

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 Assyria.

3. When did the northern kingdom fall?

The northern kingdom falls in 721BCE.

4. What year was the southern kingdom captured?

The southern kingdom was captured in 597B.C.E.

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

The temple of King Solomon was destroyed in 587 B.C.E.

# The effect of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms on the development of Christianity

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From the beginning of time, God made an eternal covenant with His chosen people (Genesis 17:7).<sup>1</sup> In 2 Samuel 7, God made a covenant promise with David; in the covenant promise He reaffirms the promise of the land that He made in the Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants (2 Samuel 7:10-13).<sup>2</sup> Although God had made a covenant promise to His people Israel, they profaned the land with their sins. And so, God allowed other nations to take them into captivities. In 721BC, the Assyrians conquered Israel and scattered them all over the Middle East. The Assyrian then settled in the capital of Israel, Samaria, and they took with them Assyrian gods and cultic practices. In 597 BC, the Babylonians conquered Judah; in 587BC, they destroyed the temple of King Solomon. But God keeps His covenant with Israel and send the Messiah (Jesus) to deliver them.

Several Old Testament Scriptures prophecies of Jesus' virgin birth, that He was from the line of David, that He would be the Son of God, and He is anointed to preach good tidings. Isaiah 7:14 foretold His virgin birth.<sup>3</sup> Micah 5:2 foretold that Jesus was from the line of David.<sup>4</sup> 1 Chronicles 17:13 foretold that Jesus was the son of God.<sup>5</sup> Isaiah 61:1-2; foretold that the Spirit the Lord God is upon Him: because the LORD hath anointed Him to preach good tidings.<sup>6</sup>

Because of the captivities of the Children of Israel, they were governed by the Roman Empire which helps to spread Christianity. During the times of Christ and the Apostles, the Roman Empire was the dominant world power and they subjugated all nations which they

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1 Genesis 17:7

2 2 Samuel 7:10-13

3 Isaiah 7:14

4 Micah 5:2

5 1 Chronicles 17:13

6 Isaiah 61:1-2

conquered, but they also allowed them certain freedoms, like the freedom to worship in their own way. The Roman empire brought a dominant power to the world, but it also brought a peace that the world had not known for some time. Christianity could spread because the Roman Empire allow each nation, group of people, and individuals the freedom to make and administer its own laws.

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