

JEROBOAM, FIRST KING OF ISRAEL

1 Kings 12:25 – 14:20

The judgment of God, which was promised because of the sin of Solomon, had now come to pass as a result of the foolishness of Rehoboam. Therefore, instead of the one great nation, there were now two smaller nations, Israel and Judah. The next few lessons will be devoted to the study of the northern nation, Israel, which was the larger of the two. Read now about her first king, Jeroboam:

A. The Beginning of Jeroboam's Reign: Read 1 Kings 12:25-53

1. What promise had God given Jeroboam when He first promised him the ten tribes? 1 Kings 11:38

2. After Jeroboam became king, what did he fear would happen to his kingdom? 1 Kings 12:26

3. What was he afraid would happen to him as a result? 1 Kings 12:27b

4. What did he think might cause these things to happen? 1 Kings 12:27a

5. What did he do in order to keep them from coming to pass? 1 Kings 12:28a

6. What did he tell the people of his nation about the idols which he had made? 1 Kings 12:28b

7. What did the people do as a result of Jeroboam's leadership? 1 Kings 12:30b

8. What does God in His Word call the action of Jeroboam and his people? 1 Kings 12:30a

B. God's Message to Jeroboam: Read 1 Kings 13:1-10

1. As Jeroboam was making a sacrifice upon his altar, what messenger came to him? 1 Kings 13:1

2. What did he predict would happen upon Jeroboam's altar? 1 Kings 13:2b

3. What sign did he give that his prediction would actually come to pass? 1 Kings 13:3

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4. What did king Jeroboam do when he heard the man of God's prediction?

1 Kings 13:4a

5. What happened to the king as a result of this? 1 Kings 13:4b

6. What else happened at about this time? 1 Kings 13:5

7. What did the king then ask the man of God to do? 1 Kings 13:6

. After the man of God had done this, what did the king ask him to do?

1 Kings 13:7

9. Why did the man of God refuse to do this? 1 Kings 13:8-10

C. Jeroboam's Response to God's Message: Read 1 Kings 13:33–14:20

1. What did Jeroboam do after God had warned him about his wicked way?

1 Kings 13:33a

2. What did God say would happen to Jeroboam's household as a result of this? 1 Kings 13:34, 14:11

3. What did God say would eventually happen to the nation Israel because of this sin? 1 Kings 14:15, 16

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What caused Jeroboam to commit the terrible sin of establishing calf-worship in the place of God-worship?

2. What terrible sins will I commit if I am so fearful that I fail to trust God to carry out the promises He has made to me? (See Numbers 23:19)
