

## Part 3: Elijah - God Contest

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Worship

<sup>28</sup>So the king sought advice. Then he made two golden calves, and he said to the people, "Going to Jerusalem is too difficult for you. Israel, here is your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt." <sup>29</sup>He set up one in Bethel, and put the other in Dan. <sup>30</sup>This led to sin; the people walked in procession before one of the calves all the way to Dan.

<sup>31</sup>Jeroboam also built shrines on the high places and set up priests from every class of people who were not Levites. <sup>32</sup>Jeroboam made a festival in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, like the festival in Judah. He offered sacrifices on the altar; he made this offering in Bethel to sacrifice to the calves he had set up. He also stationed the priests in Bethel for the high places he had set up. <sup>33</sup>He offered sacrifices on the altar he had set up in Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month. He chose this month on his own. He made a festival for the Israelites, offered sacrifices on the altar, and burned incense. ~ 1 Kings 12:28-33

3. Constant \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>7</sup>Go tell Jeroboam, 'This is what the Lord God of Israel says: I raised you up from among the people, appointed you ruler over My people Israel, <sup>8</sup>tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you. But you were not like My servant David, who kept My commands and followed Me with all of his heart, doing only what is right in My eyes. <sup>9</sup>You behaved more wickedly than all who were before you. In order to provoke Me, you have proceeded to make for yourself other gods and cast images, but you have flung Me behind your back. <sup>10</sup>Because of all this, I am about to bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam:

*I will eliminate all of Jeroboam's males,  
both slave and free, in Israel;*

*I will sweep away the house of Jeroboam  
as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone!*

*<sup>11</sup>Anyone who belongs to Jeroboam and dies in the city,  
the dogs will eat,  
and anyone who dies in the field,  
the birds of the sky will eat,*

*for the Lord has said it!' ~ 1 Kings 14: 7-11*

<sup>26</sup>Nadab did what was evil in the Lord's sight and followed the example of his father and the sin he had caused Israel to commit. ~ 1 Kings 15:26

<sup>33</sup>In the third year of Judah's King Asa, Baasha son of Ahijah became king over all Israel and reigned in Tirzah 24 years. <sup>34</sup>He did what was evil in the Lord's sight and followed the example of Jeroboam and the sin he had caused Israel to commit. ~ 1 Kings 15:33-34

<sup>8</sup>In the twenty-sixth year of Judah's King Asa, Elah son of Baasha became king over Israel and reigned in Tirzah two years.

<sup>9</sup>His servant Zimri, commander of half his chariots, conspired against him while Elah was in Tirzah getting drunk in the house of Arza, who was in charge of the household at Tirzah. <sup>10</sup>In the twenty-seventh year of Judah's King Asa, Zimri went in, struck Elah down, killing him. Then Zimri became king in his place. ~ **1 Kings 16:8-10**

<sup>25</sup>Omri did what was evil in the Lord's sight; he did more evil than all who were before him. <sup>26</sup>He followed the example of Jeroboam son of Nebat and in his sins that he caused Israel to commit, provoking the Lord God of Israel with their worthless idols. ~ **1 Kings 16:25-26**

#### 4. Baal \_\_\_\_\_

While Israel was staying in the Acacia Grove, the people began to have sexual relations with the women of Moab. <sup>2</sup>The women invited them to the sacrifices for their gods, and the people ate and bowed in worship to their gods. <sup>3</sup>So Israel aligned itself with Baal of Peor, and the Lord's anger burned against Israel. <sup>4</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Take all the leaders of the people and execute them in broad daylight before the Lord so that His burning anger may turn away from Israel." ~ **Numbers 25:1-4**

<sup>14</sup>Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you, <sup>15</sup>for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a jealous God. Otherwise, the Lord your God will become angry with you and wipe you off the face of the earth. ~ **Deuteronomy 6:14-15**

<sup>10</sup>That whole generation was also gathered to their ancestors. After them another generation rose up who did not know the Lord or the works He had done for Israel.

<sup>11</sup>The Israelites did what was evil in the Lord's sight. They worshiped the Baals <sup>12</sup>and abandoned the Lord, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They went after other gods from the surrounding peoples and bowed down to them. They infuriated the Lord, <sup>13</sup>for they abandoned Him and worshiped Baal and the Ashtoreths. ~ **Judges 2:10-13**

<sup>4</sup>So the Israelites removed the Baals and the Ashtoreths and only worshiped the Lord. ~ **1 Samuel 7:4**

#### 5. God \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Kings 18:16-40**

#### 6. Baal Worship \_\_\_\_\_