

Lesson, 2 Kings 17: 9-18. Read 2 Kings 17: 1-23; Amos 6; Hosea 5; Commit vs. 13, 14.

9. And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right, against the Lord their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

10. And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:

11. And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the heathen whom the Lord carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger:

12. For they served idols, whereof the Lord had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

13. Yet the Lord testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

14. Notwithstanding they would not hear, but

hardened their necks, like to the neck of their fathers, and did not believe in the Lord their God.

15. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the heathen that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, that they should not do like them.

16. And they left all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.

17. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

18. Therefore, the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

GOLDEN TEXT: "If thou seek Him, He will be found of thee, but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off forever." I Chron. 28 : 9.

MY BIBLE STORY THIS WEEK.



When people do wrong they have to suffer for it. Those about whom we have been learning all this quarter might have been very happy and lived at peace in their own homes, had they followed God, but they would not do that, but forsook Him. They went their own way, and were not willing to do as God wanted them. When their enemies came upon them they were conquered, because God was not willing to help them because of their sin, and thus the people who had once lived happily together were taken captive to a foreign land.

Our Golden Text teaches us that "If we seek the Lord He will be found of thee, but if we forsake Him He will cast us off forever."

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

EARLY let us seek Thy favor,
Early let us do Thy will,
Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
With Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Prov. 8 : 17.
TUESDAY—I John 5 : 14.
WEDNESDAY—Isaiah 55 : 6.
THURSDAY—Psalm 63 : 1.
FRIDAY—Luke 11 : 9.
SATURDAY—James 1 : 5.
SUNDAY—I Chron. 28 : 9.