

THE TRAGEDY OF A LIE



TOLD OR BELIEVED!!

1 KINGS 13:1-32

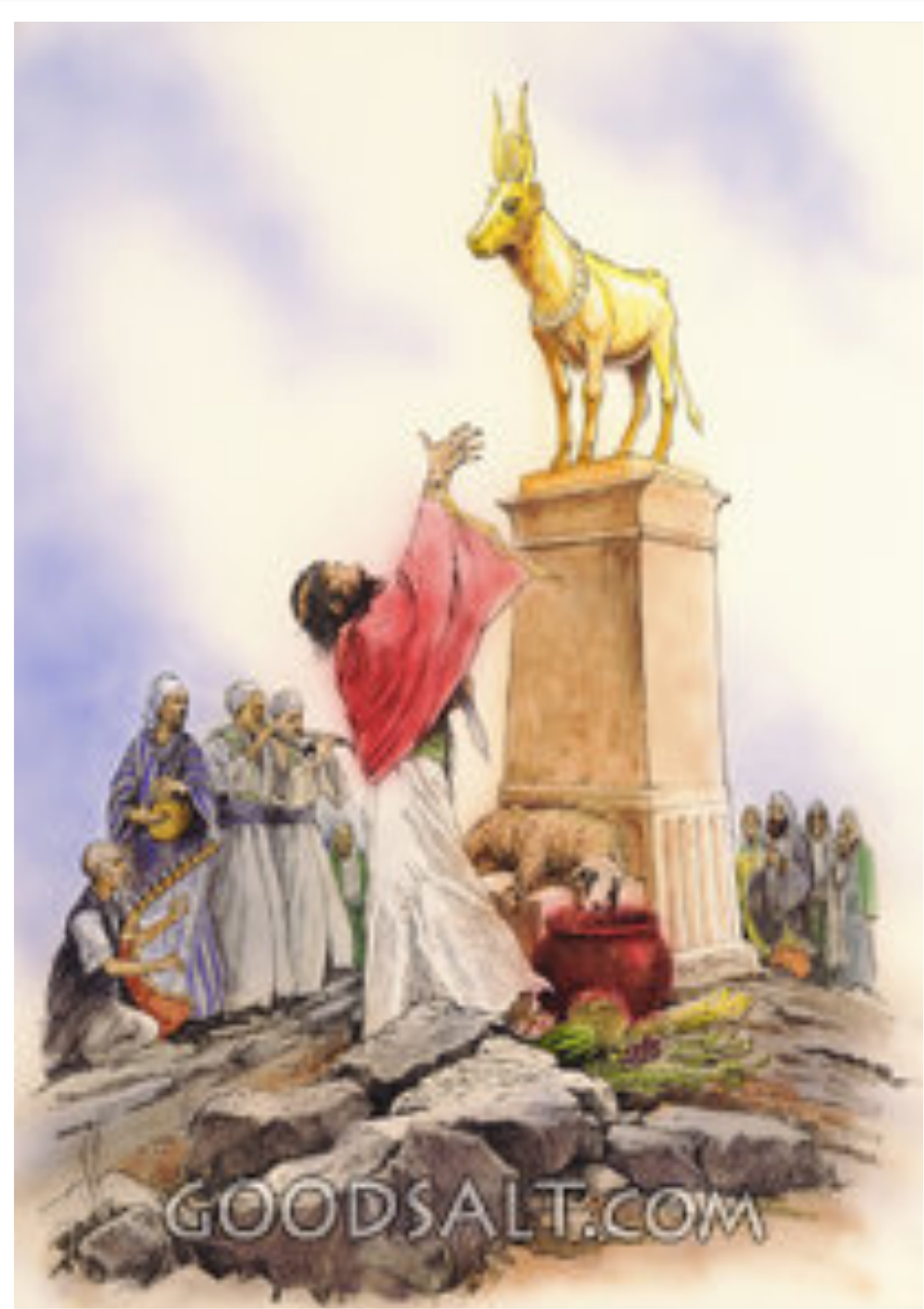
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Events Leading Up To Our Text – (1 Kings 12)



- Division of Israel (1 Kings 12:1-24)
- Jeroboam's false religion (1 Kings 12:25-33)
 - ▶ Golden calves @ Dan & Bethel (12:28,29)
 - ▶ Illegitimate places of worship (12:29,30)
 - ▶ Priest not from Levi (12:31)
 - ▶ Observances "similar" to those ordained of God (12:32,33)
 - ▶ These things he did "which he had devised in his own heart" (12:33)

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Man of God From Judah – (1 Kings 13:1-10)



- **Judgment pronounced (13:1-5)**
 - ▶ Doom decreed and sign given (13:2,3; 2 Kings 23:15-20)
 - ▶ Hand withers, altar split (13:4,5)
- **Jeroboam's reaction (13:6-9)**
 - ▶ Plea for healing (13:6)
 - ▶ Hospitality offered (13:7,8)
 - ▶ The obedient prophet (13:8-10)

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Man of God From Judah – (1 Kings 13:1-10)



- **Not afraid of the king -**
(Zechariah - 2 Chro 24:20,21)
- **Would not accept a reward -**
(13:7,8; unlike Balaam - 2 Peter 2:15,16)
- **Refused to be persuaded by the king to disobey God -**

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Man of God From Judah – (1 Kings 13:1-10)



1 Kings 13:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ For so it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You shall not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by the same way you came.' "

¹⁰ So he went another way and did not return by the way he came to Bethel.

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The Man of God's Fall – (1 Kings 13:11-32)

- **Deceived – (13:11-19)**
 - ▶ Old prophet seeks out the man of God (13:11-14)
 - ▶ Old prophet finds him resting (13:14)
 - ▶ Old prophet lies to him (13:15-19)



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The Message of God

You shall neither eat bread nor drink water nor return by the way that you came (13:9)

You shall not eat bread nor drink water there, nor return by going the way you came.

(13:17)

The Message of the Old Prophet

I too am an old prophet as you are
- An old prophet as you are
word of the Lord, Bring
him to your
house. If bread

**But He
Lied To
Him!!**

and drink water. (13:18)

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The Man of God's Fall – (1 Kings 13:11-32)



How was he to know?

“Let God be true and every man a liar.”

(Rom. 3:4; Gal. 1:8,9; Matt.
15:13,14; Acts 17:11)

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The Man of God's Fall – (1 Kings 13:11-32)



■ Price of disobedience (13:20-26)

- ▶ Judgment Pronounced (13:20-22)
- ▶ The man of God's death (13:23-26)

■ Punished even though . . .

- ▶ Withstood the wrath of the king
- ▶ Shunned the lure of riches
- ▶ Obeyed until deceived -
- ▶ A good man who believed a lie (13:18)

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The Man of God's Fall – (1 Kings 13:11-32)



■ The man of God's disobedience was **INEXCUSABLE**:

▶ God's revelation was plain and simple – yet he exchanged what he knew to be true for a lie (Rom. 1:25; Gal 1:6-9)

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The Man of God's Fall – (1 Kings 13:11-32)



- **The man of God compromised his earlier rebuke**
 - ▶ Having denounced disobedience, he himself became an example of disobedience!
 - ▶ How could God allow disobedience to pass unpunished?

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Does It Really Matter

WHAT WE BELIEVE?

**Lies Are
EVERY
WHERE!**

**Different
beliefs**

**Different
doctrines**

**Different
practices**

**Different
churches**

**It Does
Matter!
Rev 22:15**

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Making Some Applications



- **The danger of deception** (Ep. 5:6; 2 Peter 3:16,17; Gal 1:8,9; Luke 6:39)
- **Truth is what the Lord says, not what He doesn't say!** (Deut 4:2; Prov 30:6; 1 Pet 4:11; Rev 22:18,19)
- **The majority, worldly wisdom, or professed special insights are NOT the standards for establishing truth!** (Ex 23:2; 1 Cor. 1:18-21; Gal. 1:6-9)

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- True and acceptable worship is revealed worship – everything else is vain worship (12-13:1-10; Col. 2:23; Mat. 15:7-9; John 4:24)
- God demands **TRUSTING** obedience (1 Sam 15:1-23; Mt 7:21-23; Jam. 2:10)
- **Disobedience cancels out obedience** (Num 20:1-13; Lev 10:1,2; 2 Sam 6:6,7; James 2:10; Ez. 18:20-32)

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- Sincerely believing a lie does **NOT** change the lie into the truth (13:26-30; Prov 14:12; Jer 10:23; Gal 6:3)
- Liars will be destroyed – but they also destroy those who believe them (Rev. 21:8; Jer. 23:23; 2 Pt 2:1-22; 2 Thes 2:10-12)
- We can know the truth and we can please God (Jn 7:17; 8:32; Rom 10:17; 2 Thes 2:10-12)

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Making Some Applications



- Need to mature in the faith - **LEARN GOD'S WORD** (2 Pet 3:17,18)
- We **MUST** test what men say by what **GOD** said (Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1)
- We **MUST** study for ourselves (Prov 2:1-5; Psalm 1:1,2; 119:11,97-104; 2 Tim 2:15; Heb 5:14)
- Be very careful **NOT** to misapply the word (2 Cor 2:17; 2 Peter 3:16)

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Truth is not contingent upon
one's belief in it, altered by
ones rejection of it, or nullified if
no one accepts it

TRUTH IS TRUTH

(John 17:17; Psalm 19:7-9; 119:9,11,104)

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If you feel that the truth is
NOT the truth - no matter
how strong those feelings
may be -

THE TRUTH IS STILL THE TRUTH!

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- no matter how strong that
feeling may be -

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& THE TRUTH IS STILL THE TRUTH!

"God said it - that settles it - I need to believe it!"

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**Anything that is different from
the truth – is NOT the truth –**

TRUTH IS NARROW! (Mat 7:13,14)

TRUTH IS ABSOLUTE! – (Ps 119:151;152)

TRUTH IS VALUABLE! – (Prov. 23:23)

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- Jeroboam continued his evil ways and was eventually struck down by the lord (33,34; 2 Chron. 13:20)
- The old prophet eventually was buried with the man of God (2 Kings 23:18)
- Words of the man of God came true 300 years later (2 Kings 23:15-20)
- The consequences of our disobedience to God! (2 Thes 1:7-9)

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2 Thessalonians 2:9–12 (NKJV)

⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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