

## The Mistakes Of Jeroboam

1 Kings 11:26-40

**Jeroboam Didn't Take God At His Word!!!**

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### Who was Jeroboam? (1 Kings 11:28)

- "Mighty man of valor"
- "Industrious"
- "Charge over all the labor of the house of Joseph."
- Heritage. (1 Kings 11:26)
- "A servant of Solomon." (1 Kings 11:26)
- "Lifted up his hand against the king." (1 Kings 11:21, 27-31; cf. 2 Sam. 15, like Absalom)
- Enemy of Solomon. (1 Kings 11:40)

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## What God Promised Jeroboam

### ➤ Plain, simple and easily understood.

- 1 Kings 11:31 "Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee."
- 1 Kings 11:37-38 "And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel. **And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that which is right in mine eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; THAT I WILL BE WITH THEE, AND WILL BUILD THEE A SURE HOUSE, AS I BUILT FOR DAVID, AND WILL GIVE ISRAEL UNTO THEE.**"

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## Jeroboam Becomes King Over Israel

- Rehoboam's refusal to heed the request of the northern tribes. (1 Kings 12:1-20)
  - His forces told by Shemaiah "for this thing is of me." (1 Kings 12:21-24)
  - Kingdom divided politically, but to remain united religiously.
- Jeroboam doubts his rule, took counsel. (1 Kings 12:26-28a; cf. previous chart--1 Kings 11:37-38)

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## Jeroboam's New Religion For Israel

- Changed the object of their worship – two golden calves. (1 Kings 12:28)
- Changed the place of their worship – Dan & Bethel – Religion of convenience. (1 Kings 12:28-29)

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## Jeroboam's New Religion For Israel

- Changed their priesthood, made priest of all the tribes. (1 Kings 12:31; cf. Num. 3:10)
  - Jeroboam sacrificed and burned incense upon the altar at Bethel. (1 Kings 12:32-33)
- Changed the date of one of the important feast. (1 Kings 12:32; cf. Lev. 23:33-34)

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## The Folly Of Jeroboam

- ever ties of his people with Judah, "devised of his own heart" (1 Kings 12:33)
- 1 Kings 11:38 "And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that which is right in mine eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will build thee a house, and will build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee."

But Jeroboam Didn't Take God At His Word!

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## Jeroboam Not The First Nor Last To Do This!!!

- Cain (Gen. 4)
- Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10)
- Lot's Wife (Gen. 19:26)
- Achan at Jericho (Josh. 7)
- King Saul (1 Sam. 15)

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## Some Today Make The Same Mistakes as Jeroboam

Baptism:

- A burial (Rom. 6:4)
- Like Christ, raised to walk in newness of life. (Rom. 6:4)
- One Baptism. (Eph. 4:5; Mt. 28:19-20; Acts 10:47)

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## Some Today Make The Same Mistakes as Jeroboam

- Church of our Lord is the Body of Christ. (Eph. 4:4; 1 Cor. 12:13) Made up of members. (1 Cor. 12:27)
- Christ built it. (Mt. 16:18)
- He died for it. He is the Savior. (Eph. 5:23-25)
- He purchased it with blood. (1 Pet. 1:18-19)

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## Some Today Make The Same Mistakes as Jeroboam

- He is the Head. (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18)
- He has all Authority. (Mt. 28:18)
- Reconciliation in the One Body. (Eph. 2:16)

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## Mistakes Of Jeroboam...

➤ Promise of God

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- Sever ties of his people with Judah, "devised of his own heart" (1 Kings 12:33)

Remember Jeroboam, He wouldn't take God at His word!!!