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- I. The Northern tribes turn away from King Rehoboam, Solomon's son, and choose Jeroboam as their new king. Right away things go bad in Israel. Read [1 Kings 12:22-33](#). List the various sins Jeroboam commits. How do these line up with the warnings God gave Israel previously? Note ([Deut. 4:15-19, 25-31](#)).

- II. Jeroboam becomes a standard by which the future kings of Israel will be compared. Note the following examples: [1 Kings 15:33-34, 16:25-26; 22:51-53](#). How do we tend to judge our political leaders today? Is there ever a time when personal character isn't important in leadership?

- III. Jeroboam replaces temple worship with "open worship", allowing people to worship God as they see fit. Why is this dangerous? Note God's instructions to Israel on how they are to worship him [Exodus 20:22-26; 34:10-28](#). According to Paul, what happens to people who ignore God's commands and give in to other religious practices ([Romans 1:18-32](#)).

- IV. As a group, suggest how we as Christians are to acceptably worship God today. Has he set any standards, rules or boundaries to regulate our worship? Note [Hebrews 12:28 - 13:17](#). What are the possible consequences of ignoring God's instructions?

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