

EXCUSES

NATURE OF BLAMING:

1. Adam and Eve: Genesis 3:9-13
Where it began.
Adam blames his wife as his excuse: verse 12
He also blames God: "The woman you gave me."
Eve blames the serpent: verse 13
Her excuse: she indicates the serpent was wiser than she was.
Eyes of their understanding was closed so they could not see their sinfulness.
2. Saul: 1 Samuel 15:20,21
Tries to excuse people for taking what God said to destroy.
Again: disobedience to God
God doesn't over-look our excuses.
3. Israelites: Numbers 14:1-23; 13:30-33
Decided to believe spies report as their excuse for not going into Promise Land as God directed.
Disobedience and lack of trust.
4. Jonah: Jonah 1:2,3
Disobedience
His dislike of the people of Nineveh (non Jews)
His hatred was so strong that he didn't want them to receive God's mercy.

OTHER REFERENCES:

Proverbs 24:10

If you give way in times of adversity and offer excuses, it is an indication your strength and confidence in Christ is small.

Romans 1:20

God has clearly revealed since creation His nature and power through creation. So any excuse man tries to give that he doesn't see or know Him won't stand up or be accepted.

Romans 2:15

Luke 14:15-24

Man's response indicates he still didn't understand how to get in. In Jesus' story, there were people who turned down (made excuses) why they couldn't come to the banquet. Our excuses may sound reasonable to us but again excuses will bring consequences according to God's way.

Matthew 26:56

Disciples: They allowed fear to be their excuse. Earlier, they said they would rather die than desert the Lord (26:35). Under trials and adversity, those “tests” will reveal what our mouth may have earlier said.