

## **“#ConvenientChristianity”**

1 Kings 12:25-33

How has Christianity & the church bowed to the idol of convenience?

### **I. Jeroboam Doubts God’s Promises (vv. 25-28a)**

The context of 1 Kgs 12? Read ch. 11.

Jeroboam first of 20 evil kings in Israel.

vv. 25-27 show Jeroboam’s fear, selfishness, & pride

v. 28a – the climax of the account

Unbelief reflected through our sin (Prov 3:5)

See Ps 16:11; 2 Cor 12:9; Phil 4:19; Heb 4:16; 1 Pt 5:7

### **II. Jeroboam Designs a Counterfeit Religion (vv. 28b-33)**

Counterfeit Religion

1. Worshipping New Gods (Golden Calves)
2. New Worship Centers (Dan & Bethel) – Why are Dan & Bethel important?
3. New Worship Leaders (not Levites) – Levites leave Israel (2 Chron 11:13-16)
4. New Manner of Worship

Jeroboam develops a religion of convenience that doesn’t require obedience, sacrifice, or commitment. This reflects American Christianity today as well.

OBEDIENCE

SACRIFICE

COMMITMENT

*What is my response to this text today? What action do I need to take? Individually? As a family? As a church?*