

# Isaiah's Reality

WEEK 3

## Week 3 Handout

Please read the following passages with your team and have them fill in the blanks:

2 Kings 17 (Hoshea Reigns Over Israel)

This is a time when God's people suffered captivity yet again after being freed from Egypt. It seems the Israelites couldn't understand that God was the only One who could satisfy, not some foreign god among them. King Hoshea from Samaria became a vassal (subordinate) to King Shalmaneser of Assyria and was forced to pay tribute. After some time, Hoshea tried to undermine Shalmaneser and Shalmaneser found out about it, which contributed to Hoshea's fall and all of God's people.

For the Israelites were warned many times to turn from their evil ways but refused. They were exiled from Samaria to Assyria into captivity and foreigners possessed the land they once owned in Samaria. The foreigners didn't worship the Lord so God sent lions to devour some of them. When King Shalmaneser heard of this, he sent a high priest that was held captive to go to Samaria to teach the people how to worship God rightly.

Even though the foreigners were taught to worship the true God, they also bowed down to their idols.