

Sermon Title: **“THE FALL OF ISRAEL”**

II Kings 17:6-23

- One of the first things that \_\_\_\_\_ did as a separate kingdom was to erect \_\_\_\_\_ (1 in Bethel and the other in Dan)
  - In total, Israel had \_\_\_\_\_ all of which were bad, (and they all \_\_\_\_\_ and practiced wickedness)
- It is important that we recognize what happens when \_\_\_\_\_ are completely \_\_\_\_\_
- What was once a nation (\_\_\_\_\_ by God) was now a nation who was completely \_\_\_\_\_ by sin
  - Because of Israel’s desire to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God, God was going to \_\_\_\_\_ them and \_\_\_\_\_ them
- Israel had sinned against the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ (the same God, who rescued them from slavery in Egypt)
- “Feared other Gods” = They revered; they trusted; and they \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to these other Gods, instead of \_\_\_\_\_
  - This wasn’t a sudden collapse- it was a slow and steady \_\_\_\_\_, which had been happening for generations
  - Israel had replaced Holy God (who rescued them) with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the nations, who their God defeated
  - Israel had blown it – they allowed their \_\_\_\_\_ to blind them and they ended up \_\_\_\_\_ their God
- Only after sending many different \_\_\_\_\_, does God finally send the Assyrian Empire
- The nation, who was loved and \_\_\_\_\_, had turned their back on the One who blessed them