

# CARE This Week...

July 13, 2025



## Israel Taken Into Captivity

**This week's lesson is about 2 Kings 15:17-17:41**

Although many of the Kings of Judah disobeyed God, there were some who loved the Lord and encouraged people to obey Him. However, the northern kingdom (Israel) was ruled by a succession of kings who were evil men and did not follow God's ways. King Menahem, for example, became King of Israel by killing King Shallum – who had killed the King before him. Menahem ruled for ten years but did nothing to encourage people to turn from their disobedience. God warned Israel through many prophets that unless they turned back to Him, He would allow them to be captured and they would become slaves. When Manahem was ruler, Tigath-Pileser of Assyria led an army against Israel. King Manahem choose not to fight the mighty Assyrians but gave them huge amounts of silver with promises to pay them an annual tribute of money. When Menahem died, his son Pekahiah became king. After ruling for two years he was then murdered by Pekah, who became the next king. During the reign of Pekah, Tigath-Pileser of Assyria invaded once more. He captured many cities in Galilee and Gilead and took captives back to Assyria as prisoners. After that, Pekah was killed by Hoshea, who then became king. During his reign the new king of Assyria, Shalmaneser, attacked Israel again. Hoshea, rather than fight, agreed to pay the Assyrians vast amounts of money each year to remain king. Later, Hoshea decided to stop paying the Assyrians their tribute money. The mighty Assyrian army marched into Israel and besieged the capital city of Samaria for three years. Finally, the city surrendered and the inhabitants were captured. They were marched back to Assyria as prisoners and slaves. The king of Assyria then forced people from Babylonia and Elam and Syria to go and live in Israel in the towns and cities that had once been the homes of the Israelites. These people settled in the land of Israel. Some intermarried with Jews that were not deported and became a people known as the **Samaritans**. (this is about 700 yrs. BC) Israel did not become captives because the Lord was unable to protect His people. Rather, Israel was destroyed because the people had sinned against the Lord by worshipping other gods. For many years, the Lord has sent His prophets, to warn Israel saying, 'Give up your evil ways and obey the Lord.' But the Israelites had refused to listen. The people of Israel did not keep the promises they had made with the Lord. So the Lord removed them from the land He had given them and only the Jews in the southern kingdom of Judah were left.

The Israelites, being influenced by other people and 'doing what other cultures around them did,' worshipped idols. This practice led to their destruction.

What kind of 'idols' are we influenced by in our culture today that are not Godly?

**Bible Verse:** 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins...'

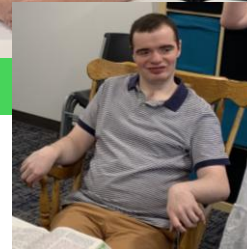
1 John 1:9

**Life Application:** I will admit my sin & repent.

## SATURDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Our lesson was over 'Israel Taken Into Captivity.'

If you or a friend are interested in joining this Zoom Class you are welcome! Contact Anita at [anita.bruck@huntersglen.org](mailto:anita.bruck@huntersglen.org) or call 972-867-1610, x2025 to be added to the list. We meet every Saturday at 9:30 am!



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Sunday, July 27**

Celebrating July & August Birthdays  
9:30 AM



**Saturday, August 23**

CARE Game Night  
6:00 – 8:30 PM

