

# 1 Kings 12:29

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan.**

This verse contributes to the broader narrative of kingdom divided: rehoboam and jeroboam, within the book's focus on kingdom division as judgment for Solomon's idolatry.

The Hebrew text reveals nuances important for understanding this passage's contribution to 1 Kings' theological message about kingship, covenant, and faithfulness to Yahweh. This verse demonstrates the consequences when God's people—especially their leaders—either follow or forsake the covenant established at Sinai.

## Historical Context

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First Kings was written during or after the Babylonian exile (6th century BCE), reflecting on the monarchy period (10th-9th centuries BCE) to explain why the kingdoms fell. The kingdom division (c. 930 BCE) created the northern kingdom (Israel, 10 tribes) and southern kingdom (Judah, 2 tribes).

Ancient Near Eastern kingship ideology viewed kings as divine representatives responsible for maintaining cosmic order through right worship. Archaeological discoveries from sites like Megiddo, Hazor, and Samaria confirm the historical reliability of 1 Kings' descriptions of building projects and administrative structures.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How can leaders today avoid Rehoboam's mistakes and lead with wisdom rather than pride?
2. What does the kingdom division teach about the long-term consequences of generational sin and compromise?
3. How does this verse point toward or prepare for the coming of Christ and His eternal kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיִּשֶׁבֶט	אֶת	הָאַחֶר ד	בְּבֵית	א ל	אֶת	הָאַחֶר ד	נָתַן
And he set	H853	and the other	H0	in Bethel	H853	and the other	put
H7760		H259		H1008		H259	H5414
בְּדָן:							
he in Dan							
H1835							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Genesis 28:19** (Parallel theme): And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.