

I. Review of The Key Issues in Kings

- A. 1 and 2 Kings are historical books written for prophetic purposes
- B. The focus of the books of Kings are on Israel (the northern kingdom)
- C. Message of the books: **Sin has Consequences**
- D. Message of the books are primarily directed to Judah (the southern kingdom)
- E. The climatic chapter is 2 Kings 17 which explains the reason for the Assyrian captivity

II. Three Important Passages

- A. Exodus 19:3-6
- B. Exodus 34:6-7
- C. 2 Kings 17:7-23

III. 2 Kings 17

- A. Begins with brief account of the fall of Samaria

Assignment:

2 Chronicles follows the history of the kingdom period focusing on Judah. The emphasis is on true worship. The theme is that God will meet anyone who worships Him correctly. 2 Chronicles 7 relates the story of the dedication of the temple and God's interaction with Solomon.

Read chapters 6 and 7. Note how the Lord answers Solomon's prayer of dedication.

B. Moves to an explanation

1. Note that the explanation is completely spiritual
 - a) Success or failure depended on their relationship with God

2. First point: **Israel rejected their covenant relationship with God**
 - a) Essence of that relationship was love

 - b) The love was to lead to holiness (separation to God)

3. Second point: **Israel did not listen to God when He warned through the prophets**
 - a) Note that God does not make any reference to the chastening He had inflicted on Israel

4. Third point: **Judah is on the same path**

5. Fourth point: **Jeroboam's form of worship was not acceptable**
 - a) Neither Israel nor Judah had a right to redefine worship

 - b) Israel should have known better because of the prophets