

**Lesson 5**  
Jeroboam Reigns Over Israel  
( 1 Kings 12:25 – 14:20 )

**Questions**

1. Why did Jeroboam institute unauthorized, idolatrous worship in Dan and Bethel (1 K. 12:25-29)?
  
2. What was sinful and unauthorized about Jeroboam's worship (1 K. 12:30-33)?
  
3. What did the man of God prophesy against the altar at Bethel when Jeroboam was there and what sign did he give Jeroboam (1 K. 13:1-5)?
  
4. What request did Jeroboam have for the man of God and what invitation did Jeroboam offer him (1 K. 13:6-10)?
  
5. What did an old prophet in Bethel invite the man of God to do and what happened (1 K. 13:11-19)?
  
6. What happened as a result of the disobedience of the man of God (1 K. 13:20-25)?
  
7. What did the old prophet do with the dead body of the man of God and what honor did the old prophet give him (1 K. 13:26-32)?
  
8. What was the spiritual attitude of Jeroboam at this time and what was the consequence of that attitude (1 K. 13:33-34)?
  
9. What did Jeroboam ask his wife to do with Ahijah the prophet (1 K. 14:1-5)?

10. What did Ahijah say would happen as a result of Jeroboam's sins (1 K. 14:6-18)?

- To Jeroboam (1 K. 14:6-11) –
- To the child (1 K. 14:12-13, 17-18) –
- To Israel (1 K. 14:14-16) –

11. How long did Jeroboam reign over Israel and who reigned in his place when he died (1 K. 14:19-20)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. What are the approximate dates for Jeroboam's reign over Israel (1 K. 14:20)?

2. What did Jeroboam do with the lawful priests and Levites (1 K. 12:31; see 2 Chron. 11:14-15; 13:9).

3. Where in 2 Kings are we told about the fulfillment of the prophecy in 1 Kings 13:2? What are the approximate number of years between this prophecy and its fulfillment?

4. What did Josiah do with the sepulcher and bones of the man of God and old prophet (1 K. 13:31)?

5. Where, earlier in 1 Kings, had Ahijah the prophet spoken concerning Jeroboam being king (1 K. 14:2)?

6. Where is the judgment against Jeroboam (1 Kings 14:11) fulfilled in 1 Kings and where is it repeated later in 1 Kings?

7. What were the Asherim (1 K. 14:15)?

8. What is the approximate date for the Assyrian captivity of Israel (1 K. 14:15; see 2 K. 17:6)?

9. With whom did Jeroboam make war (1 K. 14:19; see 1 K. 14:30 and 2 Chron. 13:1-22)?

10. Locate the following on a map: Shechem and Penuel (1 K. 12:25), Dan and Bethel (1 K. 12:29), Shiloh (1 K. 14:4), the River (1 K. 14:15), and Tirzah (1 K. 14:17).

### **Applications for Today**

1. Division among brethren leads to unauthorized worship, sinful influence, and civil war (1 K. 12:25-33, 13:33-4; 14:15-16; 14:19; Gal. 1:6-9; 3:1; 4:17; 5:1, 9, 15, 20).

2. Unauthorized worship comes about when people appeal to their own conveniences and to following their own hearts (1 K. 12:26, 28, 33; Col. 2:23).

3. Unauthorized worship looks like authorized worship, but it is not. It is sinful and contrary to God's word (1 K. 12:30-33; 13:33-34; Jn. 4:24-26).

4. Don't worship God based upon what is in your own heart; worship according to what is in God's word (1 K. 12:33; Col. 3:17).

5. God's word always comes true (1 K. 13:2-5; 14:11; Mt. 5:18; 1 Pet. 1:25).

6. Like Jeroboam, many people want the blessings from the Lord without being obedient to the Lord (1 K. 13:6; 14:2; Lk. 6:46).

7. Test everything that everybody says. Just because a religious person tells you that he is speaking the Lord's word does not always mean he is telling the truth (1 K. 13:18-19; Gal. 1:6-10; 2 Pet. 2:1ff; 1 Thess. 5:21; 1 Jn. 4:1).

8. God punishes disobedience, even when that disobedience is the result of following a lie (1 K. 13:21, 26; 2 Cor. 10:6; Heb. 2:2-3).
9. Sin will often continue to grow and will always have negative consequences for oneself and others (1 K. 13:33-34; 14:6-18; Rom. 6:23; 2 Tim. 3:13).
10. You can't fool the Lord because he sees all, hears all, and knows all (1 K. 14:1-5; Prov. 15:3).
11. Like David, be remembered for your whole-hearted service and obedience to the Lord (1 K. 14:8; Psa. 9:1; 86:12; 111:1; 119:2, 10, 34, 58, 69, 145; 138:1).
12. Don't cast God behind your back (1 K. 14:9; Neh. 9:26; Psa. 50:17; Ezek. 23:35).
13. Don't cause other people to sin like Jeroboam "made Israel to sin" (1 K. 14:16; Mt. 18:6). Note: Eighteen times in scripture we are told that Jeroboam "made Israel to sin" (1 K. 14:16; 15:30, 34; 16:26; 21:22; 22:52; 2 K. 3:3; 10:29, 31; 13:2, 6, 11; 14:24; 15:9, 18, 24, 28; 23:15).