

Major Event: Decline of the Kingdom

Lesson 2: Jeroboam (931- 910 BC)

Scriptures: I Kings 11:26-40 (esp. v. 38); 12: 25-33; 14:1-20; 2 Chron. 10:12, 19; 13:6-20

Central Text: I Kings 11:26, 11:38, 14:7, 1; 15:29; 2 Chronicles 13:6-20

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

1. God's conditional promise to give Jeroboam an "enduring house" (11:38) for faithful obedience.
2. Jeroboam's failure to trust the LORD revealed in his construction of a false religious system and priesthood (I Kings 12:28ff).
3. Jeroboam's steadfast idolatry (I Kings 13:33) which led to civil war and his destruction (2 Chron. 13:17, 20).

Suggested Attributes:

Of God: Veracity: God fulfilled His promise to Solomon to tear the kingdom from his son because of idolatry. Omnipotence: God uses who He wants and what events He wills or allows to accomplish His purposes, even men and their deeds.

Of Man: A sinful, rebellious nature and a lack of faith are revealed in Jeroboam's disastrous rule.

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home: Psalm 133, I John 5:21

Notes: God did, in fact, sanction Jeroboam's rebellion against the house of David on account of Solomon's idolatry. He even made Jeroboam a real offer of an enduring house for obedience but true to the words of His prophet (I Kings 13:2) Jeroboam's house was struck down for idolatrous rebellion. Emphasize God's Holiness and His Judgment on His own people for idolatry. Remember to define idolatry for the children: Not simply following false gods but also placing anything or anyone above the worship of the true God.