

Site: Tel Dan

Scripture References: 1 Kings 12:25-33; Joshua 19:40-48; Judges 18:1-31; 1 Samuel 3:20; 2 Samuel 3:10, 17:11; 2 Kings 10:28-29; 2 Chronicles 16:4

Historical Significance:

1. Location of the largest of the 4 tributaries that form the headwaters of the Jordan River. (Jordan means descended from Dan)
2. The phrase from Dan to Beersheba marked the North-South borders of the united Kingdom of Israel in the Old Testament.
3. Jeroboam built 2 golden calves. He sent one to Bethel as a worship site in the south of the Kingdom and the other to Dan in the north as an alternative to traveling to Jerusalem to worship. He created a substitute temple, priests and sacrifices which led the people to sin against God.

Things to look for:

1. The temple ruins
2. Large altar and podium

What does this site teach us about God?

1. A spiritual life requires sacrifice.
2. We need to make our relationship with God a matter of obedience rather than convenience.