

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Since God had promised the ten tribes to Jeroboam (Chapter 11:31) why should he establish a false worship?
2. What did Jeroboam do to make this false worship acceptable to the people?
3. Does a danger exist today that people can be led into false worship by patterns of worship similar to what God requires? Explain.
4. What was God's response to this new "worship"?

### SUMMARY:

Jeroboam could not bear to allow God His rightful place. In order to elevate himself he had to find a substitute for God. Rather than finding his right relationship with God and remaining humble, Jeroboam had to find a god that was "his size," so he made one. Many people today make gods and then worship them, and cause others to worship them. The Bible has very serious warnings for those who would lead others in a false way. When Jeroboam saw his hand dry up and he lost the control of it, he became very concerned. He implored the man of God to return his hand to its previous condition. It would have been much better for him had he seen through this sign and been concerned for his eternal condition. The Bible teaches us that we are not to be concerned about those who can destroy the body, but He who can establish the eternal resting place of the soul. [\[SoF:8\]](#)

### NOTES:

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[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

April 22, 2018

Second Quarter

### JEROBOAM LEADS ISRAEL INTO IDOLATRY

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**LESSON TEXT:** *1 Kings 12:25-33; 13:1-6*

**LESSON SETTING:** Israel under Jeroboam's rule.

**TIME:** Approximately 975 B.C.

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- I. A SUBSTITUTE FOR GOD.** 1 Kings 12:25-29
  - A. Selfish Thinking (vs. 27) Ezekiel 33:31; Micah 2:2; Habakkuk 2:9
  - B. Golden Calves (vs. 28) 2 Kings 10:29; 17:16
  - C. Idolatry (vs. 30) Jeremiah 8:2; Acts 12:22; Acts 14:11; 1 Corinthians 10:20
- II. A SUBSTITUTE FOR WORSHIP.** 1 Kings 12:30-33
  - A. Man Appointed Priests (vs. 31) 2 Kings 23:5
  - B. A Man Appointed Feast (vs. 32) Ezekiel 22:9
  - C. Jeroboam Offers Sacrifices (vs. 33) 1 Samuel 13:12-13
- III. A SIGN FROM THE LORD.** 1 Kings 13:1-6
  - A. Through a Man of God (vs. 1) Isaiah 2:1; Isaiah 6:8-9
  - B. A Sign Given (vs. 3) 2 Kings 20:9-10; Isaiah 7:14; Luke 2:12
  - C. God's Judgment (vs. 4) 1 Kings 13:26; 1 Samuel 15:22-28
  - D. Sign Fulfilled (vs. 5) 2 Kings 20:11; Matthew 1:24-25; Luke 2:16

**GOLDEN TEXT:** . . . *KEEP YOURSELVES FROM IDOLS.*

1 John 5:21

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** 1 Kings 16:28-34; 17:1-24

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Matthew 3:1-11; 6:26-34;  
Matthew 11:1-19; 17:1-13

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Kings and Prophets of Israel

**TOPIC:** ELIJAH, GOD'S PROPHET

**INTRODUCTION:**

To understand better what manner of man this Elijah was, we need only look at the time the Lord called him into service and the conviction he exhibited in his first assignment. Ahab, King of Israel, had taken for his wife a heathen princess, the daughter of the King of Tyre and Sidon. She had accomplished such an influence over him that he did her every bidding. The people of the land were also under her evil influence and worshipped the gods of Baal. It was during this time that God acknowledged that 7,000 only had not bowed the knee to Baal. How could a man be bold in such an evil circumstance? Yet, Elijah was told to be bold in such a situation. He called on the Lord of Israel and declared that no rain should fall in answer to his prayer. It was only after he had obeyed that the LORD made provision for him in sending him to the brook Cherith. One cannot help but wonder what Elijah must have expected to happen to him after he made his dread prophesy. He either had such a trust in the Lord that he knew he would be taken care of, or he was willing to suffer the consequences of his act. Then he watched the brook dry up and was directed to a home only to find there that the food was about to run out. Place yourself in his shoes as he encountered these obstacles. Yet they did serve to make him stronger. The same God who directed Elijah to speak out for Him is yet directing man to speak out in this day. He still seeks to make the man who is willing to serve Him stronger. He still seeks to speak to the world through the weakness of man. We can still decide to serve Him or choose to go our own ways. Consider the blessings that were Elijah's as he served the Lord.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** God provides for His servants and prepares them for future ministries.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *BUT MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY CHRIST JESUS.*

Philippians 4:19

Do these words sound strange coming from a man who suffered all of the persecution that the Apostles suffered? Shipwrecked, beaten, imprisoned, threatened, misunderstood and hated by those who considered themselves God's leaders. This seems hardly words to be coming from his lips, when we know that at times he had to leave off what we might consider a full-time ministry to make tents full-time and preach part-time. Yet the words are true and were rightfully spoken by the Apostle Paul. God will supply all of the needs of those who serve Him and submit to His Lordship. "Needs" must then have a much deeper meaning than we would first attach to it. "Needs" must be more than our daily bread and clothes to cover our bodies and shelter for our family. Yes, when all eternity is taken into consideration a whole new set of values comes into view. As the songwriter says, "Things of this earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." Spiritual things become more important and our spiritual well being of the most importance. We can certainly glory in the knowledge that our needs will be supplied and all things will work to our ultimate good.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 23 – 29**

- M. \*Ahab Becomes King. 1 Kings 16:28-34
- T. \*Elijah Declares Judgment. 1 Kings 17:1-7
- W. \*Elijah Sustained Physically. 1 Kings 17:8-16
- T. Elijah Performs a Miracle. 1 Kings 17:17-24
- F. Elijah's God Provides for Us. Matthew 6:26-34
- S. Elijah's Spirit in Another. Matthew 11:1-19
- S. Elijah Rewarded. Matthew 17:1-13

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