

# Israel's King Hoshea

## The Destruction of Samaria

1. Carefully read through 2 Kings 17. Highlight with different colors the words spoken by different people. Underline in yellow each time the name of God is used. Underline in green each time a place is named. Underline in blue each time a person is named. Circle, underline, or color any other repeated phrases. What patterns do you notice?
2. Memorize 2 Kings 17:13 "Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, 'Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets.'"
3. Create your own detailed outline of 2 Kings 17.
4. Who captures Samaria? Why does he decide to do so? Find Halah, the Habor river, Gozan, and the territory of the Medes on a map. Why do you think the Israelites are resettled in these places?
5. What similarities are there between 2 Kings 17:7 and Exodus 20:2-3? What similarities are there between 2 Kings 17:12 and Exodus 20:4? Which of God's commands do the Israelites break?

6. What sin did Jeroboam son of Nebat cause Israel to commit? How many times in 1-2 Kings is this sin mentioned?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. What was God's initial response to their sins (2 Kings 17:13)? Why? Do you think it is unloving or unjust for God to allow Samaria to be destroyed? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Find Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim on a map. What happens to these people when they arrive in Samaria? What is the king of Assyria's solution? Who does the priest of Samaria teach them to fear?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Do the new residents of Samaria fear the Lord? What can we learn from them?