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Gentiles Occupy Samaria
2Kings 17:24-41

The northern kingdom of Israel has gone into captivity 722 B.C. by the hand of Assyria.

Judgment had been proclaimed by the prophets from Rehoboam, 931 B.C. to Hoshea, 722 B.C. 209 years,

1. They apostatized from God, refusing to repent.
2. They became most vile in their forms of worship, as all the other nations.
3. Yahweh drew the line and were carried off to captivity by the hand of Assyria, only to be dispersed throughout various lands.

Now, even though judgment had been brought to pass by God Himself through this gruesome nation of Assyria, called “the rod of His anger”, she would in turn be judged by God, due to the fact that she had gone to far in her pride. Is. 10

Assyria now takes the next step, to introduce a new population into the area of the northern kingdom, the origin of the Samaritans, which unfolds for us in three movements:

- I. The problem of the people. vs. 24-28
- II. The decision of the people. vs. 29-33
- III. The practice of the people. vs. 34-41

I. The problem of the people. vs. 24-28

- A. The people transplanted were from another nation. vs. 24
 1. The individuals came from the nation of Babylon. vs. 24
 - a. The one responsible was the king of Assyria who conquered them, “Then the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon.” vs. 24a
 - 1) The king was Shalmaneser.
 - 2) The nation Babylon, today Iraq.
 - b. The various regions are named. vs. 24b-e
 - 1) Cuthah. vs. 24b
 - 2) Ava. vs. 24c
 - 3) Hamath. vs. 24d
 - 4) Sepharvaim. vs. 24e
 - c. The people of the northern kingdom had been removed to other lands also. 2Kings 17:5-6
 - 1) The city was besieged by Shalmaneser, “Now the king of Assyria went throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria and besieged it for three years”, 724-722 B.C. vs. 5
 - 2) The conquest date, 722 B.C. “In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and

- carried Israel away to Assyria.” vs. 6a-b
- 3) The people had been dispersed throughout Persia, “and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.” vs. 6c-e
2. The individuals were implanted into the northern kingdom of Israel. vs. 24f-g
 - a. The majority Jews had been removed they had to be replaced, “and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel.” vs. 24f
 - 1) Tirzah.
 - 2) Dothan.
 - 3) Jezreal.
 - b. The land was occupied by foreign captives, “and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities.” vs. 24g
 - 1) The practice of cross-populating people by the Assyrians had ingenious wisdom.
 - 2) The people would be removed from their homeland, their families, detouring them from rebellion by humbling and demoralizing them.
 - 3) The people would be mixed in with other nations by marriage, losing their purity of race and identity.

- B. The people were pagans in the land of God.
 1. The judgment began from the beginning, “And it was so, at the beginning of their dwelling there.” vs. 25a
 - a. To insure it was no coincidence.
 - b. To cause the people to reflect.
 2. The reason is stated, “they did not fear the LORD.” vs. 25b
 - a. They had allegiance to false gods.
 - b. They did not know Yahweh.
 3. The consequences were severe, “therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which killed some of them.” vs. 25c-d
 - a. The direct hand of God was bringing this to pass.
 - b. The method was through nature.
 4. The problem was presented to the attention of the king, without doubt by one of his officers in charge of the people. vs. 26
 - a. The situation was brought to the king of Assyria, “So they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, “The nations whom you have removed and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the rituals of the God of the land.” vs. 26a-c
 - b. The conclusion was stated to the king, “therefore He has sent lions among

them, and indeed, they are killing them because they do not know the rituals of the God of the land.” vs. 26d-f

C. The people were given a solution by the king. vs. 27-28

1. The proclamation of the plan. vs. 27

a. The royal order, “Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, “Send there one of the priests whom you brought from there.” vs. 27a-c

* One of the priest of the ex-northern kingdom.

b. The royal instruction, “let him go and dwell there, and let him teach them the rituals of the God of the land.” vs. 27d-e

1) The priest was to live among the people.

2) The priest was to instruct the people on the rituals of the apostate religion.

2. The inception of the plan. vs. 28

a. The person sent to the people, “Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel.” vs. 28a

1) The false priests that worshipped the calf, set up by Jeroboam.

2) The priest returned to the sight of the idolatrous worship center, Bethel.

b. The priest only added hurt to the people, “and taught them how they should fear the LORD.” vs. 28b

Illustration

India is a perfect example of utter ignorance about God, as they worship their million gods, believing in reincarnation and fear of interrupting their Karma, so they don’t eat cow, kill rats or step on a cockroach, in fear it might be a relative or another person. So they starve and live with many diseases.

Application

1. Hitler in his attempt to destroy the Jews did the same thing as the Assyrians.

a. He gathered all the Jews and confiscated all their wealth and possessions.

b. He removed them to isolated areas of the country away from the families.

c. He separated family members at the locations and concentration camps, husbands from wives and children from parents. (Universities do this with students)

2. Today in the world we see a different nation take over by simple occupation of vast number of people from other nations in the U.S. could this be a part of God judging us for our rejection of Him

in our national policies, judicial proclamations and educational indoctrination?

- a. There has always been immigration quotas for the U.S. to insure growth and productivity, while maintaining national security.
- b. These immigration laws by the way are still on the law books, but being ignored and violated by declaring that it is illegal to ask a person if they are illegally in the U.S. giving them the legal rights and privileges of a U.S. citizen, while being illegally in the country.
- c. There is the flood of Muslims into the U.S., that outnumber the world population 9 to 1.
- d. The policies for depopulating of the world by our politicians through legalizing abortions, our medial community killing the potential American population and our educators that keep lying to indoctrinate young people we over populated in the world that they might not have many kids.
- e. Not to mention all the natural disasters American has been experiencing!
* “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.”
Rom. 1:18-19

3. The plans being implemented today in America and the world are not working.

- a. The teachers in our Public educational system have been teaching that man is good and a product of evolution, rather than a sinner and created by God.
* The fruit being, young people are less educated, more disrespectful and patriotic than the past generations.
- b. License has been given to sexual promiscuity by paying for all their destructive consequences, rather than teaching and holding people responsible for their immoral consequences.
* The result is a financial burden on the nation and deterioration of society!
- c. Promotion of homosexuality is another way of depopulating the world and an a direct attack against the family.
* “Righteousness exalts a nation, But **sin** is a **reproach** to *any* people.” Prov. 14:34

The problem of the people was their ignorance about God!

II. The decision of the people. vs. 29-33

- A. The people committed themselves to their national gods. vs. 29-30
 1. They did not trust the calf of Bethel and Dan. vs. 29

- a. Despite the instruction of the priest from Bethel, they clung to their traditional gods, “However every nation continued to make gods of its own.” vs. 29a
 - b. Despite the calf being the false god they were taught to worship, they simply added their own gods to the shrines, “and put them in the shrines on the high places which the Samaritans had made.” vs. 29b
 - c. Despite the attempt to unify the people to one form of worship, they ignored it, “every nation in the cities where they dwelt.” vs. 29c
2. The various gods from Babylon the people made are named. vs. 30-31
- a. The men of Babylon made Succoth Benoth. vs. 30a
 - b. The men of Cuth made Nergal. vs. 30b
 - c. The men of Hamath made Ashima, vs. 30c
 - d. The Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak. vs. 31a
 - e. The Sepharvites burned their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. vs. 31b-c
- * Many being fertility gods with licentious worship practices!

- B.** The people committed themselves to further confusion and deception. vs. 32-33
- 1. They gave allegiance to Yahweh, not knowing Yahweh. vs. 32
 - a. The proclamation, “So they feared the LORD.” vs. 32a
 - 1) The word fear “yare”, means to be afraid and reverent.
 - 2) The LORD “Yahweh”, is the proper name of God, the true and Eternal One.
 - 3) The spelling is “YHVH” or “YHWH”, called the tetragrammaton, unpronounceable, due to the Jews omitting the vowels, as an act of reverence, but God never intended it.
 - b. The contradiction, “and from every class they appointed for themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the shrines of the high places.” vs. 32b-c
 - 1) They chose men at random and made them priest of the high places. vs. 32b
 - 2) These would be the intercessor and mediators for the people.
 - 2. They gave their allegiance to Yahweh, but did not serve Him. vs. 33

- a. The second proclamation, “They feared the LORD.” vs. 33a
 - 1) The word fear “yare”, again means to be afraid and reverent.
 - 2) The LORD “Yahweh”, the true and Eternal One.
- b. The second contradiction. vs. 32b-c
 - 1) They would not let go of their gods, “yet served their own gods.” vs. 32b
 - 2) They would not let go of their religious practices, “according to the rituals of the nations from among whom they were carried away.” vs. 32b-c

Illustration

I received an e-mail this week to see if we would have a woman on our radio program. 8/28/11
Greetings Mr. Ries,

_____ is a woman who helps work miracles. Fifteen-hundred radio and television shows have sought her as a guest because of her ability to improve people’s lives by teaching them how to communicate with angels.

Since her near-death experience at eighteen months of age, ___ has used her special ability to see, hear, and speak to angels to guide her clients in the right direction, inspire individuals to achieve lifelong dreams, and aid others in their search for

prosperity. _____ instructs her clients on how to see and feel their guardian angels and communicate effectively with them. As consultant and TV or radio show guest, she answers questions about guardian angels, personal dilemmas, etc., and offers advice and guidance by consulting the angels. _____ has used her gift to author four self-help books in the hopes of providing people with a simple way to collaborate with their angels, and she offers personal, career, and business consultations.....If interested in scheduling an interview please contact me at the number and email below.

Sincerely,
Director of Media Relations
Brave New World

Application

1. The policies of America has always been the freedom of religion, while holding true to the Judeo-Christian faith, but it never gave equal value until the last 50 years, this is clearly evident by our Constitution, the Bill of Right and Our Declaration of Independence, as well as every state constitution that are still in existence today.

- a. Buddhism has no creator god and gives a central role to the doctrine of karma. The ‘four noble truths’ of Buddhism state that all existence is suffering, that the cause of suffering is desire, that freedom from

suffering is nirvana, and that this is attained through the 'eightfold' path of ethical conduct, wisdom, and mental discipline (including meditation).

- b. Mormonism, that teaches a spirit pre-existence before and, Adam was man glorified to be God and that Jesus is half-brother to Satan and you will live eternally in your own planet with your many celestial wives and repopulate it.
 - c. Islam, the ritual observances and moral code of Islam were said to have been given to Muhammad as a series of revelations, which were codified in the Koran. Islam is regarded by its adherents as the last of the revealed religions, and Muhammad is seen as the last of the prophets, building on and perfecting the examples and teachings of Abraham, Moses, and Jesus. There are two major branches in Islam: Sunni and Shiao and the only religion that has world conquest in mind.
 - d. Taoism, the emphasis on inner contemplation and mystical union with nature, which the New Age includes and is really revived Hinduism.
- * "Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods and worship them. lest the LORD'S anger be aroused against you, and He shut up the heavens so that there

be no rain, and the land yield no produce, and you perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you."

Deut. 11:16-17

- 2. Our nation is being transform very progressively.
 - a. The little shrines of Buddha are in donut shops, restaurants.
 - b. The little shrines of candles, saints and the virgin Mary that are erected on the sights of fatal accidents, jus like all over Mexico.
 - c. The growing Islamic Mosques.
 - d. The consistent and deliberate removal of any evidence of Christianity throughout our nation.
- * **Hosea says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."** Hos. 4:6

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III. The practice of the people. vs. 34-41

- A. The people had utterly rejected the attempt of God to turn them. vs. 34-39
 - 1. The plan was a complete failure. vs. 34

- a. Their manner of life, “To this day they continue practicing the former rituals.” vs. 34a
 - b. Their arrogance, “they do not fear the LORD, nor do they follow their statutes or their ordinances, or the law and commandment which the LORD had commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel.” vs. 34b-d
2. They dismissed and challenged God. vs. 35
- a. Ignoring the divine covenant, “with whom the LORD had made a covenant.” vs. 35a
 - b. Provoking God to see what He would do, “and charged them, saying: “You **shall not** fear other gods, nor bow down to them nor serve them nor sacrifice to them.” vs. 35b-e
 - c. Dismissing the Exodus, “but the LORD, who brought you up from the land of Egypt with great power and an outstretched arm, Him you shall fear, Him you shall worship, and to Him you shall offer sacrifice.” vs. 36
3. Disobeying, fearing other gods. vs. 37-39
- a. Instead of the word written by God, “And the statutes, the ordinances, the law, and the commandment which **He wrote** for you, you shall be careful to

- observe forever; you shall not fear other gods.” vs. 37
 - b. Instead of the covenant of God, “And the covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget, nor shall you fear other gods.” vs. 38
 - c. The protection of God, “But the LORD your God you shall fear; and He will deliver you from the hand of all your enemies.” vs. 39
- B.** The people duplicated themselves in their children. vs. 40-41
- 1. Their daily practices ingrained what they truly believed. vs. 40
 - a. They were rebellious, “However they did not obey.” vs. 41a
 - b. They were self-willed, “but they followed their former rituals.” vs. 41b
 - 2. Their religious identity was syncretism. vs. 41
 - a. Including the name of God with idolatry, “So these nations feared the LORD, yet served their carved images.” vs. 41a
 - b. Indoctrinating their children, “also their children and their children’s children have continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day.” vs. 41b-c

- 1) The Samaritans were considered half breed by the Jews and hatred was thick between them.
- 2) They were refused to be part of the work and became adversaries to Nehemiah. Ezra 4:1-3, Neh. 6:1-4
- 3) The rival temple had been erected on Mount Gerizim by permission of Alexander the Great and dedicated to Zeus through their Hellenization in 409 B.C. and destroyed in 129 B.C by John Hyrcanus the Macabean ruler.
- 4) They declared Abraham had offered Isaac on Gerizim and that Abraham also met Melchizedek there.
- 5) They had corrupted the place of Mount Gerizem in the Scriptures and excepted only the Pentateuch. Deut. 27

Illustration

Scientist in the New York Times, on April 4, 2002 declared that Marriage to first cousins should not be a stigma any longer for there is only a 7% chance of any genetic deformities.

* Fox New's Megyn Kelly (a new mom, herself!) reports today on America Live that there is a group of mental health professionals pushing to decriminalize pedophilia. "They argue that

pedophiles are misunderstood and should not be criminalized. They even prefer calling them minor-attracted individual," she reports, almost spitting out the words. Oh no!

The group in issue is called B4U-Act , a collaboration between mental health professionals and "minor-attracted" people that works to promote understanding and tolerance for the later group. According to Shannon Bream, who lent reporting to the story (directly via the group's FAQ), the group's official position is that, "Stigmatizing and stereotyping minor-attracted people inflames the fears of minor-attracted people, mental health professionals and the public, without contributing to an understanding of minor-attracted people of the issue of child sexual abuse." Their primary mission, she hears, is the decriminalization of pedophilia. 8/24/11

Application

1. The incredible truth that is constantly revealed in the Bible is that God loves sinners.
 - a. Jesus came to die for sinners. 2Cor. 5:21
 - b. Jesus was called a friend of sinners. Lk. 7:34
 - c. Jesus pleads with sinners to repent. Matt. 11:28-29
2. The Bible reveals that Jesus will do everything to bring a person to repentance.
 - a. He gives man a conscience.
 - b. He gives man evidence in creation.
 - c. He gives man the record of history.

- d. He gives man an opportunity through the hearing of the gospel to repent, but does not force man to repent.
 - e. He gives to man every assurance that He will forgive every sin and make him whiter than snow. 1Jn. 2:2
3. The Bible teaches that sin must be broken in the family line or it will be transferred to the next generation.
- a. Sometimes Jesus saves the parents, then the children.
 - b. Other times Jesus saved the children, then the parents.
 - c. Still other times Jesus saves the parents, not the children or the children, not the parents.
 - d. But it is always based on individual choice to repent, not the denial of God to save.
 - 1) God through Moses said, “Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And **teach** them to your children and your grandchildren, especially concerning the day you stood before the LORD your God in Horeb, when the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may **teach** their children.’”
Deut. 4:9-10

- 2) “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.” Mal. 4:5-6
4. Jesus knowing the hatred of the Samaritans by the Jews said, “I must need go through Samaria” KJV, knowing the Samaritan woman would except Him as her Savior and Lord. Jn. 4:4
- a. No Jew ever went through Samaria to get to Galilee, though it was the shortest route, they would take either the way through Perea on the east side of the Jordan and then cross over to Galilee or take the sea route, the Via Mares, then shake the dust off their clothes in case they had any Samaritan dust.
 - b. The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, “Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. “But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit,

and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.” Jn. 4:20-26

- c. The woman went and told the men of the city about Jesus and they came out to Him, listen to what they said, “Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world” Jn. 4:42

The decision of the people was a rebellious heart against God.

Conclusion

The introduction a new population by Assyria into the area of the northern kingdom is the origin of the Samaritans in three movements:

- I.** The problem of the people was their ignorance about God!
- II.** The decision of the people was to syncretize the worship of Samaria, under the name of God!
- III.** The decision of the people was a rebellious heart against God!