

Study through the Bible

Lesson 189 October 24-30, 2011

Covering "The Fall Of Israel" Page 859 through

"Defeat Of Philistines" Page 862

Monday October 24, 2011 Read the narrative "The Fall Of Israel" through "Three Year Siege" Pages 859, 860

1. Shalmaneser V succeeded his father Tiglathpileser III and reigned from 727-722 BC. He was succeeded by Sargon II who reigned from 722-705BC. Who was in power when Samaria was defeated and deported? Sargon II took credit for the victory even though the siege started on Shalmaneser's V reign.
2. What political action did King Hoshea of Israel make that caused Assyria to attack? Instead of paying his yearly tribute to Assyria he tried to make a treaty with Osorkon IV King of Egypt.
3. Give a political and a spiritual reason that King Hoshea's action was not wise? Compare Deuteronomy 7:2 First it was foolish because Assyria was much more powerful than Egypt. God also forbade the alliances with pagan rulers.

1. Where were the 27, 290 (according to Assyrian records) people deported?
Find it on a map. Halah (North east of Nineveh, Gozan on the Harbor river (a northern tributary of the Euphrates) and in towns of the Medes (north east of Nineveh).
2. What is the general reason that the northern kingdom of Israel was defeated and deported? The Israelites had sinned against the Lord their God.
3. What specific practices caused Israel's fall? Who else in history were guilty of the same practices? Worshipped other gods (idols), built high places, set up sacred stones, and Asherah poles on every high hill and spreading tree, burned incense. The people that God had driven out of the land before them.

Wednesday October 26, 2011 Read "Prophets' Warnings Ignored" through "Israel's Sins" Pages 860, 861

1. Why didn't the Israelites heed the warnings of God's prophets? Are there parallels to this response today? Pride and lack of belief that the prophets were telling the truth. People today don't believe the prophecy of the scriptures because then they would have to submit to a Holy God.
2. What sins do we see today that are similar to the Israelites sins? For example: the Israelites sacrificed their sons and daughters in the fire; what sin do we practice today that would be similar to that, etc.? Abortion where they rename the baby a fetus and then torture and murder the helpless baby in the mother's womb with the mothers consent.
Horoscope where the person worships the stars thinking they can tell them their future. Fortune tellers who are supposed to have spiritual powers to see the future.
3. Explain verse 15b "They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless." The purpose of the Israelite nation was to show the rest of the world who the real God of the universe is. Since they abounded their purpose they declared themselves worthless.

Thursday October 27, 2011 Read "Judah Not Perfect" through

"Jeroboam's Guilt "page 861

1. What practices did Israel introduce to Judah? All the practices listed in Tuesday's lesson question 3.
2. Compare 1 Kings 12:25- 31 and 2 Kings 17: 21- 23. What did Jeroboam do that was so devastating for not only Israel but also Judah? He made two Golden calves and set them up in Bethel and Dan and convinced the people that they didn't have to go to Jerusalem to worship since it would be much more convenient for them to go to Bethel or Dan. Even today some people choose their faith by convenience.
3. Why did Jeroboam do the things that caused such destruction for so many people? Pride: Fear that he might lose power.

Friday October 28, 2011 Read "Foreigners Inhabit Samaria" through "Lions Attack Settlers" Page 861

1. Where did the Assyrians get the people to replace the Israelites in the area of Samaria? Find the areas on a map. Babylon, Cuthah (both located in southern Mesopotamia), Avva (unknown), Hamath (on the Orontes river), Separvaim (unknown). From a very scattered area. No possible rebellion.
2. Why did lions kill some of the people who Assyria resettled in the Samaria area? God sent them because they didn't worship the Lord.
3. Why did the resettled people think that lions were killing their people? They thought that God was an area God.

Saturday October 29, 2011 Read "Samaritans Mix Religion" through "Defeat Of Philistines" Pages 861, 862

1. What did the King of Assyria do to respond to the lions killing the people?
Did it work? He sent an Israelite priest back to Samaria to teach the people how to worship God. No more lions reported but the people only added to their pagan ways. Similar to what some people want to do today. They just want to add Jesus to their many beliefs.
2. Compare Matthew 10:5 and John 4:9 with 2 Kings 17: 27- 41. How did the Jews in Jesus' time feel about the Samaritans? Why do you suppose they felt that way? How did Jesus relate to them? They did not like them because they saw them as imported pagans. Jesus did not condone their pagan ways but could see individuals rather than just the crowd.
3. What consequences will Hezekiah have to endure because of his defeat of the Philistines? Assyria had controlled Philistia, Hezekiah's invasion defied Assyrian rule and brought the threat of retaliation.