

# 2 Kings 17:28

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

**Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 17: Covenant judgment and exile. The divine name emphasizes Yahweh's covenant relationship with Israel and His sovereign control over historical events. This passage occurs during the decline toward Israel's exile, demonstrating how persistent covenant unfaithfulness leads to national disaster.

The narrative demonstrates God's justice in judging covenant unfaithfulness while maintaining His ultimate purposes for redemption.

## Historical Context

**Historical Setting:** 2 Kings 17 takes place during the declining years of the northern kingdom, 8th century BCE, culminating in exile in 722 BCE. The chapter's theme (Fall of the Northern Kingdom) reflects the historical reality of the fulfillment of prophetic warnings as the northern kingdom fell to Assyria due to persistent covenant unfaithfulness. Archaeological evidence from this period includes royal inscriptions, administrative documents, and material culture that corroborate the biblical account while providing additional context for understanding the political and social dynamics at work.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does this verse contribute to understanding the theological message of 2 Kings 17 regarding covenant judgment and exile?
2. What does this passage reveal about God's character, particularly His justice, mercy, and faithfulness to covenant promises?
3. In what practical ways should this text shape contemporary Christian thinking about faithfulness, worship, and obedience to God?

## Interlinear Text

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אָשָׁר	מִמְכָּרֶנּוּ	יְמִינָם	אֲפָדָה	תִּיבְאַת	הַגְּלֹל
came	Then one	of the priests		whom they had carried away	
H935	H259	H3548	H834	H1540	
מִשְׁמָרָה	וַיֵּשֶׁב	בְּבֵית	אַל	יְהוָה	אֵין
from Samaria	and dwelt		in Bethel	and taught	and taught
H8111	H3427	H0	H1008	H1961	H853
יִירְאָה	אֶת	יְהוָה			H349
them how they should fear		the LORD			
H3372	H853	H3068			

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