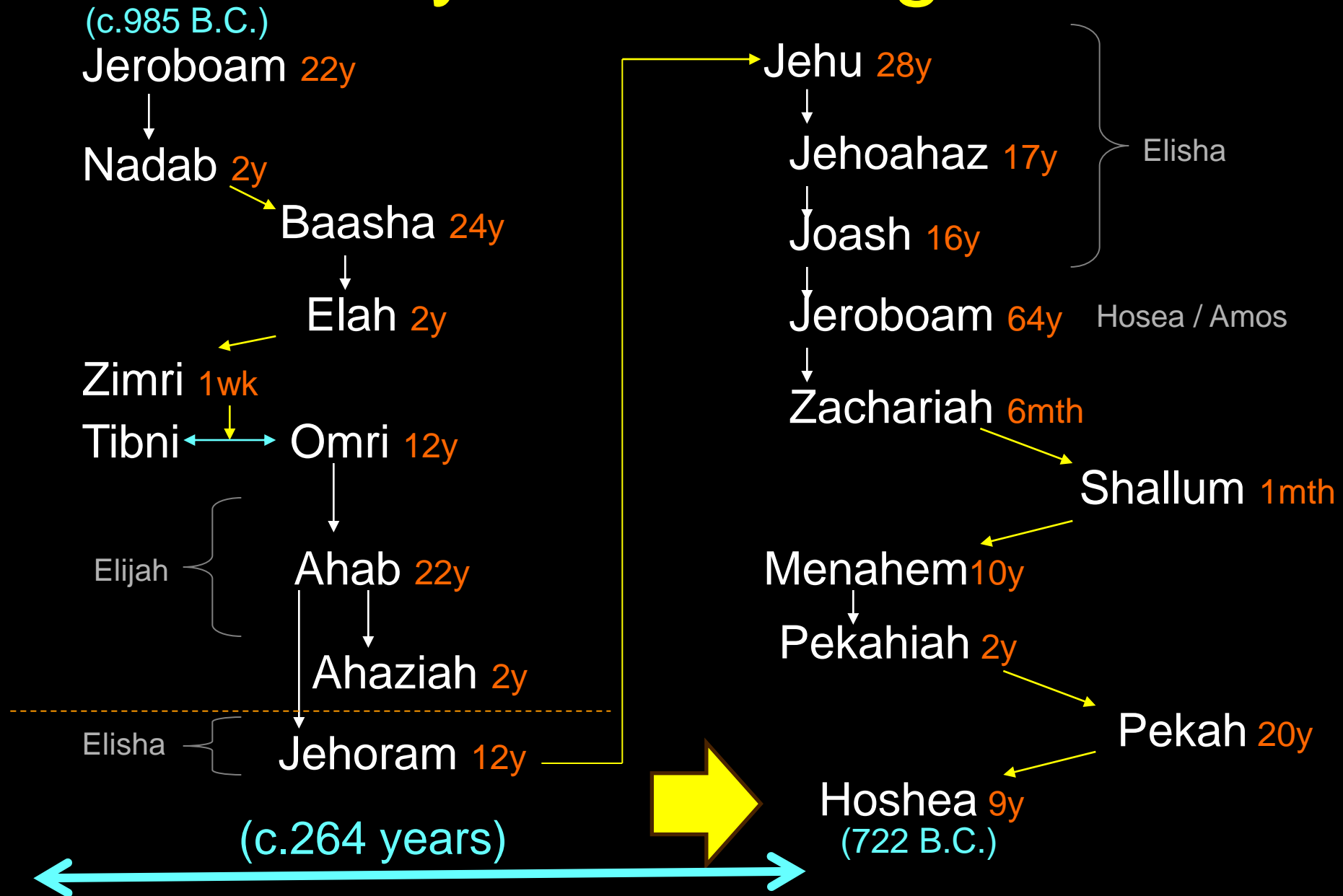


¹ In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years.

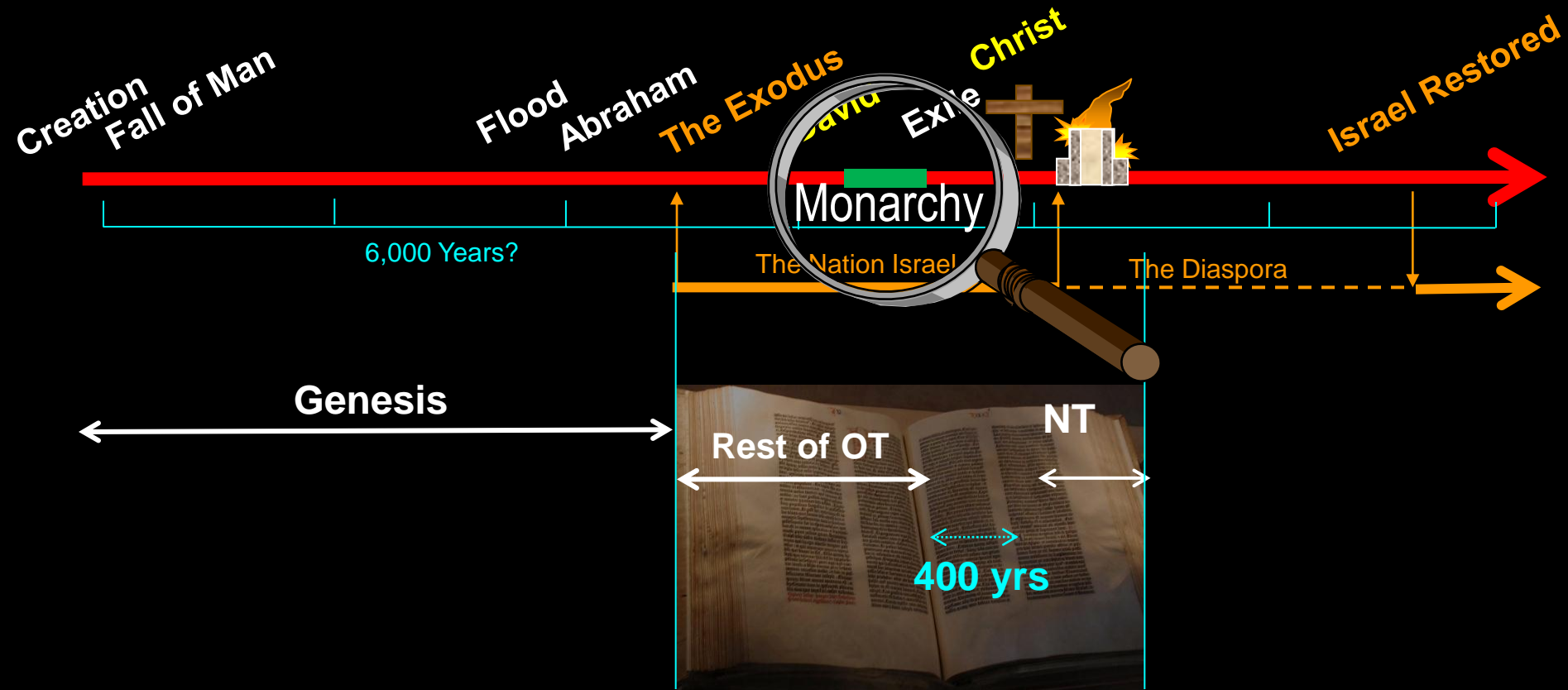
² And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him..

2 Kings 17:1-2

The History of the Kings of Israel



The Times of the Kings



- In less than 400 years the nation had gone from a Theocracy to apostasy

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

4 And 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.

2 Kings 17:3-4

The Kings of Assyria

Assyria built by Nimrod (Gen 10:11)

The *'Empire'* was not founded until c.1228 B.C. by Tiglath Pileser I

Pul

(1st Oppression of Israel)

2 Kings 15:19

Tiglath Pileser III

(Ahaz of Judah buys his support)

2 Kings 16:7

Shalmaneser

(Lays siege to Samaria for 3 yrs)

2 Kings 17:3-5

Sargon II

(Carried Israel away captive (27,280 people))

2 Kings 17:3-5

Sennacherib

(Leads an assault on Judah)

2 Kings 18:13 / 2 Kings 19:32-36

Esar-haddon

(Assyria subdued by Egypt then Babylon)

2 Kings 19:37

Ashurbanipal (Asenappar)

Ezra 4:10

5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years.

6 In 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.

2 Kings 17:5-6

*7 For 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,
8 And 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.*

2 Kings 17:7-8

9 And 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.

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

11 And 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:

2 Kings 17:9-11

12 For they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

13 Yet 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.

2 Kings 17:12-13

- *“They have Moses and the prophets, let them hear them!” – Luke 16:29*

The Prophets to Israel

- Moses
- Elijah
- Elisha
- Hosea
- Amos
- Micah

14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD their God.

15 And 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.

2 Kings 17:14-15

- This is the great challenge to each of us, to be 'sanctified' (separate) from the world

A Sanctified Life

- I5** Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- I6** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
- I7** And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

1 John 2:15-17

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.

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.

2 Kings 17:16-17

Jeroboam's Folly

- God grants Jeroboam sovereignty over 10 tribes
- Fearful that the people would return to Rehoboam, Jeroboam sets up centres of worship in Dan and Bethel
 - These become centres of idolatry
- Just as with the golden calf at Mt Sinai, these are intended to be representations of God!
- ...but they are misrepresentations!

The Charge of an Ambassador

- We have been called to represent God
- We are called to be ambassadors
- We cannot just represent God in the way we choose!
- Every occasion of this in scripture is met with God's wrath and judgment
- Be careful how you represent God to your friends and family!

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.

2 Kings 17:18

¹⁹ Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made.

2 Kings 17:19

- Judah's sin was greater than Israel's!
- We will each be judged on how much light we have received
- *'To whom much is given, much will be required'* – Luke 12:48

Learning from mistakes?

6 The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not.

And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

Jeremiah 3:6-7

- ⁸ And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.
- ⁹ And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.
- ¹⁰ And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 3:8-10

Repeating History

I The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9

If there is one thing that history teaches us, it's that man learns nothing from history.

Hegel – German Philosopher

Lessons To Learn

- II** Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
- I2** Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

1 Cor 10:11-12

We should learn from the mistakes of Israel and Judah!

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.

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.

2 Kings 17:20-21

*22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them;
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.*

2 Kings 17:22-23

The Assyrian Empire



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.

2 Kings 17:24

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.

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.

2 Kings 17:25-26

British Museum - London





The Great Hall of the Temple of Karnak, Egypt. Relief of a chariot battle.





Room 10

Royal Lion Hunts

Lion-hunting, in Assyria, was the sport of kings. The sculptures in this room, carved about 645-635 BC, mostly show the sporting exploits of the last great Assyrian king, Ashurbanipal. The hunt scenes, full of tension and realism, rank among the finest achievements of Assyrian art.

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.

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.

2 Kings 17:27-28

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 Succoth-benoth, 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.

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.

33 They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

2 Kings 17:32-33

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:

2 Kings 17:34-35

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.

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.

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

2 Kings 17:36-38

39 But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

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.

2 Kings 17:39-41



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