

The Kings of Judah and Israel

LESSON #07 | 1st King of Israel, Jeroboam and the Golden Calves

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I Kings 12:26-27

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David:

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

1. From Deut 16:2, 6, can the sacrifice unto God be made anywhere in Israel? Underline the two phrases which record that the sacrifices can only be made at God's chosen place:

Deuteronomy 16:2

2 Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there. ...

6 But at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at evens, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt.

3. In the time of prophet Samuel, sacrifices were made in the tabernacle, which was in S _ _ _ _ _ .
4. In the time of King David and Solomon, sacrifices were made in the temple, which was in J _ _ _ _ _ .

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5. There is only one false statement below. Which is it?

- Israelites could pray to God at their homes because God is omnipresent and hears prayers everywhere.
- Israelites could not offer sacrifices in their own homes, but In Jerusalem only
- Israelites could offer sacrifices any where they liked, because God is omnipresent

I Kings 12:28-33

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

31 And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

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6. Out of fear of losing people to Jerusalem, King Jeroboam instituted a new religion. What are the four aspects of this new religion? Fill in the blanks by find the answers in the word search below

- (1) New _ _ _ _ (v 28)
- (2) New _ _ _ _ _ of sacrifice (v 29)
- (3) New _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (v 31)
- (4) New _ _ _ _ of feast (v32)

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7. Do you remember a similar incident in which the Israelites made golden calves as their gods? Read Exodus 32:1-4 and write a summary of what happened.

8. Why is making idols to represent God wrong? Read Exodus 20:1-6 and write down the reason(s) why creating an idol to represent God is wrong.

9. Write down the first two commandments below:

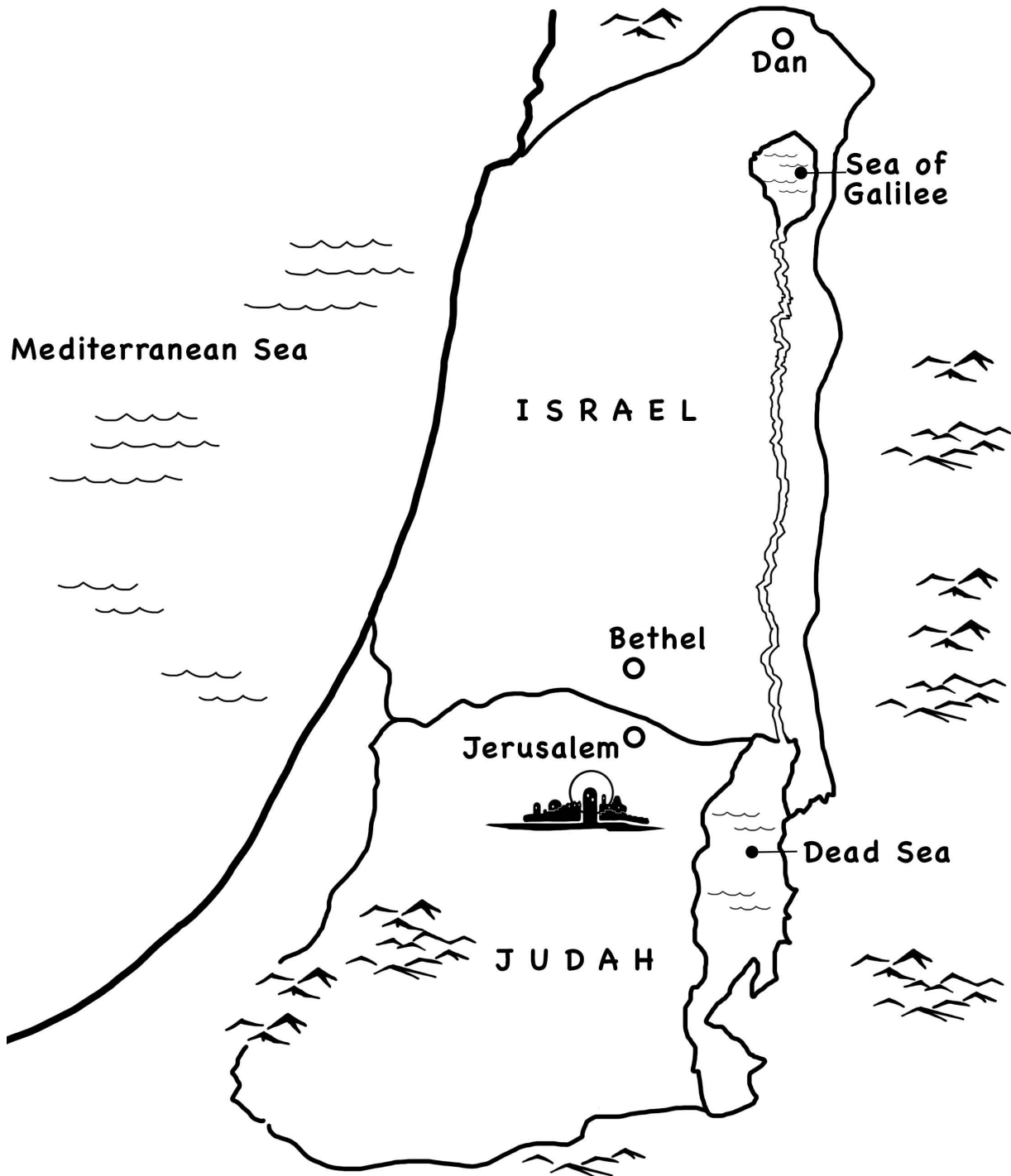
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10. Based on the description in 1 Kings 12:29, draw two "golden" calves, one at each of the two locations, on the map below. Circle, in red, where God commanded the sacrifices to be made.



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11. Read Leviticus 23:33-34, 41-44, and highlight all the instructions which God gave, concerning the day and the month which the Israelites should celebrate the feasts.

Leviticus 23:33-34, 41-44

33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD. ...

41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:

43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

12. Which month did Jeroboam command the Israelites to feast?

7th / 8th / 9th

13. How should Christians worship God? Unscramble the letters below to fill in the blanks.

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the (i) _ _ _ worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in _ _ _ _ _ and in _ _ _ _ _.

(i) r e t u (ii) t i p r i s (iii) h r u t h