

# 5—The Fall of the North

“The Keys to the Kingdom”

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## 1. The Fall of the Northern Kingdom (722 BC) 2 Kings 17

- A. Annalistic History—the Fall of Samaria (1,3-6)
- B. Deuteronomistic Comment (D1) (2) Shalmaneser V (727-722)

## 2. Themes to listen for as you read:

- A. Basic records from the Annals of the Kings (J)
- B. Judean perspective viewing Israel as rebellious (J)
- C. Deuteronomistic sermon about Israel’s idolatry (D)
- D. Priestly addition emphasizing proper worship (P)

## 3. Deuteronomistic Explanation (D2)—Idolatry (7-20)

A. *21 They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless.*

B. *Jeremiah 2:5*

*This is what the Lord says:*

*“What fault did your ancestors find in me,  
that they strayed so far from me?”*

***They followed worthless idols  
and became worthless themselves.”***

## 4. Judaic Explanation (JE)—Rebellion (21-23)

A. *21 When he **tore Israel away** from the house of David, they made Jeroboam son of Nebat their king.*

B. *Isaiah 7:13-14*

*Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David . . . The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since **Ephraim [Israel] broke away** from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.”*

## 5. **Priestly Explanation (P)—Corruption of Samaria (24-41)**

A. *29 Nevertheless, each national group made its own gods in the several towns where they settled, and set them up in the shrines the people of Samaria had made at the high places.*

B. *Ezra 4:2-3*

*They came to Zerubbabel and to the heads of the families and said, "Let us help you build because, like you, we seek your God and have been sacrificing to him since the time of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here." But Zerubbabel, Joshua and the rest of the heads of the families of Israel answered, "You have no part with us in building a temple to our God."*

## 6. **The Result of the Fall of Israel (722-586)**

A. Refugees from the north settled in Jerusalem

1) *Isaiah 1:8*

*Daughter Zion is left  
like a shelter in a vineyard,  
like a hut in a cucumber field,  
like a city under siege.*

B. Hezekiah became the new David

1) *Psalms 18:50*

*He gives his king great victories;  
he shows unfailing love to his anointed,  
to David and to his descendants forever.*

C. The Temple became the only place to worship

1) *Psalms 11:4*

*The Lord is in his holy temple;  
the Lord is on his heavenly throne.*

D. "Zion" became the city of divine protection

1) *Psalms 78:67-68*

*Then he rejected the tents of Joseph,  
he did not choose the tribe of Ephraim;  
but he chose the tribe of Judah,  
Mount Zion, which he loved.*