

Jeroboam: The Defining Decision between Trust and Fear

Source Text: 1 Kings 12:25-33

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Sermon Points:

Read in preparation: 1 Kings 11; 1 Kings 12:25-33; and 1 Kings 13:1-14:20

1. **Prologue:** A New Job and New Promise for an Enduring House (1 Kings 11:26-39)
2. **Conflict Introduced:** In Enemy Hands (1 Kings 11:40; 12:20-21)
3. **Complicating Factors:** Threats Real and Imagined (1 Kings 12:25-27)
4. **Turning Point:** Counterfeit Religion (1 Kings 12:28-31)
5. **Consequences:** Two Baby Boys (1 Kings 13:1-14:18)
6. **Epilogue:** A Missed Opportunity (1 Kings 14:19-20)

Discussion Questions:

1. What details stand out to you from the story?
2. What are some key lessons from the story?
3. What did Jeroboam fear, and what impact did that fear have on him?
4. What fears do you struggle with (e.g., the future, the unknown, being exposed, rejected, or harmed)?
5. What are some practical ways have you cultivated trust in your life?
6. Read Deuteronomy 12 and discuss the idea of “sacred space”. What was the progression of sacred space in the Old Testament, and how is Jesus our tabernacle now? Is He the only way?