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Week 9A Assignment

October 20, 2017, Bi-103 Synoptic Gospel, Professor Armstrong

**1. When was the northern kingdom conquered?**

The Northern Kingdom was conquered in 721 BCE

**2. By who was the northern kingdom conquered?**

The northern Kingdom was conquered by the Assyrians

**3. When did the northern kingdom fall?**

The northern kingdom fell in 720 BCE

**4. What year was the southern kingdom captured?**

It was captured in July 586 BCE

**5. What year was the temple of King Solomon destroyed?**

King Solomon's temple was destroyed in August of 586 BCE

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The Lasting Effect From the Fall  
of the Northern and Southern Kingdom

Much of modern Christianity had its origins due to the captivity of the Northern and Southern Kingdom. Because of the capture of Israel by the Assyrians, and Judah by the Babylonians and the period after the return, there was a major change to the way the people of Israel lived and worship God. In this change the earliest form of Judaism was introduced. Other changes included the abandonment of idolatry, compilation and preservation of the Old Testament, And God's promise of a new covenant.

Exile slowly removed the blindness of God's people to their sin. During their exile it allowed the Jewish people to recognize that their unfaithfulness to the covenant law was the cause of their tragic situation. The Jews abandoned the worship of graven images and began to lay great emphasis on tradition and the law.

Also through the efforts of Ezra, the scribes, and others, much of the Old Testament was compiled and preserved. Volumes of commentary were compiled during this period and later. Ezra made it a mission to put together a "true" copy of the sacred writings so that all could be taught the ancient writings.

And then the captivity and exile of Israel and Judah marked the greatest chastisement for their unfaithfulness of the covenant. This period is also the backdrop to the most hope-filled promises uttered to God's people(Jeremiah 31:31-34). These promises contained a new covenant which would be written on the hearts of God's people and the restoration of God's people and the land.

The effects of the exile of the Israelites were an eye opener for them. It brought about changes in how they lived and worshipped the true and living. These changes were so profound that these changes affect how we live and serve God today.

## Reference

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