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OBITUARY OF A KINGDOM

2 Kings 17:6-18

THE INITIAL APOSTASY

- Their first step is one of forgetful ingratitude.
- Consider the sources of their idolatry.
- The outcome should have been no shock to them.
- They hid their misdeeds.
- The outcome was universal departure.

GOD'S RESPONSE

- Anger is the consistent response of God to all sin.
- Though justified in destroying the people, He yet pleads with them.
- In the midst of their sin, God's love is most illustrated.
- We have even more prophets crying out to us.

THE GREATER SIN

- They grew more rebellious in the face of more love.
- They followed vanity and became vain.
- They grew worse in their transgressions leading to total slavery in sin.
- Now God's messengers are carrying swords.
- Perhaps the worst part of marching into captivity is realizing it could have been avoided.