

# Some *Turned Away* From God And Died Spiritually *Lost*

## King Solomon:

As Solomon grew old, his wives **turned his heart after other gods**, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molech the detestable god of the Ammonites. So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done. On a hill east of Jerusalem, Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the detestable god of Moab, and for Molech the detestable god of the Ammonites. He did the same for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and offered sacrifices to their gods (1 Kings 11:4-8).

[There is no evidence Solomon ever repented and returned to salvation. Just the opposite is shown for Jeroboam never returned to Jerusalem until after Solomon's death and the high places Solomon built for the pagan gods and goddess were not destroyed during his life time.]

## King Jeroboam:

Ahijah took hold of the new cloak he was wearing and tore it into twelve pieces. Then he said to Jeroboam, "Take ten pieces for yourself, for this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'See, I am going to tear the kingdom out of Solomon's hand and give you ten tribes'" (1 Kings 11:30,31).

If you do whatever I command you and walk in my ways and do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and commands, as David

my servant did, I will be with you. I will build you a dynasty as enduring as the one I built for David and will give Israel to you (1 Kings 11:38).

After seeking advice, the king made two golden calves. He said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. **Here are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.**" One he set up in Bethel, and the other in Dan (1 Kings 12:28,29).

Go, tell Jeroboam that this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I raised you up from among the people and made you a leader over my people Israel. I tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you, but you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commands and followed me with all his heart, doing only what was right in my eyes. **You have done more evil than all who lived before you. You have made for yourself other gods, idols made of metal; you have provoked me to anger and thrust me behind your back** (1 Kings 14:7-9).

[There is no evidence that Jeroboam ever returned to salvation.]

## The Apostle Judas Iscariot:

He called **his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.** These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and

Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot **and Judas Iscariot**, who betrayed him (Mt. 10:1-4).

In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:33)

The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. **But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born** (Mark 14:21).

While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost **except** the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled (John 17:12).

[Judas Iscariot gave up everything to become Jesus' *disciple*; held the highest office in the church as apostle, yet later became a thief, betrayed Jesus, committed suicide and went to fiery torment.]

### Those Who Followed Jesus No More:

From this time **many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him** (John 6:66).

### The Unmerciful Servant:

Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, **'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you? In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart** (Mt. 18:32-35).

### The 5 Foolish Virgins:

But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. **And the door was shut. Later the others also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'** Therefore keep watch,

because you do not know the day or the hour (Mt. 25:10-13).

### The Servant Who Was Beating His Servants and Getting Drunk When His Master Returned:

But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then **begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat and drink and get drunk**. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. **He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers** (Luke 12:45,46).

### The Fallen Away of Hebrews 6:4-6:

For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, **it is impossible to renew them again to repentance**, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame (Heb. 6:4-6, NASB).

### Those Who Received The Mark of the Beast:

A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: **"If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the forehead or on the hand**, he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. **He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment rises for ever and ever. There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name."** This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God's commandments and remain faithful to Jesus (Rev. 14:9-12).

[For much more on salvation consult the book, *The Believer's Conditional Security: Eternal Security Refuted*. EOMIN.org. Mt. 10:22; Heb. 3:14; Rev. 2:10,11; Rom. 11:20-22; Gal. 6:8,9.]