
THE FALL OF ISRAEL

David Eldridge

The text of 2 Kings 17 tells of the reason why Israel fell as the Lord “removed them from His sight” (2 Kings 17:18). First, they fell because they imitated the evil of those around them (vss. 7-8). Second, they fell because they practiced idolatry (vss. 9-12). Third, they fell because they rebelled against God (vss. 13-16). Forth, they fell because they sacrificed their children (vss. 17-18).

Many today fall for the same reasons. They imitate those in the world around them, doing sinful things. They practice idolatry, putting other things before the Lord. They rebel against the will of the Lord, refusing to heed His voice. They sacrifice their children through abortion, abuse, and neglect. Let us learn from the fall of Israel and be cautious not to make the same mistakes! -

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

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- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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WHY ATTENDANCE IS ESSENTIAL

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Many do not place a great emphasis upon being present when the church comes together. Let's consider from the Bible why attendance is essential...

God Commanded It. Hebrews 10:24-25 commands that we not forsake the assemblies. When we allow things of this world to keep us from attending, we disobey God's command.

To Seek God First. The Lord commanded that we seek first God's kingdom (Matthew 6:33). To make something more important than God and His kingdom is to be guilty of idolatry.

To Worship God. The assembled saints worship God through singing, prayer, Bible study/teaching, observing the Lord's Supper, and giving, all at God's commands (Eph 5:18-19; Eph 4:11-12; Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; 1 Cor. 16:1-2). To be absent is to neglect these responsibilities.

To Follow The Apostle's Example. Through inspiration, Paul commanded, “The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you” (Php 4:9). Paul assembled with the saints (Acts 20:7-12).

To Mature As A Christian. Too many Christians are very weak in Bible knowledge. They neglect daily Bible study and prayer, and they neglect coming together with the saints to study. God has put the assemblies in place in order to help us grow as Christians (Eph. 4:11-16). To neglect attendance is to neglect a God-given opportunity to become strengthened in knowledge.

To Encourage Brethren. We are inconsiderate towards our brethren when we neglect attendance (Hebrews 10:24-25). According to these two verses, when we attend, we (1) Consider one another (2) stir up love and good works in each other (3) Exhort one another.

To Be Encouraged. Not only do we give brethren much needed encouragement when we are present at the gatherings of the church, but we also receive much needed encouragement and exhortation from our brethren. Why would we want to miss out on an opportunity to encourage and be encouraged by the brethren that we are to love?

It is essential for us to be present when the church gathers together! 🔍

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DID JESUS USE CARNAL METHODS TO ATTRACT CROWDS?

Greg Gwinn

Many religious groups use a variety of carnal appeals to draw people to their assemblies. For instance, there are suppers and ice cream socials, ball games and entertainment events, etc. When asked to justify these activities they will commonly refer to the episodes where Jesus fed the multitudes. Some have said, 'If you first feed a man's body, then you'll have a chance to feed his soul.' Let's see if their reference to Jesus' activities will really support their practices.

There were two separate instances in which Jesus miraculously fed huge crowds of people with small quantities of food. One time there were 5000 men, plus women and children (Mt. 14:15-21; Mk. 6:30-44, Lk. 9:10-17; Jn. 6:1-14). On another occasion there were 4000 men, plus women and children (Mt. 15:32-38; Mk. 8:1-9).

In both instances, the people had followed Jesus to hear His marvelous teaching and to see His amazing miracles. There had never been a promise of food to draw them. In fact, both episodes show the people following long distances and for a long time before they were offered food. For example, in **Matthew 15:32** we read "Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way." Do you see it? The people were not lured to follow by an offer of food. The food came AFTERWARDS, as an act of compassion. The people had NOT come in anticipation of being fed.

We have one reference where Jesus suspected that the people did, indeed, come with a desire of receiving food (Jn. 6:22ff). On that occasion He DID NOT feed them! Those who would use the example of Jesus feeding the multitudes to justify their carnal practices today are simply wrong! -



A big thanks to everyone who worked hard at making our Gospel Meeting a success; for inviting folks to come, for attending yourself, and to our men who led singing and prayers throughout the meeting.

Thank You!!!

SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

Title: _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Frank Anderson
Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord's Table:
 - Lead.....Kenny Johnson
 - Serve.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Kenny Todd
- Closing Prayer.....Sam Miller

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Invitation.....

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Sam Miller
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

Thank You For Serving!

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

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Available Upon Request!***