

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