

## "Guard Yourself from Idols" 1 John 5:21

Are Idols REAL? Are they a big deal to God? How would I know if I have Idols in my life? Why would I need to guard myself from them?

**An Idol is:** ANYTHING you \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- What you give your \_\_\_\_\_ to.
  - What you \_\_\_\_\_ the most.
- Every \_\_\_\_\_ has idols. The most idolatrous nation on the face of the earth is: \_\_\_\_\_.

### Jeroboam's Story

1. God judged the Nation of Israel because of \_\_\_\_\_ Idolatry.  
**1 Kings 11**
2. Solomon \_\_\_\_\_ a talented, young man named Jeroboam to be over the work forces of the tribe of Ephraim. **11:28**
3. Ahijah the prophet foretold that God will soon \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom from Solomon's descendants and give Jeroboam \_\_\_\_\_ tribes in the north (Israel) and give Solomon's son Rehoboam \_\_\_\_\_ tribes (Judah) in the south.  
**11:29-39**
4. IF Jeroboam would listen to and obey the LORD he would have the chance to lead the new nation to \_\_\_\_\_ and have an enduring house. **37- 39**
5. He is forced to \_\_\_\_\_ for his life to Egypt until Solomon's death. **11:40**
6. Jeroboam \_\_\_\_\_ the rebellion that splits the country. **12:3**
7. After he becomes King he \_\_\_\_\_ Idolatry which insures the Nation's doom. The fall-out includes:
  - A. His infant son \_\_\_\_\_. **1 Kings 14**
  - B. He loses \_\_\_\_\_ troops in the civil war. **2 Chron. 13:17**
  - C. God personally \_\_\_\_\_ his life. (910 BC) **2 Chron. 13:20**
  - D. His \_\_\_\_\_ is wiped out by the third king, Baasha.  
**1 Kings 15:25**
  - E. In 722 BC the Nation is \_\_\_\_\_ by the Assyrians.  
**2 Kings 17**

### Understanding Idolatry: 1 Kings 12:25-33

1. It is the greatest and most \_\_\_\_\_ sin. **11:33, 13:34**

2. The spiritual realm (and Nature) abhors a \_\_\_\_\_. If you don't intentionally make GOD \_\_\_\_\_ place in your life, something else will get in that place automatically. **12:28**
3. It is about \_\_\_\_\_. **V.28 "took counsel"**
4. It is about what makes a person \_\_\_\_\_. **V.29**

5. People tend to \_\_\_\_\_ their own gods, their own \_\_\_\_\_, and their own spirituality. **Jeroboam's New:**
- A. Golden calves. **V.29-30**
  - B. \_\_\_\_\_ places of worship **V.31** (no accountability)
  - C. \_\_\_\_\_ priests. **V. 31**
  - D. Religious \_\_\_\_\_. **V. 32**

6. The most ironic thing is that we import, buy, make, and bring in the \_\_\_\_\_ that destroy us and our children. **V.28**

\*The succeeding \_\_\_\_\_ Kings of Israel over 186 years = All \_\_\_\_\_

7. Idolatry Is the most \_\_\_\_\_ of all demonic spiritual warfare tactics because:
- A. It is a slow, \_\_\_\_\_ replacement of the One True God, to serve a god (self) that only brings emptiness.
  - B. Everybody else in our culture has the same gods, so it becomes \_\_\_\_\_.
  - C. Therefore we don't even \_\_\_\_\_ them for what they are.
  - D. The false gods in our lives cause us to \_\_\_\_\_ (a bloodless coup)

**Next Week: "How to Recognize Idols in our Lives"**  
**Judges 6:25-35**