

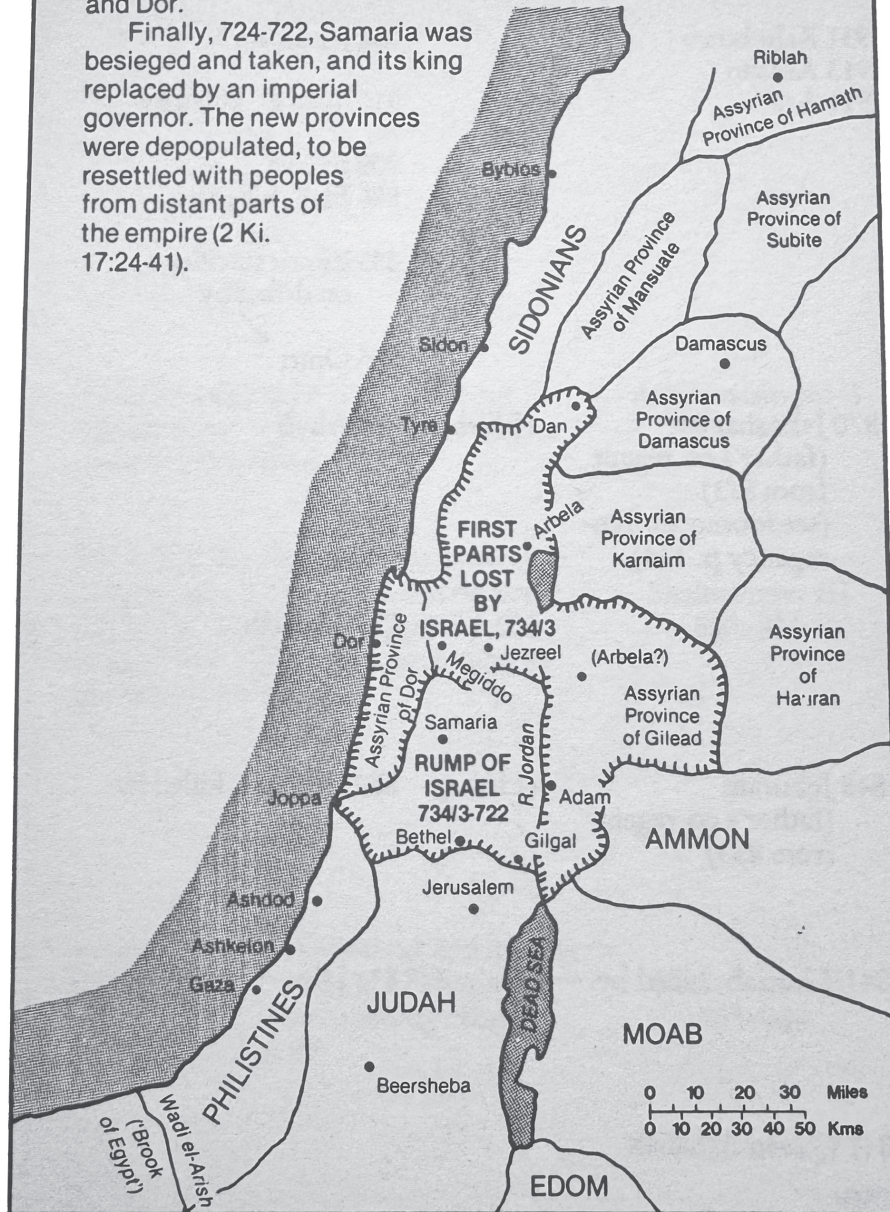
# HOSEA LESSON 9

## THE BREAK-UP OF ISRAEL

Between 734 and 722 BC the kingdom of Israel and most of its northern neighbours were reduced to petty provinces of the Assyrian empire.

In 734/3, Galilee, Gilead and the coastal strip were taken (2 Ki. 15:29; Is. 9:1), to become the provinces of Megiddo, Gilead and Dor.

Finally, 724-722, Samaria was besieged and taken, and its king replaced by an imperial governor. The new provinces were depopulated, to be resettled with peoples from distant parts of the empire (2 Ki. 17:24-41).



(from *The Message of Hosea* by Derek Kidner)