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)

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.”

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)

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)

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)
**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 judgments, as David my servant did; that I will build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.”

**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)

**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)

**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)

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