Introduction: 1. The occasion of this text is just subsequent to the division of God’s people.
   2. Jeroboam leads a revolt and his followers make him their king (1 Kings 12:12-14).
   3. This lesson is an examination of Jeroboam’s actions in regard to the religion he
      instituted, and to note similarities to today’s religions.

I. The Object Of Worship Is God Alone
   A. (Exodus 20:3-5; Deuteronomy 6:13).
   B. Jeroboam made two golden calves (vs. 28).
   C. (Matthew 4:10).

II. The Place Of Worship Was Jerusalem
   A. (Deuteronomy 12:10-11).
   B. Jeroboam set up his golden calves in Dan and Bethel (v. 29).
      1. And the people were foolish enough to worship it (v. 30).

III. God Had Chosen The Tribe Of Levi To Be The Priests
   A. (Numbers 3:5-13).
   B. Jeroboam made priest from among every class of people (v. 31).

IV. God Commanded That A Feast Be Held On The 7th Month, 15th Day
   B. Jeroboam celebrated his feast day on the 15th day of the 8th month (v. 32).

V. Religion Must Have Its Origin From God
   A. Everything had to be done according to the pattern (Hebrews 8:5).
   B. Jeroboam’s religion had its origin in the human heart (vs. 26, 32).
   C. In reality there are only two types of religion:
      1. “I say” -vs- “God says.”
      2. “I think” -vs- “It is written.”
   E. (Matthew 15:13).

VI. The Purpose Of Religion Is To Honor God
   A. (Malachi 1:6).
   B. Jeroboam’s religion was instituted for his own selfish ends (vs. 27-29).

VII. God’s Way Is Demanding
   A. (Matthew 7:13-14).
   B. Jeroboam’s religion was accommodating and convenient for the people (v. 28).

VIII. The Results Of Follow God
   A. Those who follow God have fellowship with him (1 John 1:9).
   B. Those who follow man have no fellowship with God (2 John 9-11).

Conclusion: 1. False religion is not knew.
   2. Satan doesn’t mind one being religious, so long as he does not obey and follow the
      Lord.