

“Kings Of Israel” – JEROBOAM

INTRODUCTION: God splits Israel because of Solomon’s SINS.

- Israel breaks from Judah because of Rehoboam’s pride, greed.

People have a tendency to LIE – Mt. 12:36 ... **WHY?**

- 1.- To Get Out Of Trouble
- 2.- To Make Money – Exodus 20:15
- 3.- For Revenge – Romans 12:19
- 4.- To Cover Up Another Lie
- 5.- To NOT Hurt Someone’s Feelings
- 6.- To Make Us Feel Important
- 7.- Because We Are Self-Deceived
- 8.- To Protect Someone – Psalm 116:11

1 Kings 13:1-5 – A young Prophet speaks against the false altars.

- **12:2** – Josiah, 300 years later, would destroy the false priesthood.
- Ashes fallen on the ground made them “*unclean*”.
- To NOT worship the 1 True God, is living a LIE – John 4:24
- **12:28-29** – King Jeroboam erected golden calves as false gods.
- **12:27** – He didn’t want people to go to Jerusalem to worship.
- **12:28-31** – He set up a false priesthood.

13:6 – Jeroboam asks the Prophet for God to heal his withered hand.

13:7-10 – The Prophet is invited to dine with the King ... he declines.

13:18-19 – The older Prophet LIES to him, and he falls for it.

13:20-22 – There’s a consequence to DISOBEDIENCE.

13:23-24 – He should have sought the Lord on this matter ... FIRST!

- **13:22b** – To not be buried with ancestors, was a disgrace.
- **13:24** – 2 “*un-natural*” events ... the beasts were OBEDIENT.

1 Ignorance Of The Law Is No Excuse

2 Beware of “2nd Hand” Information – Prov. 14:12, Prov. 3:5

2 Rely On God’s Word – 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Acts 17:11

13:27-32 – We don’t know what damage our LIES will cause.

CONCLUSION:

- Temptations come to you every day – 1 Peter 5:8
- Don’t be a “*1/2 Hearted*” Christian ... seek God’s will.
- Don’t fall for the LIES of Satan.