

Kings of Israel
The Choice Before Us
Sunday, August 2nd, 2026

1 Kings 11:29-39 NIV

²⁹ About that time Jeroboam was going out of Jerusalem, and Ahijah the prophet of Shiloh met him on the way, wearing a new cloak. The two of them were alone out in the country, ³⁰ and Ahijah took hold of the new cloak he was wearing and tore it into twelve pieces. ³¹ Then he said to Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces for yourself, for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'See, I am going to tear the kingdom out of Solomon's hand and give you ten tribes. ³² But for the sake of my servant David and the city of Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, he will have one tribe. ³³ I will do this because they have forsaken me and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Molek the god of the Ammonites, and have not walked in obedience to me, nor done what is right in my eyes, nor kept my decrees and laws as David, Solomon's father, did. ³⁴ "But I will not take the whole kingdom out of Solomon's hand; I have made him ruler all the days of his life for the sake of David my servant, whom I chose and who obeyed my commands and decrees. ³⁵ I will take the kingdom from his son's hands and give you ten tribes. ³⁶ I will give one tribe to his son so that David my servant may always have a lamp before me in Jerusalem, the city where I chose to put my Name. ³⁷ However, as for you, I will take you, and you will rule over all that your heart desires; you will be king over Israel. ³⁸ If you do whatever I command you and walk in obedience to me and do what is right in my eyes by obeying my decrees and commands, as David my servant did, I will be with you. I will build you a dynasty as enduring as the one I built for David and will give Israel to you. ³⁹ I will humble David's descendants because of this, but not forever.'"

1. God Gives the Promise.

2. Fear Creates Its Own Way.

3. Every Generation Must Choose.

Conclusion: Jeroboam already possessed God's promise. He simply didn't believe God's promise could sustain him. The same question stands before every believer today. **Will we trust God's way or create our own?** God's promises always invite us onto His path, but every generation must choose whether it will trust His way or create its own.

LIFE GROUP LESSON
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Week of August 2nd, 2026- August 8th, 2026

Ice Breaker: If you had to choose one, which is harder for you: waiting on God's timing or trusting God's direction when it doesn't make sense?

Read 1 Kings 11:26-40.

1. Who is Jeroboam and how is God using him? (v.26)
2. What was his relationship with Solomon? (vs.27-28))
3. Who did God previously say he would give the kingdom to?
4. Who informed Jeroboam of God's plans? (v.29-31)
5. How many tribes would be given to Jeroboam?
6. Which tribes were left with Solomon's line? (v.32) 1 Kings 12:21-24.
7. What does this remnant show us about God's covenant?
8. What does this also reveal about God's heart?
9. Why did God cause this division? (v.33)
10. Who will be ruling when the tribes split? (v.35)
11. Why does God leave one tribe with David's line? (v.36)
12. What is God's promise to Jeroboam? (v.37)
13. How significant is this promise? Is it trustworthy just as God's other promises are true? Are His promises trustworthy today?
14. What is the condition? (v.38) Why is this so important to God?
15. Is this condition still in play today? How so? Why?
16. What was God doing to the house and heart of David? (v.39)
17. Can you see when God might have allowed division or tearing away of something to humble your heart? Were you aware?
18. Read Romans 5:8. When did God offer salvation?
19. Read Ephesians 2:8. How are we saved and why? What is revealed regarding when God extends His promises?
20. Read 1 Kings 12:26-33. What happened? What was driving these choices?
21. Have you let fear cause you to create your own path and disregard God's divine path? Why? How did that turn out?
22. Read John 14:1, 27; Romans 8:31. What is revealed and what are we called to do? Why? Would this have been true for Jeroboam?
23. Read Deuteronomy 30:19, Joshua 24:15. What is our choice?

Point to ponder: We all have a choice set before us to walk in the lovingkindness of the Lord or to choose our own path. Let us choose wisely. Let us choose life.