

Birth of False Religion

WHY so many different religions?

Kingdom of Israel's false religion 2Ki 17:5-12...16...18

WHY/HOW was this false religion born and perpetuated?

History of this false religion ... 1Ki 15:30 "Jeroboam...made Israel sin..."

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910 BC Nadab 1Ki 15:26 "walked in the way of his father [Jeroboam]"
909 BC Baasha 1Ki 15:34 "walked in the way of Jero. and in his sin"
885 BC Zimri — — — 1Ki 6:19 "walked in the way of Jero. and in his sin"
885 BC Omri — — — -1Ki 16:26 "walked in the way of Jero. ... and in his sins"
874 BC Ahab — — — -1Ki 16:31 "walk in the sins of Jeroboam"
853 BC Ahaziah — — 1Ki 22:52 "walked in the way of ... Jeroboam"
852 BC Jehoram — - 2Ki 3:3 "clung to the sins of Jeroboam"
841 BC Jehu———— 2Ki 10:29 "the sins of Jero...Jehu did not depart"
814 BC Jehoahaz——2Ki 13:2 "followed the sins of Jeroboam"
798 BC Jehoram — - 2Ki 13:11 "did not turn away from all the sins of Jero."
793 BC Jeroboam II—2Ki 14:24 "did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam"
752 BC Menahem — - 2Ki 15:18 "did not depart ... from the sins of Jeroboam"
742 BC Pekahiah — 2Ki 15:24 "did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam"
740 BC Pekah — — 2Ki 15:28 "did not depart from the sins of Jero."
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Personal, unjustified PRIDE

1Ki 11:28 ... 31 ...37; 12:20...26-27

12:27 "people will return to their lord, *even* to Rehoboam king of Judah"

Lack of respect for the Word of God

1Ki 11:38

"listen to all that I command you and walk in My ways, and do what is <u>right</u> in My sight by <u>observing My statutes</u> and My commandments"

Mt 15:9; Lk 10:26; Mt 19:3-4

Convenience

1Ki 12:28-29

"It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem ..."

Contrast ... Mt 20:28; Ac 20:25

Guided by subjective views

1Ki 12:33

"Which he had devised in his own heart"

Jer 10:23; Mt 7:22-23; Ac 26:9

Follow false prophets, teachers

1Ki 13:18

"I am also a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me"

Mt 7:15; 1Jn 4:1; 1Th 5:19-22

Desire to use ability, opportunity ... however...

1Ki 13:33

"anyone who would"

Follow tradition

1Ki 15:26

"walked in the way of his father" — see their history!

Mt 15:9; contrast 2Th 2:15

2Ki 17:13-16...23

Will WE be "removed from His sight" due to FALSE religion...??