

Turning the Hearts: Jeroboam

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

Jeroboam had set his heart to become king and take the kingdom.

- Tribe of Ephraim
- Over the forced labor
- His mother was a widow
- Natural-born leader
- Hard worker
- Over the labor force
- Listened to voice of the people



Jeroboam is made king.

- Solomon dies.
- People call for Jeroboam and meet at Shechem.
- Rehoboam refuses to give them easier work conditions.
- Israelites REJECT David's kingly line and authority over them.
- Israelites call Jeroboam to be their king.



10 pieces=Jeroboam's
1 piece=David's house

Ahijah the prophet is sent with the true explanation of the situation.

- The kingdom is being torn from Solomon.
- Ten tribes are being given to Jeroboam for him to take.
- Center of worship is to be preserved for all Israelites.
- David's heir is to be preserved.
- Jeroboam can also have an enduring dynasty.
- This whole series of events is From God and is timed by God.
- Jeroboam flees to Egypt to wait.



Jeroboam sets up the false worship system.

Fearful of peoples' worship in Jerusalem will lead to an allegiance to David's royal line and he will be killed.

GOD SAID

- Place: Jerusalem
- God's Name: Yaweh— "I AM."
- Priests: from Levi/Aaron's family
- Altar: in front of Temple
- Feast days: 3x a year

Jeroboam said

- Bethel and Dan
- gods' name: El (the bull)
- Any tribe and family
- Altar at Bethel
- Fall festival one month later

Whose hand had given Jeroboam all he desired?

ma-nip-u-late

1. To handle or control, typically in a skillful manner.
2. To control or influence (a person or situation) cleverly, unfairly, or unscrupulously.

The Bottom Line

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Jeroboam is confronted at his false altar.

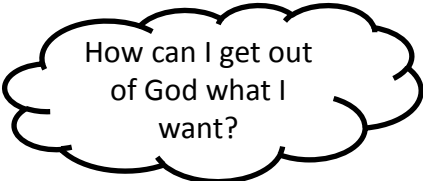
- *A man of God from Judah*
- *“A son from David, named Josiah, will sacrifice the priests and human bones will be burned on you.”*
- *Sign: Altar will be split apart and ashes poured out.*
- *Jeroboam’s withered hand is restored.*
- *The man of God is confirmed to be a true prophet of God.*

After this event Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but again he made priests of the high places from among all the people; any who would, he ordained, to be priests on the high places.

II Kings 13:33

Jeroboam seeks God’s advice.

- Jeroboam’s son is sick and he wants to know what will happen to him.
- Sends his wife in disguise to the prophet Ahijah at Shiloh. She takes 10 loaves, some cakes and a jar of honey.
- The harsh message to Jeroboam:
- “You have not been like David, but have made other gods and cast Me behind your back!”
- God will make a clean sweep of the house of Jeroboam (like one sweeps away dung) II K. 14:10
- The dogs will eat those who die in the city and the birds will eat those who die in the field who belong to Jeroboam.
- The child will die when you get home and will be mourned and buried. (He was the only one who had anything good in him.)
- The Lord will **uproot** Israel from this good land and scatter them beyond the Euphrates River. He will give up Israel **on account of the sins of Jeroboam.** (I Kings 14:16)



How can I get out of God what I want?



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