

A wooden cross is positioned diagonally across the frame, from the bottom left towards the top right. The background is white, heavily splattered with red blood. The splatters are of various sizes and shapes, some forming larger pools and others as fine droplets. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The text "THE COST OF SIN" is centered in the middle of the image, overlaid on the red splatters.

# THE COST OF SIN

One of the first things that  
**Israel** did as a separate kingdom  
was to erect **2 idols**  
(1 in Bethel and the other in Dan)

In total, Israel had 19 kings,  
all of which were bad,  
(and they all rejected God and  
practiced wickedness)

It is important that we recognize  
what happens when God's warnings  
are completely disregarded



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# THE FALL OF ISRAEL

## II Kings 17:6

What was once a nation  
(set apart by God)  
was now a nation who was  
completely compromised by sin

Because of Israel's desire to  
disregard and displace God, God  
was going to discipline them and  
displace them

11 Kings 17:7-12

Israel had sinned against  
the Lord **their God**

(the same God, who rescued them  
from slavery in Egypt)



“Feared other gods” =  
they revered; they trusted; and they  
submitted themselves to these other  
gods, instead of YHWH

This wasn't a sudden collapse –  
this was a slow and steady  
spiritual erosion, which had been  
happening for generations

Israel had replaced Holy God  
(who rescued them)  
with the foreign idols of the  
nations, who their God defeated

Israel had blown it – they allowed  
their sinful desires to blind them  
and they ended up rejecting  
their God

11 Kings 17:13-17

Only after sending many different  
prophets, does God finally send the  
Assyrian Empire

11 Kings 17:18-23



The nation, who was loved and  
countlessly blessed, had turned  
their back on the One  
who blessed them