



DECLINE AND FALL

◆ 2 Kings 17:18-19 ◆

WHO ARE THE GOOD GUYS

- God commends and rewards partial obedience (10:28-30).
- He commended surface righteousness (12:2-3).
- He describes degrees of righteousness (14:1-4).
- He recognizes degrees of wickedness (17:2).

GOD ALONE

- God reminds the people of all He has done for them (17:34-39; 21:7-8; 23:27).
- They forgot the source of their blessings (17:7).
- They responded to those blessings the same as the rest of the world (17:8-15).

HOPE IN REPENTANCE

- Judah is lumped into the same boat as Israel (17:18-19).
- And yet, they are given a lengthy reprieve (20:19).
- A similar reprieve is given a little later (22:20).
- God will respond to the penitent heart, no matter where it comes from (5:14-15).