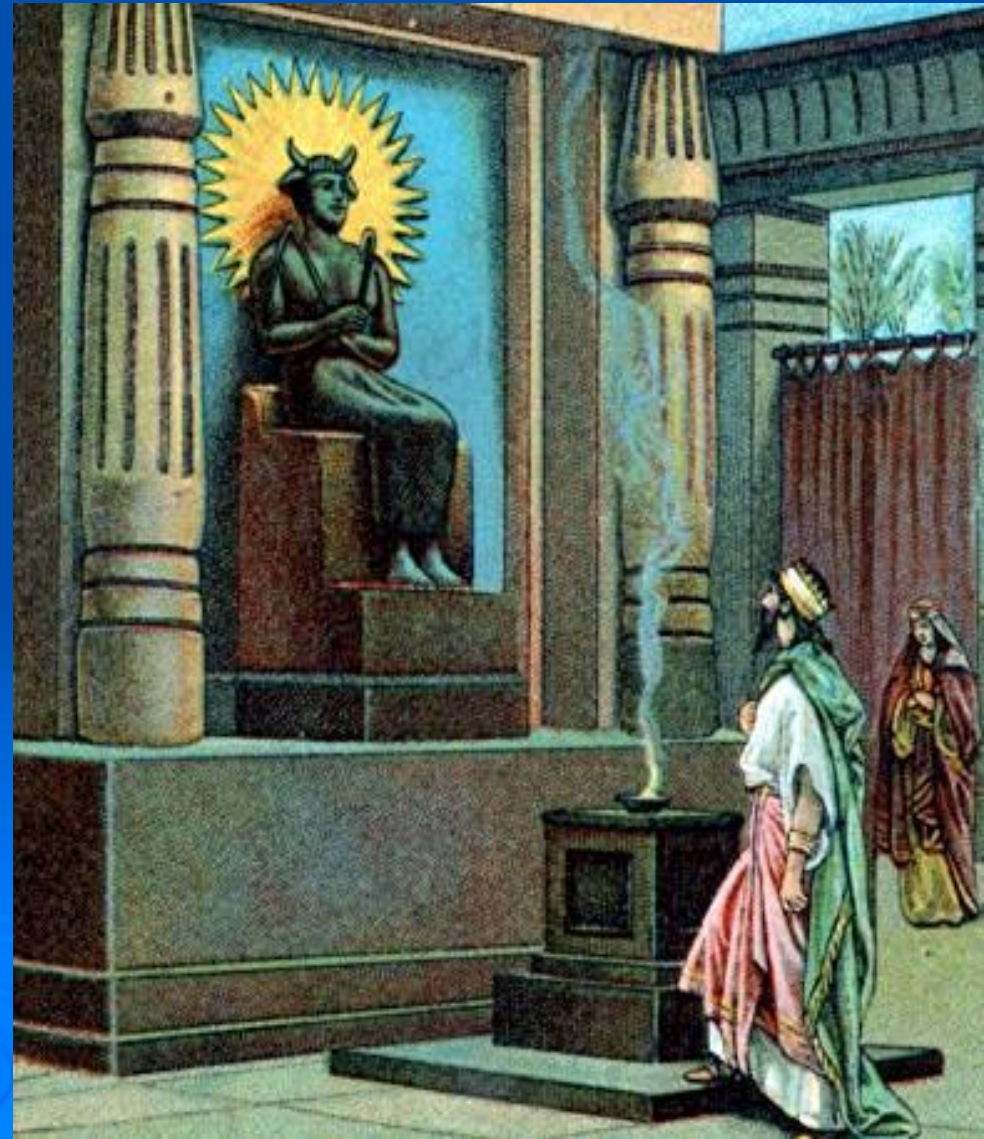


# ACHAZ THANKS THE SYRIAN GODS FOR DELIVERING HIM

- In 2<sup>nd</sup> Kings 16, Judah was invaded by Israel and Syria (Aram)
- Even though YHWH rescued King Achaz and Judah, Achaz thanked the Syrian gods
- Achaz asks Tiglath-Pileser of Assyria to be his protector
- The Lord permitted Achaz to reign for 16 yrs. and die a peaceful death



# 2<sup>ND</sup> KINGS 17: *HOSHEA* THE LAST KING OF ISRAEL



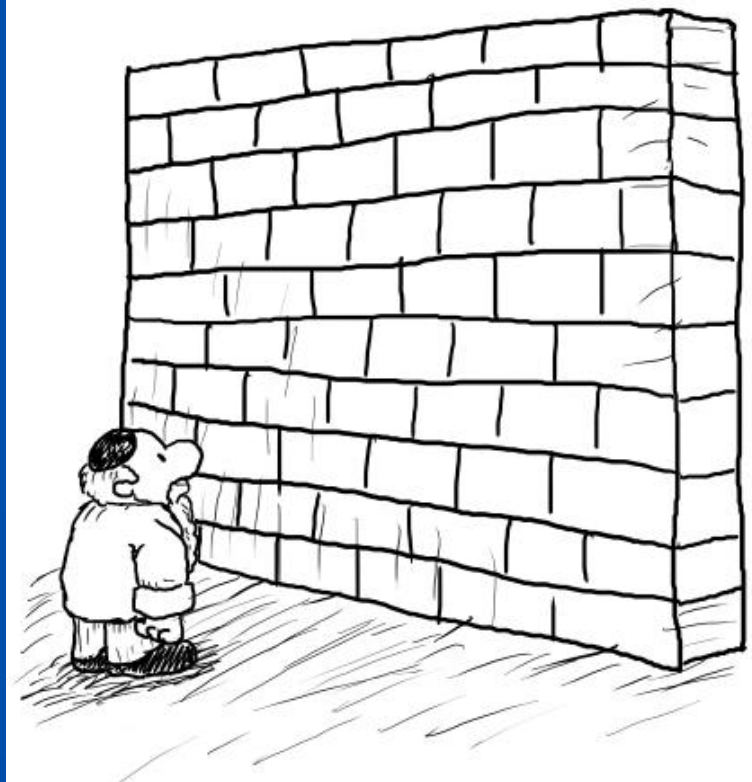
- King *Hoshea* crowned in 12<sup>th</sup> year of Achaz of Judah's reign
- *Hoshea* would rule for 9 years
- 8 years from when *Hoshea* killed King *Pekach*, to when *Hoshea* assumed the throne of Israel

# 2<sup>ND</sup> CHRON. 30: THE 2 RELIGIONS OF THE HEBREWS



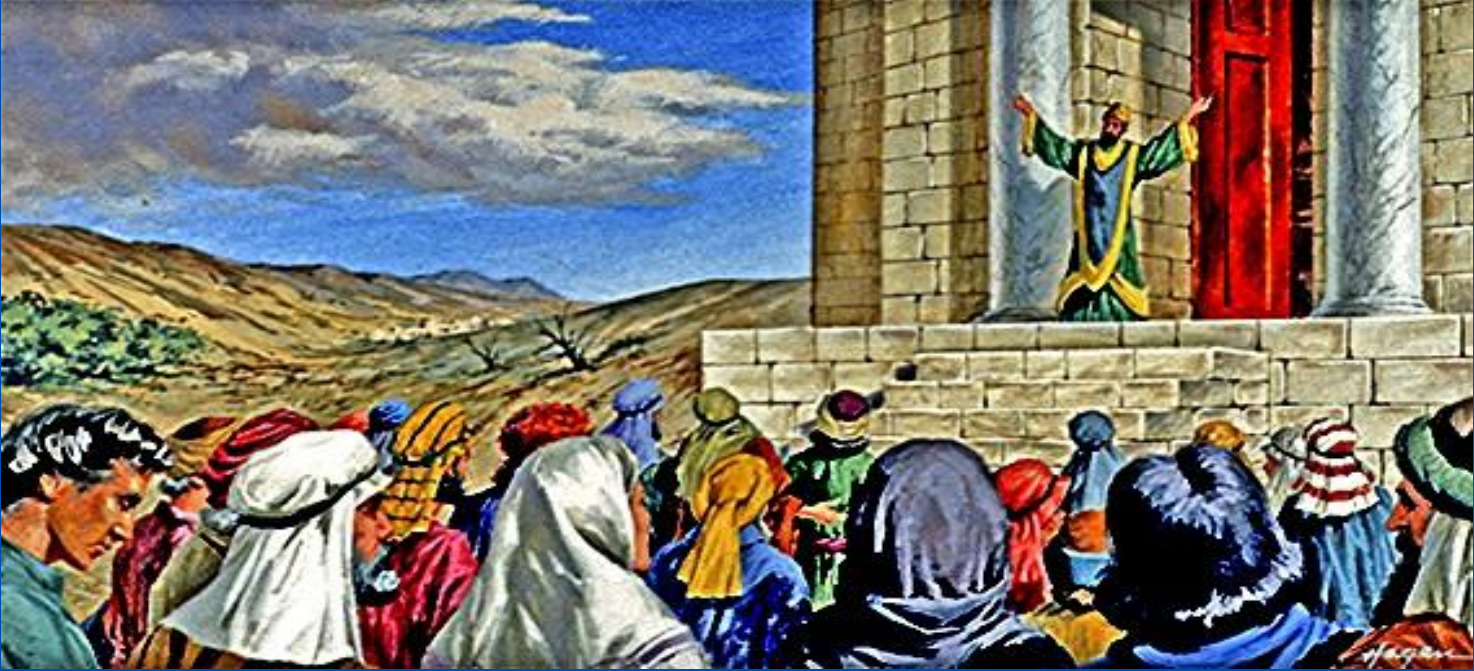
- King Hezekiah becomes King of Judah
- He called for all the 12 tribes to come to the Temple in Jerusalem for Passover Festival
- Israel had it's own state-run religion of the Golden Calves
- 1) Original Torah-based religion of the Temple and Levite Priesthood
- 2) New Golden Calf religion based on new doctrines and traditions, hoping to replace the original Hebrew religion

# ISRAEL CREATED A NEW ANTI-TORAH RELIGION



- 1000 years later gentiles did the same and created a new religion with new doctrines and traditions
- The Torah, Temple symbolism, and Hebrew Scriptures were rejected
- New symbols, icons, and Scriptures were created and replaced the original





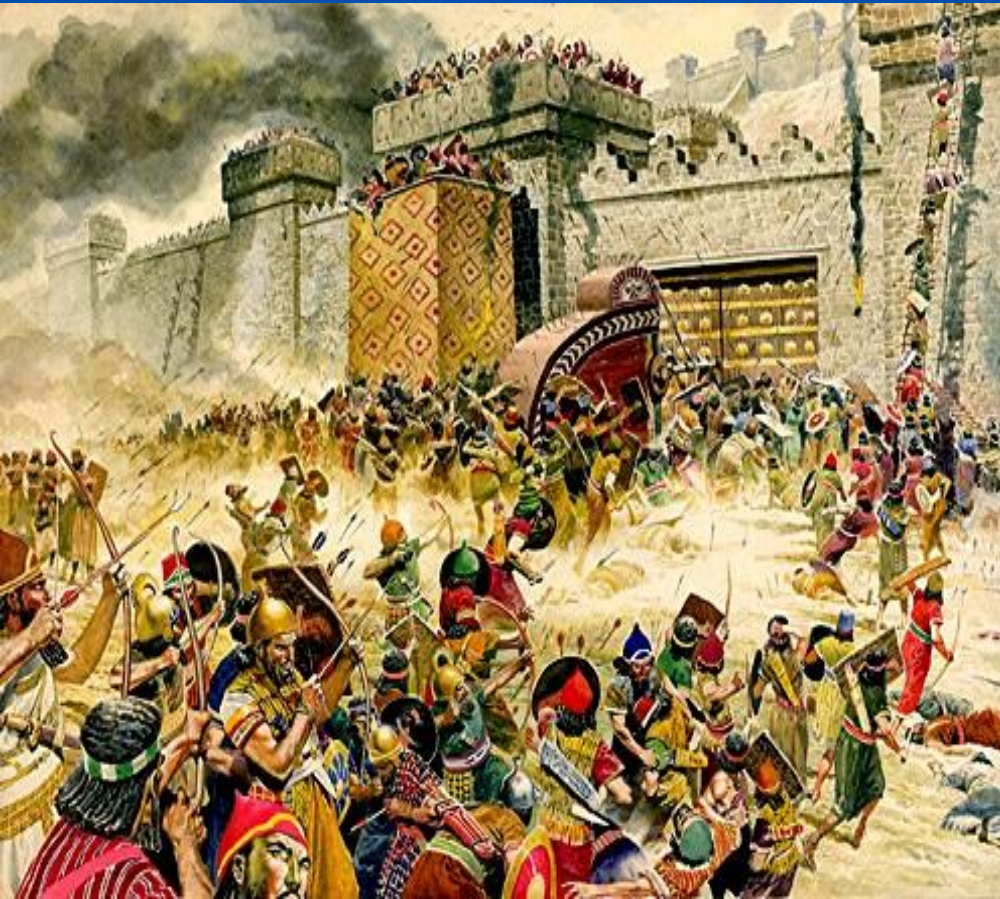
- King Hezekiah realized that the ONLY path to reconciliation was for all Israel to return to their Hebrew roots
- He invited the members of the northern kingdom to come to Jerusalem for Passover Festival
- Biblical Feasts as the first and best step to a reunion of God worshippers

# THE NEW KINGS OF ASSYRIA

- When Tiglath-Pileser died his son Shalmaneser took over
- Sargon was Shalmaneser's brother
- Later Shalmaneser and Sargon would share the throne, but in a few months Shalmaneser died
- Hoshea rebelled thinking he could escape Assyria's yoke
- Hoshea agreed to vassal status under Shalmaneser



# SAMARIA FALLS TO ASSYRIA

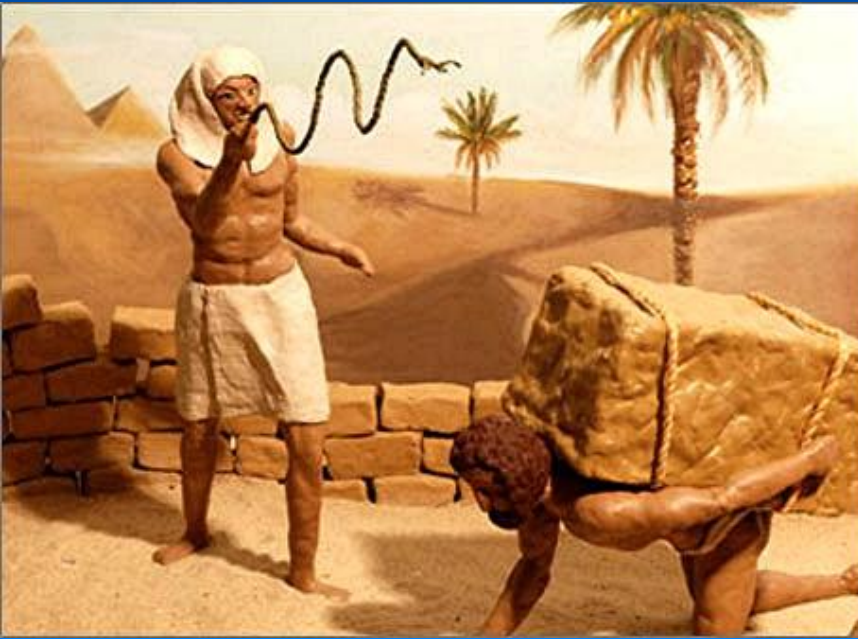


- King Hoshea appealed to King Seve of Egypt for help
- Shalmaneser found out and arrested Hoshea
- Attacked Samaria, and it fell 722 / 723 B.C.
- End of 10 tribes of Israel as a kingdom
- Israel exiled and scattered over the 120 nations of the Assyrian Empire

# EGYPT AS THE SYMBOL OF EVIL



- God told Israel never to turn to Egypt for friendship
- Deut. 17:16
- NO GOING BACK !
- No coincidence that Hoshea turning to Egypt was the final straw, as God then allowed Samaria to be destroyed
- Verses 7 – 23 heart breaking indictment of what Israel did to be exiled
- Parallel to Christ's warning to the church in Revelation 1, 2, and 3





# ***“I am YHWH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.....”***

- Vs. 7 Faithfulness
- Israel’s 1<sup>st</sup> commandment told that it was YHWH who rescued them from Egypt
- Vs. 8 Since Israel adopted the ways of the Canaanites, they were driven out like the Canaanites
- God is defined by His many characteristics
- To reduce or redefine God’s characteristics is idolatry



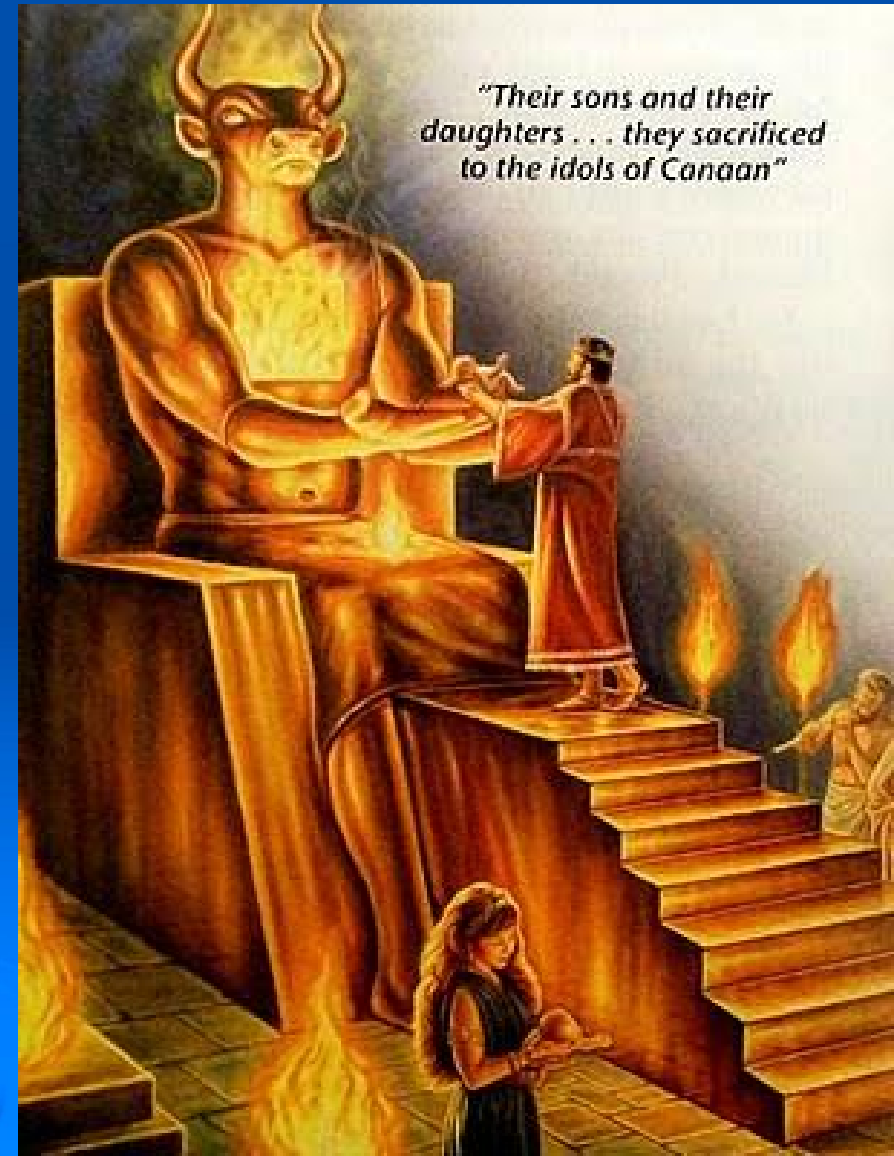
# WORSHIPPING OTHER GODS



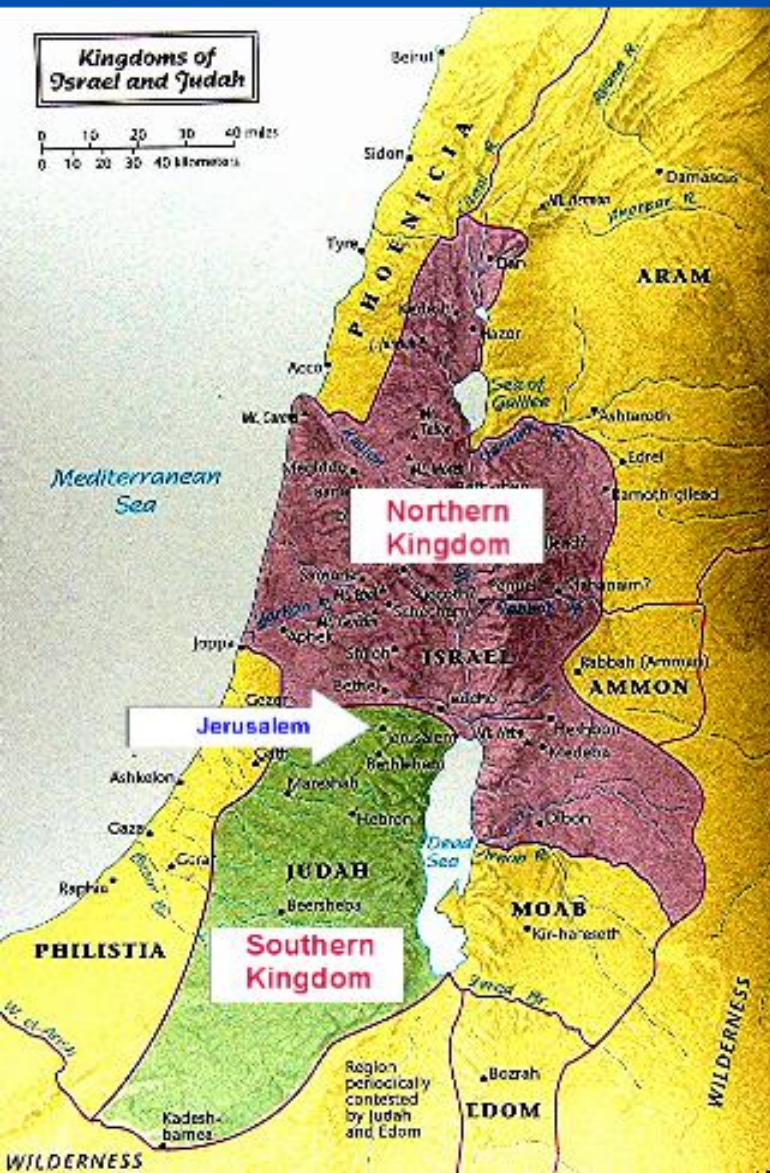
- Incense is symbolic of prayer
- Leaders and people of Israel saw the OLD laws of Moses as irrelevant for them
- Vs. 13 God sent many Prophets to warn His people of their wrongdoing
- Vs. 15 This led to Israel rejected God's law and denying His covenants
- Because of worthless ritual to worthless idols, Israel made themselves worthless
- Vs. 16 Israel ceased to be obedient, thinking obedience was a thing of the past

# THE LORD REMOVED HIS PRESENCE FROM ISRAEL

- Israel adopted human sacrifice to idols
- The Lord removed all of the 10 tribes for their wickedness
- Vs. 20 Progression
- 1) God rejected Israel for their sins
- 2) God oppressed Israel with drought and other disaster
- 3) God delivered Israel to the foreign invaders
- 4) God cast Israel away



# ISRAEL SECEDED FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD



- Only a kingdom ruled over by a Davidic king is a Kingdom of God
- Israel crowning Jeroboam as king repudiated the Davidic line
- Hezekiah made a way for Israel to rejoin their brothers, but most of the 10 tribes refused
- The revelation and call to return to our Hebrew faith roots is true revival