

# **Satan's Camouflage**

## **2 Kings 17**

### **Introduction**

Chapters 9-10 Jehu destroys all the family of Ahab and Jezebel.

In chapters 11-16 of 2 Kings we read of multiple kings coming and going in Israel.

Chapter 13 Elisha dies.

In chapter 17 we read of the final fall of the Northern Kingdom (Israel).

### **Chapter 17:1-23 God Looked Away**

1. Hoshea is king.
2. In 722 BC Sargon, King of Assyria, destroyed Samaria.
3. Hoshea conspired with Egyptian Pharaoh (So).
4. Shalmaneser, Syrian King.
5. He then besieged the city for 3 years.
6. Took prisoners into exile.
7. This happened because they walked in the statutes of the heathen.
8. Verse 9 They did secretly those things that were not right.
9. Verses 13 The preaching of the prophets was not enough.
10. Warnings were not effective.
11. Verse 18 God removed them from out of His sight.
12. Verse 23 As He had said.

### **Verses 24-41 The Curse of Religion took Over**

1. The Babylonians, Cuthites, Avites, Hamathites, Sapharvaimites moved in.
2. God sent lions into the land to kill them.
3. Egypt plagues; Philistines (1 Samuel); Hemorrhoids.
4. The King of Assyria sent a Priest from Israel to teach Jehovah worship.
5. He brought rituals and elements of Judaism.

6. They mingled Judaism and Idol worship into one religion.
7. Verse 33 They feared the Lord but served their own gods.
8. They did not really fear the Lord.
9. Verses 40-41 They did not hearken.
10. So they feared the Lord and served graven images.
11. Both their children and their children's children.
12. They do it until this day.
13. They do it to this day also.
14. 313 AD The Edict of Milan Constantine.
15. Revelation 2:18-27 Thyatira They were a church in the practice of idolatry.

## **Conclusion**

1. Religion is Satan's greatest tool to deceive the world.
2. Baptists, Catholics, etc...
3. What about you?
4. When you are religious, you are mean to other Christians.
5. When you are religious, it is all about you and others.
6. When you are religious, biblical application is negotiable.
7. When you are only religious, you compromise key doctrines.
8. When you are religious, traditions matter more than truth.
9. When you are religious, rules are more important than relationships.
10. When you are religious, principles matter more than people do.

## **Challenge**

1. Search your heart.
2. Do you value the things God values?
3. Jesus valued the Heavenly Father and He valued people.