

Where Is the God of Elijah?: The Kingdom Divided

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Text: Matthew 12:25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.”

The Kingdom Divided

Reference verses: 1 Kings 16:15-26; 1 Kings 11:26-40

1. How does the reason for God splitting Israel into two different kingdoms explain why there were continued divisions all the way to the time of Elijah?

Walking in the Ways of Jeroboam

Reference verses: 1 Kings 12:25-33

2. There were two reasons Jeroboam made the two golden calves at Bethel and Dan, what were they?

3. One of the problems of Omri was that he “walked in the ways of Jeroboam.” What does it mean to “walk in the ways of Jeroboam,” and why is this so detestable to God?

4. What was Jeroboam and all the other kings of Israel and Judah doing when they set up systems of worship which were not ordered by God?

Reference verses: Isaiah 29:9-14; Matthew 15:8-9

5. What effect did all this sin in Israel’s leaders lead to for the people?

Prosperous People, Spiritually Bankrupt

Reference verses: 1 Kings 16:30-34

6. In what ways did Ahab go farther in his sins than both Jeroboam and his father, Omri?

Reference verses: 1 Kings 16:34; Joshua 6:26

7. What was one of the costs of this wickedness upon the people of Israel?

8. What is happening with the rebuilding of Jericho?

9. How is the story of the divided kingdom important for the church of today?
