

Week 30
Ahaz of Judah and The End of Israel

The time for judgment on Israel has come and the ten northern tribes are going to captivity. When God speaks of removing his people from his presence, He means they will be driven from the land. This is not because the Lord is the God of Israel, and His rule stops at the border of the land of Israel. It is because He will not allow a people who do not believe in Him remain “in His rest”! The same reason their forefathers could not enter the land in the first place. Unbelief! The Lord gave this land to His people and called them as a “nation of priests” to carry out His purposes, to be a blessing to all the nations around them. But Israel, like the nations, sought gods who served their own purposes, not God’s. Christians easily fall into the same trap, looking for a Jesus who follows us, meeting our demands and desires, and not the Jesus who says “Follow me, and keep my words and my commands.” Jesus calls us to carry out His purposes, to be a blessing to “those other people” who live around us. The blessed man bears fruit, and the sinner may see it as good, taste it, and become one of us. That is our Joy!

Outline: Ahaz of Judah and The End of Israel

2 Kings 16-17 2 Chron 28

2 Chronicles 28 Ahaz King of Judah [2 Kings 16]

- 28:1-8 Ahaz defeated by Syria and Israel
- 28:9-15 Oded calls for mercy from Samaria for Judah
- 28:16-21 Ahaz appeals to Assyria and is rejected
- 28:22-25 Ahaz appeals to foreign gods
- 28:26-27 Ahaz dies in disgrace

2 Kings 17 Israel as the Captive State of Assyria

- 17:1-6 The reign of Hoshea and the fall of Israel: 722 BC
- 17:7-23 The summary of Israel’s history and the exile
- 17:24-33 Assyrian resettles Samaria with foreign captives
- 17:34-39 The Lord appeals the foreigners to serve Him only
- 17:40-41 The people the land serve their false gods