

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE**The Judgment on an Adulterous Nation**

2 Kings 17

APPLY // 2 KINGS 13-16**Main Idea:** The Lord is faithful to his faithless people.

1. Summarize the events of chapters 13-16.
 - a. A few key verses: 13:2, 4-5, 11, 23; 14:2, 24, 26-27; 15:3-4, 9, 18, 24, 28; 16:2.
2. Where do you see the greatest potential to doctrinal or lifestyle drift in yourself? In our church? Why are the drifts tempting?
3. How does the commitment and compassion of the Lord to his covenant compel you to confess sin to him?
4. How have you been compelled by the mercy of Christ through the book of Kings?

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // 2 KINGS 17**Main Idea:** The Lord Judges his adulterous people.

1. Review the context of what's been covered thus far in the book of Kings.
2. Review the main themes traced throughout the book of Kings:
 - a. *Power*: The power of God's word to accomplish God's plans
 - b. *Primary*: God alone is worthy to be worshipped, all others will be judged
 - c. *Promise*: God made a promise to king David that a forever King would come from his lineage
3. Read 2 Kings 17:1-5. How does verse 2 describe Hoshea? Where have we seen this description before? What is the author aiming to communicate by repeatedly using this phrase?
4. What does it mean that Hoshea became a vassal to the king of Assyria? In verse 4, where does Hoshea turn for help? Do Hoshea's actions go against any of the laws or commands that God had given to the nation of Israel? What do these verses tell us about King Hoshea?
5. Read verse 6. What happens to Israel in this verse? What's the significance of this verse?
6. Read verses 7-18. According to these verses, why was Israel captured by Assyria and taken out of the Promised Land? How does verse 7 describe the Lord? Why does the author include that description here?
7. What kind of language does the author use to describe Israel's actions while in the Promised Land? A few themes to identify:
 - a. First, Israel forgot who they were—God's covenant people.
 - b. Second, instead of being holy, set apart, Israel becomes like the nations, even participating in idol worship.
 - c. Third, Israel supported and followed evil kings.
 - d. Fourth, Israel reject God's prophets/word, rejecting God himself.
8. What does verse 13 say about the Lord? What does it mean for the Lord to be provoked to anger?
9. In verse 23, what does it mean "the Lord removed Israel out of his sight"?

10. Read verses 24-33. What happened to the land after Israel was taken out? Does this align with what the Lord had promised to Israel at the end of Deuteronomy and the beginning of Joshua?
11. Read verses 34-40. What is the author doing in these verses? How does this contrast with the condition of Israel at the time of the writing?
12. Keep in mind, it's been 200 years and 19 kings before these events happened. How does that help us understand about the character of God and the nature of Israel?
13. How does this chapter prepare us for and point us to the person and work of Jesus Christ?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: What has the Lord been teaching you through our study in Kings?