

They Became Nothing

2 Kings 17:1-23

1. _____ Nothing (v. 1-6)

- a. Hoshea: the last _____
 - i. “ _____ ” the sins of the kingdom
 - ii. _____ in fulfilling vassal terms
 - iii. _____ for rebellion by Assyria
- b. Samaria: the last _____
 - i. _____ for three years
 - ii. Citizens _____ to Assyria

2. _____ Nothing (v. 7-23)

- a. Indictment #1: Sin against the God of _____
 - i. Evidence: walked in _____ of judged nations
 - 1. Feared their _____
 - 2. Built high places _____
 - 3. Set up pillars and Asherim
 - ii. Evidence: walked in ways of Israel’s _____
 - 1. Did _____ things
 - 2. _____ idols God told them not to
- b. Indictment #2: Refusal to heed God’s _____
 - i. Evidence: _____ like unbelieving fathers
 - 1. Despised statutes and _____
 - 2. Became as _____ as their gods
 - ii. Evidence: _____ all commandments
 - 1. Made the two _____
 - 2. Worshipped Aherah, _____ & Baal
 - 3. Practiced child sacrifice & _____
- c. Indictment #3: Provoked God to _____
 - i. Evidence: God’s _____
 - 1. Removed Israelites from His _____
 - 2. Removed Israel from its _____
 - ii. Evidence: Jeroboam, Jeroboam, Jeroboam

Moreover, the LORD will raise up for himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam today. And henceforth, the LORD will strike Israel as a reed is shaken in the water, and root up Israel out of this good land that he gave to their fathers and scatter them beyond the Euphrates, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger. And he will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he sinned and made Israel to sin.

Prophecy to Jeroboam's wife by Ahijah in 1 Kings 14:14-16

There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the LORD like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited.

1 Kings 21:25

After this thing Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but made priests for the high places again from among all the people. Any who would, he ordained to be priests of the high places. And this thing became sin to the house of Jeroboam, so as to cut it off and to destroy it from the face of the earth.

1 Kings 13:33-34

See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject hi who warns from heaven.

Hebrews 12:25

Quote on Israel's Downfall and Deportation

“Now the author summarizes why Israel has fallen. None of these reasons should surprise readers, for they have been mentioned over and over again. Israel's fundamental error all along has been covenant breaking, the most obvious manifestation of which is idolatry. The people forgot the exodus and all it stood for: God's power and grace, God's acts on their behalf, and their responsibility to reciprocate God's goodness with faith, undivided allegiance, and pure worship. Instead, they worshiped local deities, adopted corrupt ethical practices, and ignored the Lord's prophets who were sent to warn them. By the time God's patience was exhausted and judgment fell, the rebellion was two hundred years old, thus fully mature.”

(Paul House, *2 Kings (New American Commentary)*, 1995, p. 341)