

*Kings of Israel:  
Jeroboam- 1 Kings 14: 1-20  
10/23/24*

**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.*

**The Illness of Jeroboam’s Son:**

**1 Kings 14: 1-6**

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**The Fate of Jeroboam:**

**vv. 7-14**

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**The Fate of Israel:**

**vv. 15-18**

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**Small Group Discussion:**

- 1. Discuss how Jeroboam was disobeying God and trying to seek favors from Him at the same time (vv. 1-6).**
- 2. Why does God reference David in the message He sends to Jeroboam?**
- 3. Discuss some of the judgments God would send upon Jeroboam because of his disobedience.**
- 4. What was the reward of Jeroboam's sick son (v.13)?**
- 5. Describe God's judgment on Jeroboam's dynasty.**

**Next Week's Lesson:**

**Hebrews chapters 1 and 2**