

2 Kings 17:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

This verse contributes to the overall theme of chapter 17: Covenant judgment and exile. The reference to kingship reminds readers that all human authority is subordinate to God's ultimate kingship. 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

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

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

אַת	אָש	וְהָ	מֶלֶךְ	לְכָד	לְהֹשֵׁעַ	בַּשְׁנִינָה	הַתְּשִׁיעָה	יְהוָשָׁעַ	בְּשִׁנְנָה	תְּ
year	In the ninth	of Hoshea	took	the king	into Assyria					H853
H8141	H8671	H1954	H3920	H4428	H804					
אַתָּם	אָשָׁוָב	וְהָ	מֶלֶךְ	לְכָד	לְהֹשֵׁעַ	בַּשְׁנִינָה	הַתְּשִׁיעָה	יְהוָשָׁעַ	בְּשִׁנְנָה	תְּ
Samaria	and carried	H853	Israel	into Assyria	and placed					H853
H8111	H1540		H3478	H804	H3427					
מִדְיָן	עָרָי	גּוֹזָן	בְּחָלָה	בְּרֵבֶבֶר	גּוֹרָן	רְגֵבָה	רְגֵבָה	וְהַ	וְהַ	תְּ
them in Halah	and in Habor	by the river	of Gozan	and in the cities	of the Medes					
H2477	H2249	H5104	H1470	H5892	H4074					

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 5:26 (Kingdom): And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

Deuteronomy 28:64 (Parallel theme): And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

Hosea 13:16 (Parallel theme): Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

Isaiah 21:2 (Parallel theme): A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

Isaiah 13:17 (Parallel theme): Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

Deuteronomy 28:36 (Kingdom): The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

Amos 5:27 (Parallel theme): Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts.

Deuteronomy 30:18 (Parallel theme): I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

Leviticus 26:38 (Parallel theme): And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.