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ELEVENTH STUDY - INSERT

HISTORY OF SAMARIA AND ITS PEOPLE:

The 12 Tribes of Israel split into 2 kingdoms; after Solomon: because Solomon had led them into idolatry.

The 2 Kingdoms Were:

- The 10 Northern Tribes, called Israel
- The 2 Southern Tribes, Judah and Benjamin, called Judah

II Kings 17:6 - Israel was carried away by the King of Assyria.

Verse 7-12 - Gives us the 10 sins for which Israel was taken into captivity.

Verses 13-18 - Shows God's pleading with Israel only hardened them; and gives us 18 of their sins.

Read verse 18.

Verse 24 - Assyria repopulates the cities of Israel, which was the beginning of the New Testament Samaritans: who in turn, intermixed with the Jews when they returned from captivity.

Read verse 24.

Verses 25,26 - God sends lions on the new inhabitants of Israel.

Verses 27,28 - The Assyrian remedy to pacify the God of Israel, was for the King of Assyria to send one of the priests of Israel back to teach the people about the kind of God that dwelled in the land. He taught them to fear Jehovah.

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