

Kings of Israel:
Jeroboam- 1 Kings 12 20-33; 13: 1-6, 33,34
10/16/24

Jeroboam, “he who contends for justice” or “may the people multiply” was the first king of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Jeroboam was a servant of King Solomon who was like a foreman over the huge building projects of the king (1 Kings 11:28). During the reign of King Solomon, Ahijah, a prophet from Shiloh, confronted Jeroboam, and tore his own coat into 12 pieces, and gave 10 to Jeroboam (1 Kings 11: 29-39). The prophet interpreted this as God’s pledge that Jeroboam would become king over 10 of the 12 tribes.

Hearing of the death of Solomon, Jeroboam learned that the tribes would assemble at Shechem to make Solomon’s son Rehoboam their king. Taking into account the people’s resentment toward Solomon’s high-handed policies, Jeroboam led 10 tribes to revolt against the house of David and they crowned him king.

Jeroboam was an evil king, as were all the kings after him who came to power in Israel. He led the people to worship idols in Dan and Bethel (1 Kings 15: 25,26).

Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary, Holman Publishers, pg 873.

Jeroboam Made King:

1 Kings 12:20-24

Jeroboam’s Golden Calves:

vv. 25-33

God’s Message to Jeroboam:

1 Kings 13: 1-6

Small Group Discussion:

- 1. What type of king was Jeroboam?**
- 2. What reasons did Jeroboam give as to why the people should not go and worship in Jerusalem?**
- 3. Where do we see the making of a gold calf prior to this text, and what was the outcome of this sin?**
- 4. Why did Jeroboam's hand wither?**
- 5. Are those in leadership roles held responsible for leading people astray?**
- 6. Am I we our brother's keeper? Explain**

Next Week's Lesson:

King Jeroboam – 1 Kings 14: 1-20

Background Reading:

2 Chronicles 13:2-22