



Heroes & Villains Series, No. 33: Jeroboam, I Kings 11-15

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Intro: Jesus' parable in Luke 12 about a master leaving his steward in charge of his household while he was away....

Review:

- Solomon reigned from 970–930 BC:
- In 930 BC Solomon died and his son Rehoboam became king. But he was not destined to hold onto the Northern tribes ...Rehoboam foolishly refused to lighten the burdens on the nation, so the Northern Tribes seceded and took Jeroboam as their new king.

Main points—

1. All that we are given in life is a gift from God, and ultimately meant to be used for God's glory. We don't own ourselves or our stuff, but are stewards called to use everything we are and have, in Christ's name and cause.
2. Each time our sin is called out we're either choosing to harden ourselves, which results in variations of death, or to repent which results in blessing and more life.

I. Lord or Steward?

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1 Kings 11:28–40

- Just as Saul tried to kill his successor David, now Solomon tries to kill his successor. David fled south to escape Saul & so does Jeroboam to escape Solomon.
- Like Jesus as an infant, Egypt becomes the refuge for Jeroboam who only returns to Israel after the death of King Solomon, Cf. Matthew 3:13–21.

1 Kings 12:19–33

In a weird twist, the characters in this story take on shades of the Exodus account...

Jeroboam proves faithless. He had been given much by God but assumed all was given for his pleasure and importance. Instead of leading Israel for God's glory and the tribe's benefit, he uses God's gifts and God's people.

- Like David to Judah, Jeroboam becomes the standard for the kings in Israel for the next 200 years
- Future kings in Israel will be compared to Jeroboam: 1Kings 15:34

The professing Church of Jesus Christ has many Jeroboams...

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Jesus' view of life and service:

- Luke 11:1-4:
- John 4:34
- John 5:19

Christ like transformation in our lives always leads towards humble service of our Father and our High King, the Lord Jesus. That transformation leads to putting God and his things first and serving others in Christ's name.

- Do I see myself as Lord or servant? _____
- Do I put God and God's interests first? _____
- Do I see my life and everything in it as gifts I've been given in order to glorify God, or as commodities to spend on myself? _____
- Do I believe God that his rewards will be worth whatever sacrifices I make here and now? _____

Luke 12:29-34

II. Repentance or Recalcitrance?

1Kings 13:1-6; 33-34

Though God gave Jeroboam his promises ...
Though God cursed the altar and its worship ...
Though God cursed, then cured Jeroboam ...

1Kings 14:1-16, God judges Jeroboam and his household

When confronted w/ his sin Jeroboam's response was to harden his heart like Pharaoh in Egypt had done. As God took the northern tribes from Solomon's son Rehoboam, God will take the northern kingdom away from Jeroboam's son, Nadab. As unrepentant Pharaoh lost his son in judgement, Jeroboam loses his sons.

In what area of life have I put my own desires above God's desires? _____

What does putting God first in that area of life look like? _____

Lord, I acknowledge that my life and all that I have is yours. I give you _____
and all my life and ask you to glorify yourself in me and through me.

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Luke 12:32-34