

WASTED GIFTS
2 KINGS 17:21 / 3-18-18 / PM

I. JEROBOAM'S LIFE.

A. His background.

1. Father—Nebat of the tribe of Ephaim, a Northern Tribe.
2. Mother—Zeruah, a widow—1 Kings 11:26.

B. His gifts.

1. Solomon recognized his giftedness—1 Kings 11:28.
2. The prophet Ahijah also recognized God's hand was on him—1 Kings 11:29-31.
3. God's promise to bless him—1 Kings 11:37-38.
4. Solomon felt threatened by him—1 Kings 11:40.

C. His rebellion against Rehoboam.

1. The reason for the rebellion—1 Kings 12:1-3, 12-15.
2. The result of the rebellion—1 King 12:16 and 20.

D. His sins.

1. In order to protect his rule he forbade Israel to go to Jerusalem to worship. Instead he set up idols in their own country to worship—1 Kings 12:26-30.
2. A prophet predicted his downfall—1 Kings 13:1-5.

E. His reign.

1. One of rebellion and idolatry—2 Chron. 13:8-10.
2. His son died and his family line died out.
3. He ruled 22 years then died.

II. JEROBOAM'S LESSONS.

- A. Great opportunities or gifts are no guarantee of success.
- B. God has gifted all of us in many ways.

- C. God expects us to use our gifts for His glory.
- D. It's possible to ignore our gifts or waste them.
- E. Knowing God doesn't mean we will obey Him.
- F. We must trust God to take care of us instead of going our own way—Prov. 3:5-6.
- G. God wants to use us if we faithfully follow him—1 Kings 11:37-38.
- H. We are all going to leave a legacy for the next generation. Will it be good or bad?