

# 2 Kings 17:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**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

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**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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וְהָיָה יוֹ H1961	עָשׂוּ H6213	גוֹי H1471	גוֹי H1471	אֱלֹהֵי יוֹ H430
	had made	Howbeit every nation	Howbeit every nation	gods
וּנְ יַחֲוֹן H3240		בְּבֵית H1004	הַגָּבוֹהִים H1116	אֲשֶׁר H834
of their own and put		them in the houses	of the high places	had made
הַשָּׂמָרִיטָנִים H8118		גוֹי H1471	גוֹי H1471	בְּעָרֵיהֶם H5892
which the Samaritans		Howbeit every nation	Howbeit every nation	in their cities
אֲשֶׁר H834	הֵם H1992	יֹשְׁבֵיהֶם H3427	שָׁם: H8033	
		wherein they dwelt		

## 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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