

JEROBOAM, FIRST KING OF ISRAEL

I Kings 12:25 - 13:10, 13:33-34

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. This unit and the next 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 I Kings 12:25-53

1. When God first promised Jeroboam the ten tribes, what promise had God given him? I Kings 11:38

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

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

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

2. To keep these things from coming to pass, what did he do? I Kings 12:28a

3. What did he tell his people about the idols he had made? I Kings 12:28b

4. As a result of Jeroboam's leadership, what did the people do? I Kings 12:30b

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

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

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

2. What did the man of God predict would happen on Jeroboam's altar? I Kings 13:2b

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

4. When king Jeroboam heard the man of God's prediction, what did he do?
I Kings 13:4a _____

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5. As a result of this, what happened to the king? I Kings 13:4b

6. What else also happened at about this time? I Kings 13:5 _____

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

8. After the man of God had done this, what did the king ask him to do?
I Kings 13:7 _____

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

C. Jeroboam's Response to God's Message: Read I Kings 13:33, 34

1. After God had warned Jeroboam about his wicked way, what did Jeroboam do? Kings 13:33a _____

2. Whom did he choose to be priests for his high places? I Kings 13:33b

3. What did God say would happen to Jeroboam's household as a result of this? **I Kings 13:34** _____

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. If I am so fearful that I fail to trust God to fulfill the promises He has made to me, what terrible sins will I commit? (See Numbers 23:19)
