

Exegetical Notes – 1 Kings 13:33-34

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Verses 33-34

³³ Even after this, Jeroboam did not change his evil ways, but once more appointed priests for the high places from all sorts of people. Anyone who wanted to become a priest he consecrated for the high places. ³⁴ This was the sin of the house of Jeroboam that led to its downfall and to its destruction from the face of the earth.

- See 1 Kings 12:1-32. King Jeroboam had established an alternate pagan religious system for the Kingdom of Israel. Despite God's warnings, he refused to abandon this religious system but persisted in it.
- In the appointment of priests not chosen by God but chosen by Jeroboam, he continued to act in God's place.
- The sin mentioned in these verses is twofold: 1. Jeroboam created an alternate pagan religious system acting in God's place, and 2. When confronted by God with his error, he persisted in it. He continued to act in God's place usurping the place of God.
- This sin would cause the fall of Jeroboam and his family.

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