

JEROBOAM

2 Kings 17:21

"For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king; and Jeroboam drove Israel from following Jehovah, and made them sin a great sin."

Jeroboam's Background 1 Kings 11:26-28

Son of Nebat, tribe of Ephraim

- ☐ An industrious man of valor.
- ☐ Appointed by king Solomon as an officer over the labor force of the house of Joseph. (Ephraim & Manasseh)
- ☐ An effective leader.

God's Promise To Jeroboam 1 Kings 11:29-39

Ahijah's prophecy of the division of Israel.

- God's reasons for dividing the kingdom (11:33):
 1. Idolatry of Israel, led by Solomon.
 2. Disobedience to the law of God.
- God's promise to Jeroboam. (verse 38)

Death Threat Against Jeroboam 1 Kings 11:40-12:2

- ☐ Solomon tried to kill Jeroboam. (verse 40)
- ☐ Jeroboam fled to Egypt until after Solomon's death.

The Revolt Against Rehoboam 1 Kings 12:3-24

- ☐ The people's complaint and appeal. (12:3-5)
- ☐ Rehoboam's foolishness. (12:6-15)
- ☐ The division is complete. (12:16-24)
- ☐ Jeroboam made king of northern tribes. (12:20)



The Sins Of Jeroboam 1 Kings 12:25-33 (2 Chronicles 13:8-10)

His attempt to secure his kingdom became his downfall. (12:25-27)

- ❑ Calf worship in Bethel and Dan. (12:28-33; cf. Hosea 8:4-7)
 1. Changed the object of worship - 12:28
 2. Changed the place of worship - 12:29, 31
 3. Changed the priesthood - 12:31 (13:33)
 4. Changed the feast days - 12:32
- ❑ As he devised in his own heart. (12:33)

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1 Kings 14:9 *"but hast done evil above all that were before thee, and hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back."*

- Became a marker of sins in Israel. (1 Kings 14:16; 2 Kings 17:21-23)

God's Judgment Against Jeroboam's Altar 1 Kings 13

- ❑ The prophecy regarding Josiah. (13:2) **NOTE: 2 Kings 23:15-16 291 years later.**
- ❑ Two signs confirming the word of God. (13:3-6)
 - Altar rent
 - Ashes poured out
- ❑ The man of God refuses to eat with Jeroboam. (13:7-10)
- ❑ The man of God is deceived, disobeys, and dies. (13:11-32)
- ❑ Jeroboam remained unrepentant. (13:33-34)

Jeroboam's Reign 1 Kings 14; 2 Chronicles 13

- ❑ Marked by rebellion and idolatry. (2 Chronicles 13:8-10)
- ❑ Marred by war with Judah. (1 Kings 14:19; cf. 2 Chronicles 13:13-20)
- ❑ His house to be destroyed. (1 Kings 14:7-14)
 - **NOTE VERSE 10.**
- ❑ Israel to go into captivity. (1 Kings 14:15-16)
- ❑ King over Israel (northern kingdom) for 22 years. (1 Kings 14:20)

Lessons For Us

- ❑ Great opportunities are no guarantee of success.
- ❑ Knowing God's word does not mean we will obey it.
- ❑ Stubborn selfishness leads to destruction.
- ❑ God will be honored by His people, or in their sin they will be destroyed.
- ❑ God keeps His word, so we must put our faith in Him and not our own devices.