

~AVVITES (45)
(Av'vites)

- Inhabitants of **Avva**, who were among the peoples whom the Assyrians used to replace exiled Israelites after capturing Samaria in **740 B.C.E.**
- Subsequently the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon and Cuthah and **Avva** and Hamath and Sepharvaim and had them dwell in the cities of Samaria instead of the sons of Israel, and they began to take possession of Samaria and to dwell in its cities. (**2 Kings 17:24**)
- All these transplanted inhabitants came to be known as Samaritans. The **Avvites**, though learning the fear of Yehowah to some degree, nevertheless, made and worshiped the gods Nibhaz and Tartak.
- However, each different nation came to be a maker of its own god, which they then deposited in the house of the high places that the Samaritans had made, each different nation, in their cities where they were dwelling. (**2 Kings 17:29**)
- And the men of Babylon, for their part, made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth, for their part, made Nergal, and the men of Hamath, for their part, made Ashima. (**2 Kings 17:30**)
- As for the **Avvites**, they made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites were burning their sons in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech the gods of Sepharvaim. (**2 Kings 17:31**)
- And they came to be fearers of Yehowah and went making for themselves from the people in general priests of high places, and they came to be functionaries for them in the house of the high places. (**2 Kings 17:32**)
- It was of Yehowah that they became fearers, but it was of their own gods that they proved to be worshipers, according to the religion of the nations from among whom they had led them into exile. (**2 Kings 17:33**)

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