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2 Kings 17

Hoshea Rules in Israel

Hoshea son of Elah began to rule over Israel in the twelfth year of King Ahaz's reign in Judah. He reigned in Samaria nine years. **2** He did what was evil in Yah's sight, but not to the same extent as the kings of Israel who ruled before him.

3 King Shalmaneser of Assyria attacked King Hoshea, so Hoshea was forced to pay heavy tribute to Assyria. **4** But Hoshea stopped paying the annual tribute and conspired against the king of Assyria by asking King So of Egypt^[a] to help him shake free of Assyria's power. When the king of Assyria discovered this treachery, he seized Hoshea and put him in prison.

Samaria Falls to Assyria

5 Then the king of Assyria invaded the entire land, and for three years he besieged the city of Samaria. **6** Finally, in the ninth year of King Hoshea's reign, Samaria fell, and the people of Israel were exiled to Assyria. They were settled in colonies in Halah, along the banks of the Habor River in Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 This disaster came upon the people of Israel because they worshiped other gods. They sinned against Yah their God, who had brought them safely out of Egypt and had rescued them from the power of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. **8** They had followed the practices of the pagan nations Yah had driven from the land ahead of them, as well as the practices the kings of Israel had introduced.

9 The people of Israel had also secretly done many things that were not pleasing to Yah their God. They built pagan shrines for themselves in all their towns, from the smallest outpost to the largest walled city. **10** They set up sacred pillars and Asherah poles at the top of every hill and under every green tree. **11** They offered sacrifices on all the hilltops, just like the nations Yah had driven from the land ahead of them. So the people of Israel had done many evil things, arousing Yah's anger. **12** Yes, they worshiped idols, ^[b] despite Yah's specific and repeated warnings.

13 Again and again Yah had sent his prophets and seers to warn both Israel and Judah: "Turn from all your evil ways. Obey my commands and decrees—the entire law that I commanded your ancestors to obey, and that I gave you through my servants the prophets."

14 But the Israelites would not listen. They were as stubborn as their ancestors who had refused to believe in Yah their God. **15** They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their ancestors, and they despised all his warnings. They worshiped worthless idols, so they became worthless themselves. They followed the example of the nations around them, disobeying Yah's command not to imitate them.

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16 They rejected all the commands of Yah their God and made two calves from metal. They set up an Asherah pole and worshiped Baal and all the forces of heaven. **17** They even sacrificed their own sons and daughters in the fire.^[c] They consulted fortune-tellers and practiced sorcery and sold themselves to evil, arousing Yah's anger.

18 Because Yah was very angry with Israel, he swept them away from his presence. Only the tribe of Judah remained in the land. **19** But even the people of Judah refused to obey the commands of Yah their God, for they followed the evil practices that Israel had introduced. **20** Yah rejected all the descendants of Israel. He punished them by handing them over to their attackers until he had banished Israel from his presence.

21 For when Yah^[d] tore Israel away from the kingdom of David, they chose Jeroboam son of Nebat as their king. But Jeroboam drew Israel away from following Yah and made them commit a great sin. **22** And the people of Israel persisted in all the evil ways of Jeroboam. They did not turn from these sins **23** until Yah finally swept them away from his presence, just as all his prophets had warned. So Israel was exiled from their land to Assyria, where they remain to this day.

Foreigners Settle in Israel

24 The king of Assyria transported groups of people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim and resettled them in the towns of Samaria, replacing the people of Israel. They took possession of Samaria and lived in its towns. **25** But since these foreign settlers did not worship Yah when they first arrived, Yah sent lions among them, which killed some of them.

26 So a message was sent to the king of Assyria: "The people you have sent to live in the towns of Samaria do not know the religious customs of the God of the land. He has sent lions among them to destroy them because they have not worshiped him correctly."

27 The king of Assyria then commanded, "Send one of the exiled priests back to Samaria. Let him live there and teach the new residents the religious customs of the God of the land." **28** So one of the priests who had been exiled from Samaria returned to Bethel and taught the new residents how to worship Yah.

29 But these various groups of foreigners [also continued to worship their own gods](#). In town after town where they lived, they placed their idols at the pagan shrines that the people of Samaria had built. **30** Those from Babylon worshiped idols of their god Succoth-benoth. Those from Cuthah worshiped their god Nergal. And those from Hamath worshiped Ashima. **31** The Avvites worshiped their gods Nibhaz and Tartak. And the people from Sepharvaim even burned their own children as sacrifices to their gods Adrammelech and Anammelech.

32 These new residents worshiped Yah, [but they also appointed from among themselves all sorts of people](#) as priests to offer sacrifices at their places of worship.

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33 And though they worshiped Yah, [they continued to follow their own gods according to the religious customs of the nations from which they came](#). **34** **And this is still going on today**. They continue to follow their former practices instead of truly worshiping Yah and obeying the decrees, regulations, instructions, and commands he gave the descendants of Jacob, whose name he changed to Israel.

35 For Yah had [made a covenant with the descendants of Jacob](#) and commanded them: "Do not worship any other gods or bow before them or serve them or offer sacrifices to them. **36** But worship only Yah, who brought you out of Egypt with great strength and a powerful arm. Bow down to him alone, and offer sacrifices only to him.

37 Be careful at all times to obey the decrees, regulations, instructions, and commands that he wrote for you. You must not worship other gods. **38** Do not forget the covenant I made with you, and do not worship other gods. **39** You must worship only Yah your God. He is the one who will rescue you from all your enemies."

40 But the people [would not listen](#) and continued to follow their former practices. **41** [So while these new residents worshiped Yah, they also worshiped their idols](#). And to this day their descendants do the same.

Footnotes:

- a. [2 Kings 17:4](#) Or *by asking the king of Egypt at Sais*.
- b. [2 Kings 17:12](#) The Hebrew term (literally *round things*) probably alludes to dung.
- c. [2 Kings 17:17](#) Or *They even made their sons and daughters pass through the fire*.
- d. [2 Kings 17:21](#) Hebrew *he*; compare 1 Kgs 11:31-32.

This powerful chapter in biblical history leaves us with a question that must be answered in the beginning of verse 34 quoting; "**And this is still going on today**" We must then ask to what day are the scriptures speaking of? Is the day spoken of by scriptures reflective only of a past moment in time, or was it meant to mean something far greater and pronounced for a specific time in the distant future, a time we now call the present time era?

If "this day" is spoken of in the context of a day later in the future, the question remains if we can prove it by scripture?

I believe scriptural evidence will be shown to be true when we come across certain words in our search of scripture, please take a look at the following and keep in mind how scripture keeps on talking about a specific day and time;

[2 Samuel 7:19](#)

19 What you have done so far was a little thing to You, Yah, for You have also spoken about Your servant's house **in the distant future**. And this is a revelation for mankind, Yah EL.

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“And in that day” or “as it is this day,” it is talking in a dual capacity, then and through a future time and date. So let us examine examples of the Holy Scripture;

Jeremiah 23:

5 “**For the time is coming**,” says Yah, “when I will raise up a righteous descendant^[a] from King David’s line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

6 And this will be his name: ‘Yah Is Our Righteousness.’^[b] **In that day** Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.

7 “**In that day**,” says Yah, “**when people are taking an oath**, (Covenant) they will no longer say, ‘As surely as Yah lives, who rescued the people of Israel from the land of Egypt.’ **8** Instead, they will say, ‘As surely as Yah lives, who brought the people of Israel back to their own land from the land of the north and from all the countries to which he **had exiled** them.’ Then they will live in their own land.”

Habakkuk 2:3

For the vision **is yet for an appointed time**, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it **tarry**, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not ****tarry**.

** Strong’s Concordance of the Bible definition of Tarry means to; 4102

To question or **hesitate**, i.e. (by implication) to be reluctant: -**delay**, **linger**, stay selves, tarry

Internet Definition

- 1. remain:** to stay temporarily at a place
- 2. linger:** to delay a departure **or arrival**, especially in an idle way
- 3. wait:** to wait in expectation of **somebody or something**

Zechariah 2:13

Be **silent**, O **all flesh**, before Yah: for he is raised up out of his holy **habitation**.

Jeremiah 25:33

Those slain by Yah **on that day** will be [spread] from one end of the earth to the **other**. They will **not** be mourned, gathered, or buried. They will be **like** manure on the surface of the ground.

Isaiah 30:26

The moonlight will be as bright as the sunlight, and the sunlight will be seven **times** brighter —like the light of seven **days**—on the **day** that Yah bandages His people's

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injuries and heals the wounds He inflicted.

[Isaiah 30:25-27](#) (in Context) [Isaiah 30](#) (Whole Chapter)

[Isaiah 34:8](#)

For Yah has a day of vengeance, a time of paying back [Edom] for its hostility against Zion. (Holman Bible Translation)

[Deuteronomy 4:32](#)

[Yah *is God*] Ask **now** **about the days** of long ago. Learn what happened long before your time. Ask about what has happened since the time God created man on the earth. Ask from one end of the world to the **other**. Has anything as great as this ever happened? Has anything **like** it ever been heard of?

[Jeremiah 50:4](#)

In those **days** and at that **time**— [this is] Yah's declaration— the Israelites and Judeans will come together, weeping as they come, and will seek Yah their Creator.

[Jeremiah 50:3-5](#) (in Context) [Jeremiah 50](#) (Whole Chapter)

[Jeremiah 50:20](#)

In **those days** and at that **time**— [this is] Yah's declaration— one will search for Israel's guilt, but there will be none, and for Judah's sins, but they will not be found, for **I will forgive those** I leave as a remnant.

[Ezekiel 30:3](#)

For a day is near; a day belonging to Yah is near. It will be a day of clouds, a time [of doom] for the nations.

[Isaiah 61:2](#)

to proclaim the year of Yah's favor, and the day of our God's vengeance; to comfort all who mourn,

[Isaiah 63:4](#)

For I planned the day of vengeance, and the year of My redemption came.

[Joel 3:1](#)

[*Judgment of the Nations*] Yes, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,

Isaiah 49:8 (HCSB)

8 This is what Yah says: I will answer you **in a time of favor**, and I will help you **in the day of salvation**. ^(A) I will keep you, and I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people, ^(B) to restore the land, to make them possess the desolate inheritances,

[Jeremiah 33:15](#)

In those days and at that time I will cause a Branch of righteousness to sprout up for David, and He will administer justice and righteousness in the land.

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The mixing of religious practices was vehemently forbidden so much by Yah, that Yah extended this policy even to clothing we wear and also other things like planting crops, see the examples below;

Leviticus 19:19

You shall keep my statutes. You shall not let your cattle gender with a diverse kind: you shall not sow your field with **mingled** seed: neither shall a garment **mingled** *(mixed) of linen and wool come upon thee.

Note: Paragraph and bold added for emphasis

1. Exodus 20:3

You shall have **no other gods** before me.

Exodus 20:2-4 (in Context) Exodus 20 (Whole Chapter)

2. Exodus 23:13

And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make **no** mention of the name of **other gods**, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

Deuteronomy 6:14

You shall **not** go after **other gods**, of the **gods** of the people which are round about you;

1. Deuteronomy 11:16

Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be **not** deceived, and you turn aside, and serve **other gods**, and worship them;

Deuteronomy 11:15-17 (in Context) Deuteronomy 11 (Whole Chapter)

2. Deuteronomy 11:28

And a curse, if you will **not** obey the commandments of Yah your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after **other gods**, which you have **not** known.

Deuteronomy 6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as your own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you hast not known, you, nor thy fathers;

7Namely, **of the gods of the people which are round about you**, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the **one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth**;

8You shall not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall your eye pity him, neither shall you spare, neither shall you conceal him:

9But you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

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10And you shall stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from Yah thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

11And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

[Deuteronomy 17:3](#)

And hath gone and served **other gods**, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have **not** commanded;

We were not supposed to worship ANY god found within any culture of people anywhere amongst the populations of the earth. The mere fact that the people known as Jews Have an understanding of the Hebrew Culture is not a qualifying marker to pronounce them Hebrew in worship, because as the Holy Scripture says, "They worship their own customs and idol MIXED with the ancient established mannerism of worship ordained by Yah the Creator of Israel. Yah will not accept sharing His glory with man or man made idols period!

Judaic and Hebrew worship mixed together is unclean and unacceptable by Yah our father.