

# 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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