

*My God is the LORD: The Life and Times of Elijah*  
Lesson 2 – 1 Kings 13

THE WORD OF THE LORD

*Jeroboam's Shriveled Arm (1 Kings 13:1-10).*

10. What was unusual about the prophecy of the man of God from Judah? What sign accompanied the prophet's words? When was his prophecy fulfilled? (See 2 Kings 23:15-16)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Whom did Jeroboam ask to heal his withered arm? Whom did he not ask? What does this tell us about Jeroboam?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. Read 2 Corinthians 4:4. How does this text help explain why Jeroboam continued to worship the golden calf? Do Christians ever worship "golden calves?" Explain your response.

*The Man of God from Judah and the Old Prophet from Bethel (1 Kings 13:11-34).*

13. There are a number of unanswered questions in the narrative of the man of God from Judah and the old prophet from Bethel. What did you find particularly interesting, perplexing, or disturbing about this story?

14. Why do you think that the man of God from Judah was not enticed by Jeroboam's offer of food and gifts but went with the (false) prophet from Bethel without hesitation? What warning should Christians take from this?
  
15. A Christian preacher who teaches false doctrine is more dangerous than a non-Christian preacher. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain.
  
16. The phrase "the word of the LORD" or something similar is repeated several times in chapter 13. How is this phrase the key to interpreting the story of the man of God and the old prophet? Now read Galatians 1:8-9 and 1 John 4:1. What do these verses add to our understanding of the story?
  
17. How did King Jeroboam react to the death of the man of God from Judah? Do you think the man of God from Judah died as a believer in the LORD? Do you think the old prophet from Bethel became a believer in the LORD?

*Where is Jesus?*

18. Read Matthew 24:35. How do these words of Jesus help make sense out of the story of the man of God from Judah and the old prophet from Bethel?