



The End of Israel: God's Final Judgment

Lesson 16

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise...but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night... - 2 Peter 3:9-10a

God waited patiently for Israel to turn for almost 200 years, but when they continued in their sin, God eventually brought judgment.

Jeroboam II – 2 Kings 14:23-29

- I. Summary of Jeroboam's _____ (2 Kings 14:23-24, 28-29)
- II. Summary of Jeroboam's Success (2 Kings 14:25)
- III. God's _____ on Israel (2 Kings 14:26-27)

Jeroboam II continues the sins of his namesake, and yet surprisingly God brought prosperity. Jonah prophesies during this time, and doesn't want to bring a warning to the capital of Israel's main enemy.

Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah, Pekah, and Hoshea – 2 Kings 15:8-17:6

- I. _____ (2 Kings 15:8-12)
- II. Shallum (2 Kings 15:13-15)
- III. _____ (2 Kings 15:16-22)
- IV. Pekahiah (2 Kings 15:23-26)
- V. _____ (2 Kings 16:27-31)
- VI. Hoshea (2 Kings 17:1-6)

After Assyria changes kings, Hoshea hires Egypt as an ally against Assyria. Assyria finds out, and then destroys Israel once and for all.

The Fall of Israel – 2 Kings 17

As we study why it was God allowed Israel to be destroyed, there are warnings for us that we should take with the utmost seriousness.

- I. Israel became like the _____ around them (17:8, 15).
God sets up an absolute choice: "You can follow the ways of the nations or you can love me, but you can't do both."
- II. Israel worshipped _____ gods (17:9-12, 16-17, 21-23).
Israel began to put their hope, time, and money into idols.
- III. Israel _____ God's prophets (17:13-15, 23).
Sadly, God warned Israel over and over. They "hardened their necks, like to the necks of their fathers."
- IV. Israel _____ in vile practices (17:17).
- V. Israel led _____ into sin (17:18-20).
- VI. Israel _____ the sins of Jeroboam (17:21-23).
The first act of the first king of Israel was to set up sites of worship that were 1) not given by God and 2) had golden calves. This "original sin" never went away and turned the people from God.

What happened to Israel could just as easily happen to us. When God's mercy is ignored, we invite God to address our sins in a more dramatic (and far less pleasant) way. God in His goodness will not allow sin to continue to fester. The challenge is to each of us to confess our sins early and often, to deal with them as God brings them to our attention, and to listen and tremble when he brings a message of rebuke rather than angrily cast off what he says.