

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1272: Am I Throwing Away My Life's Greatest Privilege? (Part II)

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SHOW NOTES

1. Who are the two key people in this account? Explain their backgrounds. What did the prophet of the LORD promise Jeroboam? What did Jeroboam ask of king Rehoboam? How did Rehoboam react? What were the privileged elements of their kingship? How do the great privileges given by God to these kings compare with a Christian's privileges? (See 1 Kings 11:28-38, 12:4,21-24)
2. Read 1 Peter 2:9 and consider the following:
  - a. In what way are we a "chosen race"? What is the purpose of this privilege? (See 1 Peter 2:9, Revelation 17:14)
  - b. Why are the true disciples of Jesus called a "royal priesthood"? What is the responsibility of being royalty? Of being a priest? (See 1 Peter 2:5, 2 Timothy 2:12)
  - c. What is a "holy nation"? What does it represent? (See Daniel 7:27)
  - d. What makes a true Christian "peculiar" or different? What will be their responsibilities in God's kingdom? (See 2 Corinthians 5:17, Titus 2:14)
3. How does Jeroboam react when Rehoboam sends his army home and for a time follows God, receiving blessings? What should Jeroboam have done when God saved the country from civil war? What is the source of his paranoia, and what does he fear? What does he decide to do? How did God react to the first golden calf during the time of Moses? How could we fall into worshipping "calves of convenience"? (See 1 Kings 12:24-29, Exodus 32:3-10)
4. Why did the people of northern Israel so easily fall into idolatry? Where were all of God's priests? In what ways did Jeroboam contribute to this spiritual downfall? How did Israel's history warn him? Reread God's initial promise to him. What was required in order to remain in a favored position? (See 1 Kings 11:37-38, 12:30-33, Leviticus 10:1, 1 Samuel 13:9)
5. How did Jeroboam "legitimize" this idolatry? In what did Jeroboam have faith? How did God's prophet warn the king? What was Jeroboam's reaction? What was the result of his foolishness and the ultimate result of his failure to serve the true God? (See 1 Kings 12:33, 13:1-10,33-34, 14:10) When did the prophet's prophecy come true? Who was King Josiah and what did he do? (See 2 Kings 23:17-20)
6. Answer the following questions about yourself:
  - What have you learned from the mistakes of these two kings? Have you ever made similar choices?
  - Have you ever replaced the sacredness of God with "calves of convenience"?
  - How are you serving God? Is it in the way He requires us to serve Him? What might you need to do differently? How have you heeded God's corrective warnings and experiences in your life?
  - How do you appreciate and value the enormous privilege and opportunity given to God's chosen? How are you living and fulfilling the privileges God has given you?