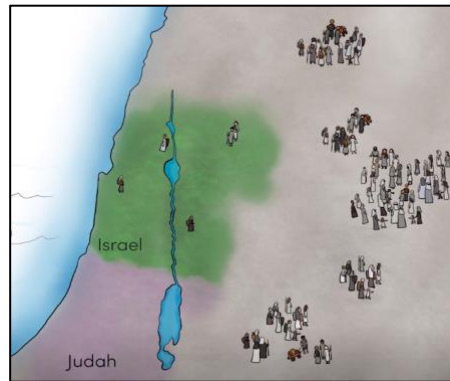


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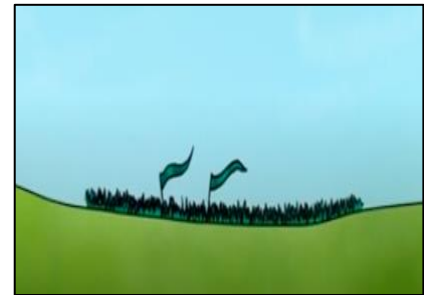


Lesson #4: NORTHERN KINGDOM OF ISRAEL GETS TAKEN AWAY (2ND KINGS 17)



The Bible says that God sent many prophets to tell the people of Israel to turn their hearts to God. But had they listened? No. There were 19 different kings that ruled over Israel. But all of them were bad. Sometimes they started to turn to God, but then they went right back to doing evil. The people kept on worshiping their false-gods and living selfish lives.

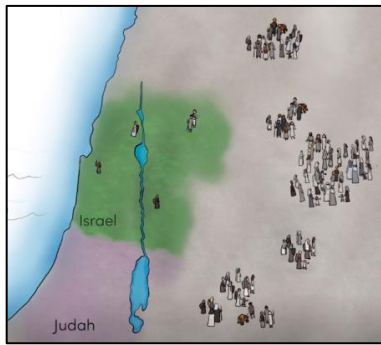
God was very patient. He saved Israel several times in spite of bad leaders. He stepped in and helped them to win battles.



But eventually, enough was enough for God! He had given Israel sooo many chances. He warned them that His “justice rolls on like a river.” So, what did they expect if they made their golden cows and false idols? They had hardened their hearts and had stopped paying attention to God.

So, God let the king of Assyria come and attack the capital city of Israel, Samaria. He took away all the people of Israel to live in far-away lands, just like God said would happen through the prophets.

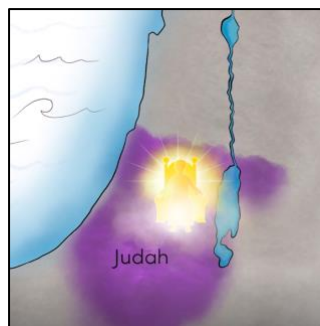




Eventually the people of the kingdom of Israel got so scattered away into other nations that they just became... regular people. Not set apart. Not close. Not God's special People. They'd disobeyed and made up their own religion, so now they were mixed up and mixed in with all the other peoples and families of the world.

And so, the story of the northern kingdom of Israel... ends.

God had taken care of His people. He sent many prophets to tell the kings and the people "Turn back to God!" But the Bible says the people of Israel were "stiff necked" and "hard hearted." God loves us too much to let us sin without correcting us. Sin hurts worse in the end. The Bible says "God disciplines the ones He loves."



There was still the southern kingdom of Judah, ruled by David's descendants. Things were pretty rough there too, but some still loved God. Plus, God had promised David that he would always have someone from his family on the throne. So, God's Big Plan for His People was definitely not over!

**God's prophets promised that
GOD WILL RE-MAKE HIS
OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE.**

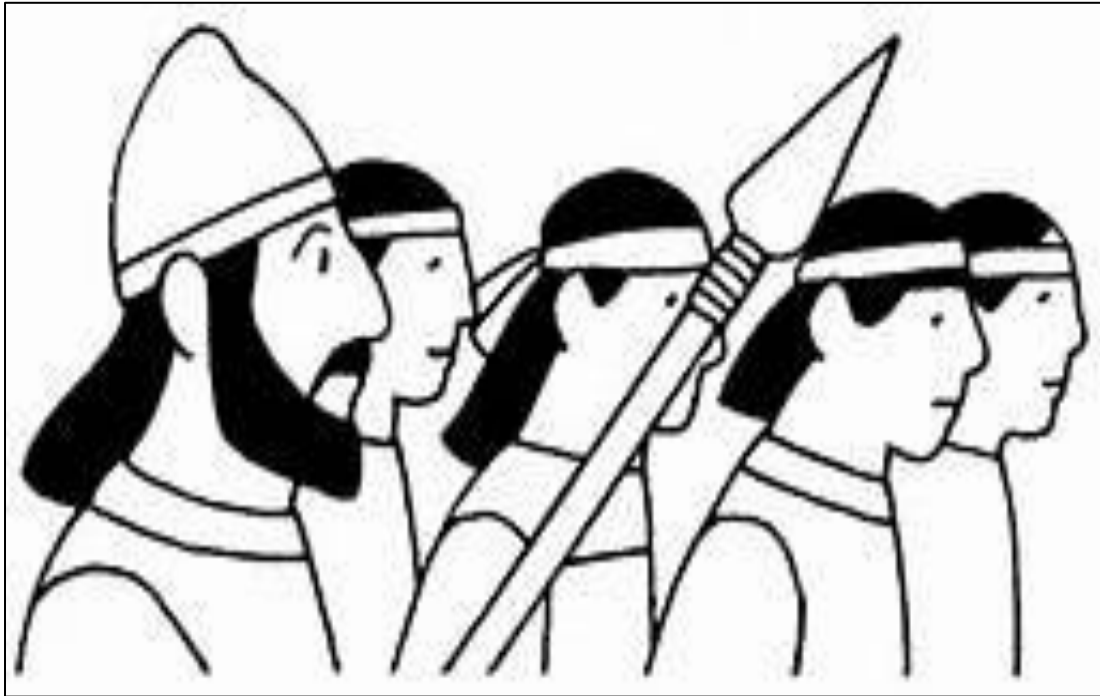


God promised that SOMEONE IS COMING TO BE THE PERFECT FOREVER KING! Let's keep learning and watch how God keeps His promises! Let's be a part of God's Big Plan!



PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

Color the Picture of the people of the Northern Kingdom of Israel being taken away.



ISRAEL

CAPTURED

UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

2 KINGS 17 – ASSYRIAN CAPTIVITY

Draw pictures to show why God had to punish them.

HARD HEARTS	STIFF NECKS
WORSHIPED IDOLS & GOLDEN CALVES	ALL WICKED KINGS
WORSHIPED SUN. MOON & STARS	SACRIFICED CHILDREN

What do you learn about God from this Bible lesson?

