



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 99

# God Judges Israel

2 Kings 17:5–6, 17:7–23 (selected verses)

Name

Answer the questions from the lesson using the answers in the Word Bank. Next, circle the answers in the word search.

- What was the capital of the northern kingdom of Israel? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which country invaded Israel and surrounded Samaria? \_\_\_\_\_
- What is it called when a nation surrounds a city and blocks supplies from getting in? \_\_\_\_\_
- How many years did Assyria's siege of Samaria last? \_\_\_\_\_
- God must judge sin, even ours. Who did God send to take the punishment for the sin of everyone who would believe and trust in him? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who was king in Assyria when Israel was attacked? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who did the Assyrians move into Israel after they relocated the Israelites? \_\_\_\_\_
- The Lord warned Israel to repent for 250 years. Whom did God send to warn the people? \_\_\_\_\_

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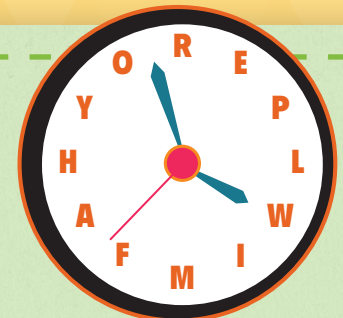
Assyria Foreigners Jesus Prophets  
Samaria Siege Shalmaneser Three

ANSWERS: 1) Samaria; 2) Assyria; 3) Siege; 4) Three; 5) Jesus; 6) Shalmaneser; 7) Foreigners; 8) Prophets

## Memory Verse

To complete the verse, look on the clock and find the letter that has replaced each number. Write the corresponding letter in each numbered blank.

\_\_\_\_y son, do not d\_\_\_\_spise t\_\_\_\_e LO\_\_\_\_D's disci\_\_\_\_line or be wear\_\_\_\_ of his repr\_\_\_\_of,  
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 for the LORD reproves \_\_\_\_im who\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_oves, as a \_\_\_\_ather the son \_\_\_\_n  
 9 6 3 7 5  
 whom he de\_\_\_\_ights. **Proverbs 3:11–12**  
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## **What You Heard** *In the Word*

- God was angry with the people of Israel because of their wickedness, idolatry, and failure to heed the warning of the prophets. They would not turn from their sins.
- God brought judgment on Israel when he sent the Assyrians to conquer Israel and to move the Israelites away from their land.

## **OutWord** *For Family Discussion*

What if you and your friends are talking about God, and they can't understand why it would be wrong to pray to certain statues and light candles around them? **What could you say?**

*There is nothing wrong with statues. After all, statues remind us of people who deserve honor and respect. But praying to a statue—and lighting a candle to try to get special favors from a statue—that is not biblical. You see, God said he is the only God, and he alone is to be worshipped. When we pray to something other than God, we are putting that thing ahead of God. Actually, that statue becomes an idol—or a false god! God made it clear that we should have no other gods before him. When you think about it, we really don't need to pray to anyone other than God. When Jesus died and rose again, he made a way for believers to go straight to God in prayer. Why pray to a powerless statue when we can go to the all-powerful God with our requests?*

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## **HomeWord** *For Parents*

God warned the people of Israel that judgment would come. He spoke through his prophets Hosea, Amos, and others. The time had come. Israel was about to be wiped out as a nation and the people carried away into captivity for their unwillingness to turn from their sin and trust in God (2 Kings 17:13–18).

God was patient for 250 years. But after years of Israel's consistent rebellion and idolatry, his anger was finally provoked, and he judged Israel by removing them from his sight (2 Kings 17:18). God sent King Shalmaneser and the Assyrians to take over Israel and besiege the capital city of Samaria (2 Kings 17:5–6). Not only that, God had the Assyrians remove most of the people from Israel. They were moved to the nation of Assyria, and people from Assyria and other foreigners were moved to live in the land of Israel.

Like Israel, we all were once alienated and enemies of God because of our wickedness. Yet he has offered us reconciliation through the death of Jesus Christ. This miracle of salvation presents those who trust in Christ as holy, blameless, and above reproach before God (Colossians 1:21–22).

Just as there were many who perished in Samaria, many more will perish eternally one day because of their sin. The judgment on Israel will pale in comparison with that final judgment. That's why we are called to be ambassadors on behalf of Christ, imploring people to turn from their sin and trust in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20–21). That is our calling. We must tell the lost about the only truth that can save them from God's judgment.

