

Ladies Bible Class
1 Kings 13 and 14

Introduction

Jeroboam was ruler of northern kingdoms. Recall he built golden calves at Bethel and Dan. He no longer followed the God of David. He violated God's commands in 3 ways: 1) the temple was the place where God was to be worshiped rather than in other places; 2) build graven images; 3) God instituted a patterns and times of worship over seen by the Levites, Jeroboam set his own festivals for worship.

Read 1 Kings 13: 1-6

1. Who is this man of God?

2. What was Jeroboam doing when the man of God came to him?

3. What is the prophecy made by the man of God?
King Josiah will rule Juda 300 (340) years after the division of the kingdom

Read 2 Kings 23:15 documents the fulfillment of this prophecy

Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and crushed it to powder, and burned the wooden image

4. What was the sign(s) given to Jeroboam? Why did the man of God perform a sign to accompany his preaching (v. 3 & 5)? What is the significance of restoring Jeroboam's hand?

5. The statement 'Intercede with the Lord your God.... What do you think that means for Jeroboam and his relationship with God?

Read 1 Kings 13: 7-10

6. Why did Jeroboam invite the prophet to his home? Why did the man of God refuse to go home with Jeroboam?

Read 1 King 13: 11-19

7. How was the man of God deceived (v. 11-19)

Application

8. How does the answer to the previous question compare with St. Paul's warning to us?

Read Galatians 1: 6-9

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— ⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! ⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

Read 1 Kings 13: 20-32

9. Summarize what has happened in this reading.

10. The death of the man of God demonstrates God's displeasure with disobedience. But also, his mercy in that the lion did not devour him. This is an example of an important principle of the way God works. We think that strict judgment should begin among the most ungodly, but often God begins strict judgment among His own people. Usually this is because God knows that the world will not be reached when His people live in compromise and disobedience.

Read 1 Peter 4 :17 For the time [has come] for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if [it begins] with us first, what will [be] the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God

Read 1 Kings 13: 33-34

11. Jeroboam had wonderful opportunity, especially in light of the promise of God through Ahijah.

Read 1 Kings 11:37-38 However, as for you, I will take you, and you will rule over all that your heart desires; you will be king over Israel. ³⁸ If you do whatever I command you and walk in obedience to me and do what is right in my eyes by obeying my decrees 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.

11a. What was Jeroboam's response to the man of God and the signs He sent?

Read: The same principle works in servants of God today. We are not called because of obedience or used out of merit; but our disobedience hinders our potential for full use. Paul put it this way in 2 Timothy 2:20-22

20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. 21 Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

Read 1 Kings 14: 1-19 Ahijah's Prophecy Against Jeroboam

1. Why might Jeroboam have instructed his wife to disguise herself for the prophet at Shiloh?

Ahijah=Abijah means ‘My Father is the Lord’ suggests that Jeroboam at least to some degree still regarded himself a worshiper of God

2. Why did she bring the gifts she did?

3. Summarize the events of this section.

3a. Ahijah received a divine revelation from God as we have talked about in the past. How did Ahijah describe his message in v. 6?

3b. How does Ahijah begin his message to Jeroboam’s wife?

3c. What accusation does Ahijah make in v. 8 & 9

3d. What is Ahijah’s prophecy for Israel? (v. 10-11)

The covenant curse-

Read Deut. 28: 26 our carcasses will be food for all the birds and the wild animals, and there will be no one to frighten them away.

3e. What is the prophecy specifically for Jeroboam? (v. 12-19)

3f. According to v. 12-13, the death of Jeroboam’s son Abijah appears to be an act of judgment against his parents and the people of Israel, rather, than against Abijah himself. How does this compare with Is. 57: 1-2, Romans 7: 18 and Galatians 2: 20?

Read Is. 57: 1-2 The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. 2 Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death.

Romans 7: 18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.^[a] For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

Gal. 2: 20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

3g. What does this reveal about his desire for them to repent? What might Abijah’s death teach us about the relationship of God’s love for us to some of the personal misfortunes we experience in our lives?

Read 1 Tim. 2: 3-6 This is good, and pleases God our Savior,⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people.

Read 2 Tim. 2: 25²⁵ Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,

Read 2 Peter 3: 9⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Read 1 Kings 14: 21-31 Rehoboam King of Judah

1. What was the reign of Rehoboam like? You can read 2 Chron. 10-12 to read more about the kingdom under Rehoboam. What was the evil done by the people?

2. What did King Shishak accomplish?

3. Compare 1 Kings 10: 16-17 with 14: 25-26. What is significant about the disappearance of the gold shields and their replacement with bronze?

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