

# THE TRAGEDY OF A LIE

Told  
OR  
Believed!!

1 Kings 13:1–

32



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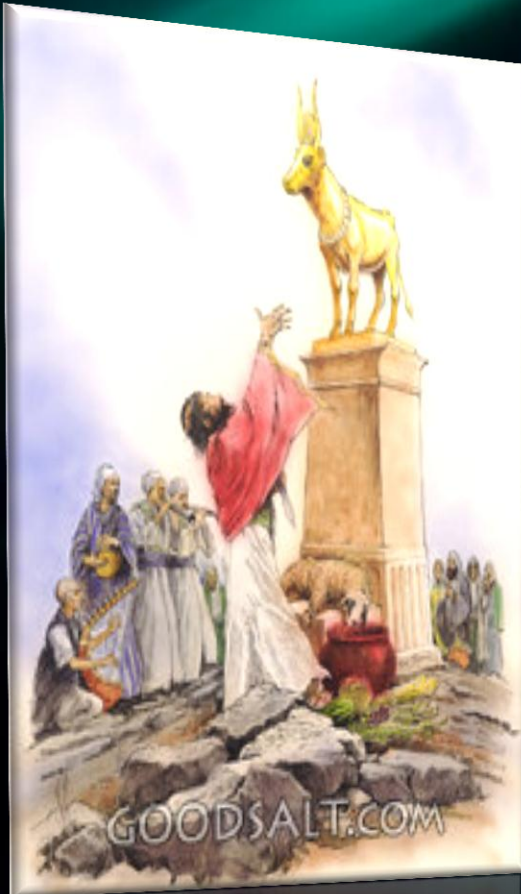
- ◆ **The father of every lie is the devil - (John 8:44)**
  - ❖ If we lie we do the devil's work!
  - ❖ If we believe a lie, we become the devil's convert!
- ◆ **Eve – Gen 3:4-6; 1 Tim 2:14**
- ◆ **Israel – Jer 23:16; 27:10-17**
- ◆ **Christians are warned – Mat 7:15; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 Pet 2:1-4**



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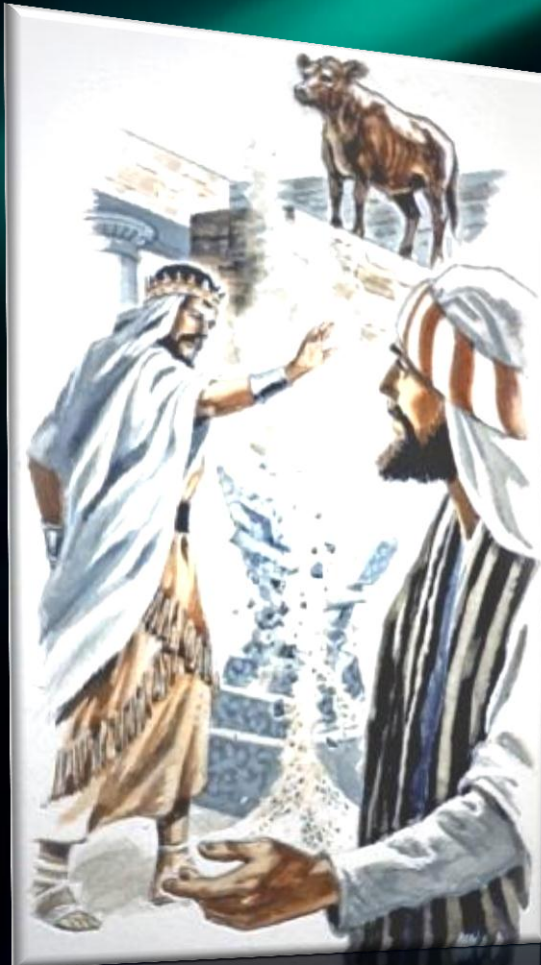
## Events Leading Up To Our Text – (1 Kings 12)

- ✦ **Division of Israel – 1 Kings 12:1-24**
- ✦ **Jeroboam's unauthorized religion – 1 Kings 12:25-33**
  - ❖ Golden calves at 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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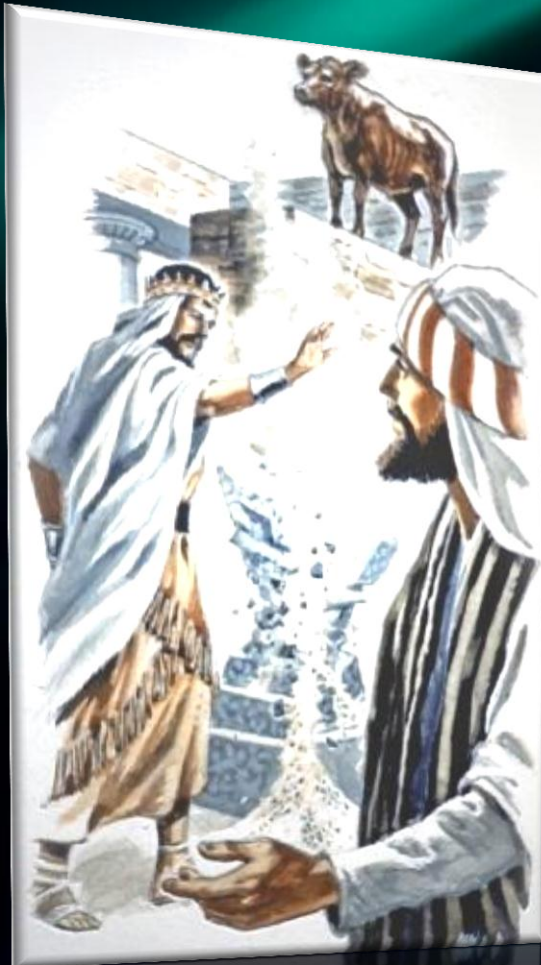


- ✦ **Judgment pronounced – (13:1-5)**
  - ❖ Doom decreed and sign given – 13:2,3 (2 Kings 23:15-20)
  - ❖ Hand withers, altar split – (13:4,5)
- ✦ **Jeroboam's reaction – (13:6-9)**
  - ❖ Plea for healing – (13:6)
  - ❖ Hospitality offered – (13:7,8)
  - ❖ The obedient prophet – (13:8-10)



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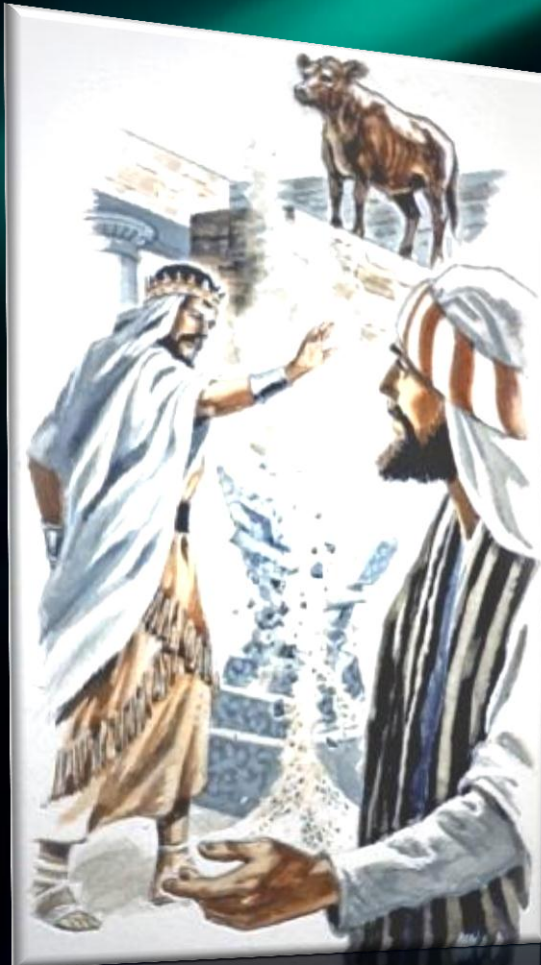
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- ◆ **Not afraid of the king -**  
(Zechariah - 2 Chro 24:20,21)
- ◆ **Would not accept a reward**  
- (13:7,8; like Balaam - 2 Peter 2:15,16)
- ◆ **Refused to be persuaded by the king to disobey God -**

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



**1 Kings 13:9-10 (NKJV)**

**<sup>9</sup> 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.' " <sup>10</sup> 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 to you as you  
are by the way  
say to you  
may eat bread  
water. (13:18)

***But He  
Lied To  
Him!!***



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***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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- ✦ **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 - (1 Kings 13:18)



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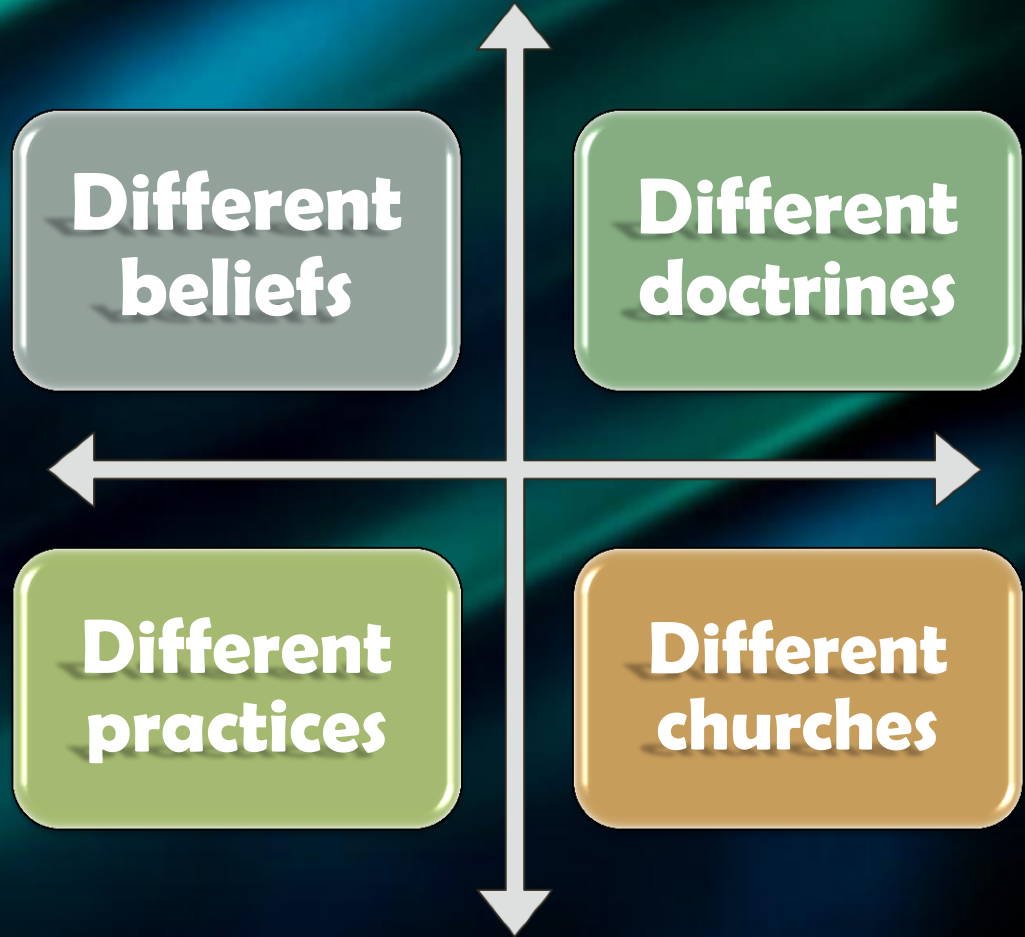


- ✦ **The man of God's disobedience was inexcusable** – (God's revelation was plain and simple – yet he exchanged what he knew to be true for a lie - Rom. 1:25; Gal 1:6-9)
- ✦ **The man of God compromised his earlier rebuke** – (having denounced disobedience, he himself became an example of disobedience!)
- ✦ **How could God allow disobedience to pass unpunished?**

*Does It Really Matter*

# WHAT WE BELIEVE?

**Lies Are  
EVERY  
WHERE!**



**IT DOES MATTER! — REV 22:15**



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## Making Some Applications



- ✦ 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 complete 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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## 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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## Making Some Applications



- ✦ 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 Pet 21-22; 2 Thes 2:10-12)
- ✦ We can know the truth and we can please God – (John 7:17; 8:32; Rom 10:17; 2 Thes 2:10-12)

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## We Can Know The Truth



- ✦ Need to mature in the faith - (Rom 16:16; Eph 4:14)
- ✦ We MUST test what is 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)
- ✦ Never misapply the word - (2 Cor 2:17; 2 Peter 3:16)



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# WHAT WE BELIEVE?

Truth is not contingent upon one's belief in it, altered by one's 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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# WHAT WE BELIEVE?

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

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# WHAT WE BELIEVE?

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)

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

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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 2:9-15 (NKJV)

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



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## 2 Thessalonians 2:9-15 (NKJV)

<sup>13</sup> But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, <sup>14</sup> to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.





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