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The Destruction of the Indestructible Nation

2 Kings 17
2 Chronicles 7 and 36



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How Israel Fell in 722 B.C.

2 Kings 17:5-6

⁵The king of Assyria invaded the whole land, marched up to Samaria, and besieged it for three years. ⁶In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria. He deported the Israelites to Assyria and settled them in Halah, along the Habor (Gozan's river), and in the cities of the Medes.



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The People of God Sinned

2 Kings 17:7-8

⁷This disaster happened because the people of Israel sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt and because they worshiped other gods. ⁸They lived according to the customs of the nations that the Lord had dispossessed before the Israelites and according to what the kings of Israel did.



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The Prophets of God Warned

2 Kings 17:13

Still, the Lord warned Israel and Judah through every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commands and statutes according to the whole law I commanded your ancestors and sent to you through my servants the prophets."



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The Prophets of God Warned

2 Kings 17:16

They abandoned all the commands of the Lord their God. They made cast images for themselves, two calves, and an Asherah pole. They bowed in worship to all the stars in the sky and served Baal.



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2 Kings 17:17

They sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire and practiced divination and interpreted omens. They devoted themselves to do what was evil in the LORD's sight and angered him.



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The Punishment of God Fell

2 Kings 17:18

Therefore, the LORD was very angry with Israel, and he removed them from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah remained.



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How Judah Fell in 587 B.C.

2 Chronicles 36:9-10

⁹Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he became king, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem. He did what was evil in the LORD's sight. ¹⁰In the spring Nebuchadnezzar sent for him and brought him to Babylon along with the valuable articles of the LORD's temple. Then he made Jehoiachin's brother Zedekiah king over Judah and Jerusalem.



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The People of God Sinned

2 Chronicles 36:14

All the leaders of the priests and the people multiplied their unfaithful deeds, imitating all the detestable practices of the nations, and they defiled the LORD's temple that he had consecrated in Jerusalem.



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2 Chronicles 36:15-16

¹⁵But the LORD, the God of their ancestors sent word against them by the hand of his messengers, sending them time and time again, for he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶But they kept ridiculing God's messengers, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, until the LORD's wrath was so stirred up against his people that there was no remedy.



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2 Chronicles 36:17-19

¹⁷So he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their fit young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary. He had no pity on young men or young women, elderly or aged; he handed them all over to him. ¹⁸He took everything to Babylon—all the articles of God's temple, large and small, the treasures of the LORD's temple, and the treasures of the king and his officials. ¹⁹Then the Chaldeans burned God's temple. They tore down Jerusalem's wall, burned all its palaces, and destroyed all its valuable articles.



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2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.



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2 Chronicles 7:19-21

¹⁹However, if you turn away and abandon my statutes and my commands that I have set before you and if you go and serve other gods and bow in worship to them, ²⁰then I will uproot Israel from the soil that I gave them, and this temple that I have sanctified for my name I will banish from my presence; I will make it an object of scorn and ridicule among all the peoples. ²¹As for this temple, which was exalted, everyone who passes by will be appalled and will say, "Why did the LORD do this to this land and this temple?"



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