

The “enemies” who opposed them, **4:1f**, were the people later known as “Samaritans.” Note **vv2,10**.

2Ki 17:24f discusses the origin of these people.

- The root of the Samaritans, **vv6,24**.
- Mixed race and religion, **vv27-29**.
- “Remnant” left in Samaria
 - **2Ch 30:6-11**
 - **2Ch 34:9**
 - **2Ch 35:18** – “all Judah and Israel.” Note **34:33**.
 - Some say *all* the Israelites were taken out of the land. But, evidently that is not correct, as the above Scriptures show.
- Samaritans were not “Jews” nor “Gentiles” – **Mt 10:5,6; Ac 8:25**
- Samaritans – “our fathers” – **Jn 4:20**. Mixed race.
- There was hostility between the northern kingdom and the southern kingdom from the time of the division under Rehoboam, and this latent hostility may have contributed to the enmity here. But, the enmity stirred by this event flamed into a hatred that lasted for centuries and was reflected in the times of the New Testament.