

# 2 Kings 17:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.

## Analysis

**Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt.**

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 17: Covenant judgment and exile. 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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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## 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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אֱלֹהִים יְהוָה עָשָׂו גּוֹי גּוֹי אֱלֹהִים  
H1961 had made Howbeit every nation Howbeit every nation gods  
H6213 H1471 H1471 H430

עָשָׂו אֲשֶׁר רַבְבָּם וְתַּחַת יְהוָה  
of their own and put them in the houses of the high places H834 had made  
H3240 H1004 H1116 H6213

בָּשָׂרְבָּם יְמִינֵי מִרְנָן  
which the Samaritans Howbeit every nation Howbeit every nation in their cities  
H8118 H1471 H1471 H5892

בָּשָׂרְבָּם יְמִינֵי מִרְנָן  
wherein they dwelt H3427 H8033 H1992 H834

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 12:31** (Creation): And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

**Micah 4:5** (References God): For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

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