

~JEROBOAM 1 (842)
(Jer-o-bo'am)

- First king of the ten-tribe kingdom of Israel, the son of Nebat, one of Solomon's officers in the village of Zeredah, of the tribe of Ephraim. Apparently at an early age **Jeroboam** was left fatherless, to be raised by his widowed mother Zeruah.
- And there was **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat an Ephraimite from Zeredah, a servant of Solomon, and his mother's name was Zeruah, a widowed woman. He too began to lift up his hand against the king. (**1 Kings 11:26**)
- When Solomon observed that **Jeroboam** was not only a valiant, mighty man but also a hard worker, he put him in charge of the compulsory labor force of the house of Joseph
- Now the man **Jeroboam** was a valiant, mighty man. When Solomon got to see that the young man was a hard worker, he proceeded to make him overseer over all the compulsory service of the house of Joseph. (**1 Kings 11:28**)
- Subsequently, **Jeroboam** was approached by God's prophet Ahijah with startling news. After tearing his own new garment into 12 pieces, the prophet told **Jeroboam** to take ten of them in symbol of how Yehowah would rip Solomon's kingdom in two and make **Jeroboam** king over ten of the tribes.
- This, however, was to be merely a governmental division and not also a departure from true worship as centered at the temple in Jerusalem, the capital of the southern kingdom.
- So Yehowah assured **Jeroboam** that he would bless and prosper his reign and build him a lasting house of successors provided he kept God's laws and commandments.
- And it came about at that particular time that **Jeroboam** himself went out from Jerusalem, and Ahijah the Shilonite the prophet got to find him on the road, and Ahijah was covering himself with a new garment, and the two of them were by themselves in the field. (**1 Kings 11:29**)

- Ahijah now took hold of the new garment that was on him and ripped it into twelve pieces. (**1 Kings 11:30**)
- And he went on to say to **Jeroboam**; Take for yourself ten pieces, for this is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; Here I am ripping the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and I shall certainly give you ten tribes. (**1 Kings 11:31**)
- And the one tribe is what will continue his for the sake of my servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel. (**1 Kings 11:32**)
- The reason why is that they have left me and begun to bow down to Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, to Chemosh the god of Moab and to Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon, and they have not walked in my ways by doing what is right in my eyes and my statutes and my judicial decisions like David his father. (**1 Kings 11:33**)
- But I shall not take the entire kingdom out of his hand, because a chieftain I shall set him for all the days of his life, for the sake of David my servant whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes. (**1 Kings 11:34**)
- And I shall certainly take the kingship out of the hand of his son and give it to you, even ten tribes. (**1 Kings 11:35**)
- And to his son I shall give one tribe, in order, that David my servant may continue having a lamp always before me in Jerusalem, the city that I have chosen for myself to put my name there. (**1 Kings 11:36**)
- And you are the one that I shall take, and you will indeed reign over all that your soul craves, and you will certainly become king over Israel. (**1 Kings 11:37**)
- And it must occur that, if you obey all that I shall command you, and you do walk in my ways and actually do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and my commandments, just as David my servant did, I will also prove to be with you, and I will build you a lasting house, just as I have built for David, and I will give you Israel. (**1 Kings 11:38**)

- Possibly it was upon learning of these events that Solomon sought to kill **Jeroboam**. However, Jeroboam fled to Egypt, and there under the sheltering protection of Pharaoh Shishak he remained until the death of Solomon.
- And Solomon began seeking to put **Jeroboam** to death. So Jeroboam got up and went running off to Egypt to Shishak the king of Egypt, and he continued in Egypt until Solomon's death. (1 Kings 11:40)
- The news of Solomon's death in about 998 B.C.E. brought **Jeroboam** quickly back to his homeland, where he joined his people in demanding that Solomon's son Rehoboam lighten their burdens if he wanted their support of his new kingship.
- Rehoboam, however, disregarded the good advice of the older counselors in preference to that of younger men his own age who told him to increase the workload of the people.
- The ten tribes responded to this harshness by making Jeroboam their king. In reality, this turn of affairs took place at the instance of Yehowah, in order, that he might indeed carry out his word that Yehowah had spoken by means of Ahijah.
- And Rehoboam proceeded to go to Shechem, for it was to Shechem that all Israel came to make him king. (1 Kings 12:1)
- And it came about that as soon as **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat heard of it while he was yet in Egypt, because he had run off on account of King Solomon, that Jeroboam might dwell in Egypt. (1 Kings 12:2)
- Then they sent and called him. After that **Jeroboam** and all the congregation of Israel came and began to speak to Rehoboam, saying; (1 Kings 12:3)
- Your father, for his part, made our yoke hard, and, as for you, now make the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he put upon us lighter, and we shall serve you. (1 Kings 12:4)
- At this he said to them; Go away for three days and return to me. So the people went away. (1 Kings 12:5)

- **And King Rehoboam began to take counsel with the older men who had continued attending upon Solomon his father while he continued alive, saying; How are you advising to reply to this people? (1 Kings 12:6)**
- **Accordingly they spoke to him, saying; If today you would prove yourself a servant to this people and actually serve them, you must also answer them and speak to them with good words, and they will be bound to become your servants always. (1 Kings 12:7)**
- **However, he left the counsel of the older men with which they had advised him, and he began to take counsel with the young men that had grown up with him, who were the ones attending upon him. (1 Kings 12:8)**
- **And he went on to say to them; What is it that you are offering in counsel that we may reply to this people who have spoken to me, saying; Make the yoke that your father put upon us lighter? (1 Kings 12:9)**
- **In turn the young men that had grown up with him spoke to him, saying; This is what you should say to this people who have spoken to you, saying; Your father, for his part, made our yoke heavy, but, as for you, make it lighter upon us, this is what you should speak to them; My little finger itself will certainly be thicker than my father's hips. (1 Kings 12:10)**
- **And now my father, for his part, loaded upon you a heavy yoke, but I, for my part, shall add to your yoke. My father, for his part, chastised you with whips, but I, for my part, shall chastise you with scourges. (1 Kings 12:11)**
- **And Jeroboam and all the people proceeded to come to Rehoboam on the third day, just as the king had spoken, saying; Return to me on the third day. (1 Kings 12:12)**
- **And the king began to answer the people harshly, and to leave the counsel of the older men who had counseled him. (1 Kings 12:13)**
- **And he went on to speak to them according to the counsel of the young men, saying; My father, for his part, made your yoke heavy, but I, for my part, shall add to your yoke. My father, for**

his part, chastised you with whips, but I, for my part, shall chastise you with scourges. (**1 Kings 12:14**)

- And the king did not listen to the people, because the turn of affairs took place at the instance of Yehowah, in order, that he might indeed carry out his word that Yehowah had spoken by means of Ahijah the Shilonite to **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat. (**1 Kings 12:15**)
- When all Israel got to see that the king had not listened to them, then the people replied to the king, saying; What share do we have in David? And there is no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your gods, O Israel. Now see to your own house, O David! With that Israel began to go to their tents. (**1 Kings 12:16**)
- As for the sons of Israel that were dwelling in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam continued to reign over them. (**1 Kings 12:17**)
- Subsequently King Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over those conscripted for forced labor, but all Israel pelted him with stones, so that he died. And King Rehoboam himself managed to get up into the chariot to flee to Jerusalem. (**1 Kings 12:18**)
- And the Israelites kept up their revolt against the house of David down to this day. (**1 Kings 12:19**)
- And it came about that as soon as all Israel heard that **Jeroboam** had returned, they at once sent and called him to the assembly and made him king over all Israel. None became a follower of the house of David except the tribe of Judah by itself. (**1 Kings 12:20**)
- And Rehoboam proceeded to go to Shechem, for it was to Shechem that all the Israelites came to make him king. (**2 Chronicles 10:1**)
- And it came about that as soon as **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat heard of it while he was yet in Egypt, because he had run away on account of Solomon the king, Jeroboam immediately came back from Egypt. (**2 Chronicles 10:2**)
- So they sent and called him, and **Jeroboam** and all Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying; (**2 Chronicles 10:3**)

- **Your father, for his part, made our yoke hard, and now make the hard service of your father and the heavy yoke that he put upon us lighter, and we shall serve you. (2 Chronicles 10:4)**
- **At this he said to them; Let there be yet three days. Then return to me. So the people went away. (2 Chronicles 10:5)**
- **And King Rehoboam began to take counsel with the older men that were continually attending upon Solomon his father while he continued alive, saying; How are you advising to reply to this people? (2 Chronicles 10:6)**
- **Accordingly they spoke to him, saying; If you would prove yourself good to this people and actually be pleasing to them and indeed speak good words to them, they also will certainly become your servants always. (2 Chronicles 10:7)**
- **However, he left the counsel of the older men with which they had advised him, and he began to take counsel with the young men that had grown up with him, who were the ones attending upon him. (2 Chronicles 10:8)**
- **And he went on to say to them; What is it that you are offering in counsel that we may reply to this people who have spoken to me, saying; Make the yoke that your father put upon us lighter? (2 Chronicles 10:9)**
- **In turn the young men that had grown up with him spoke with him, saying; This is what you should say to the people who have spoken to you, saying; Your father, for his part, made our yoke heavy, but, as for you, make it lighter upon us, this is what you should say to them; My own little finger will certainly be thicker than my father's hips. (2 Chronicles 10:10)**
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- **And the king did not listen to the people, for it proved to be a turn of affairs from the true God in order, that Yehowah might carry out his word that he had spoken by means of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. (2 Chronicles 10:15)**
- **As for all Israel, because the king did not listen to them, the people now replied to the king, saying; What share do we have in David? And there is no inheritance in the son of Jesse. Each one to your gods, O Israel! Now see to your own house, O David. With that all Israel began to go to its tents. (2 Chronicles 10:16)**
- **As for the sons of Israel that were dwelling in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam continued to reign over them. (2 Chronicles 10:17)**
- **Subsequently King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over those conscripted for forced labor, but the sons of Israel pelted him with stones, so that he died. And King Rehoboam himself managed to get up into his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. (2 Chronicles 10:18)**
- **And the Israelites kept up their revolt against the house of David down to this day. (2 Chronicles 10:19)**
- **The newly installed king Jeroboam immediately set about building up Shechem as his royal capital, and East of Shechem, on the other side of the Jordan, he fortified the settlement of Penuel, Peniel, the place where Jacob had wrestled with an angel.**
- **And Jeroboam proceeded to build Shechem in the mountainous region of Ephraim and to dwell in it. Then he went forth from there and built Penuel. (1 Kings 12:25)**
- **Hence Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, because, to quote him, I have seen God face to face and yet my soul was delivered. (Genesis 32:30)**
- **And the sun began to flash upon him as soon as he passed by**

Penuel, but he was limping upon his thigh. ([Genesis 32:31](#))

- Seeing his subjects streaming up to the temple in Jerusalem to worship, **Jeroboam** envisioned that in time they might switch their allegiance to Rehoboam and then they would kill him.
- So he decided to put a stop to this by establishing a religion centered around two golden calves, which he set up, one at Bethel in the south, the other at Dan in the north.
- He also set up his own non-Aaronic priesthood, composed of those among the people in general who were willing to procure the office by offering one bull and seven rams.
- These then served for the high places and for the goat-shaped demons and for the calves that he had made. Jeroboam also invented special **holy days** and personally led the people in sacrificing to his newly created gods.
- And **Jeroboam** began to say in his heart; Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. ([1 Kings 12:26](#))
- If this people continues going up to render sacrifices in the house of Yehowah in Jerusalem, the heart of this people will also be bound to return to their lord, Rehoboam the king of Judah, and they will certainly kill me and return to Rehoboam the king of Judah. ([1 Kings 12:27](#))
- Consequently the king took counsel and made two golden calves and said to the people; It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here is your God, O Israel, that brought you up out of the land of Egypt. ([1 Kings 12:28](#))
- Then he placed the one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. ([1 Kings 12:29](#))
- And this thing came to be a cause for sin, and the people began to go before the one as far as Dan. ([1 Kings 12:30](#))
- And he began to make a house of high places and to make priests from the people in general, who did not happen to be of the sons of Levi. ([1 Kings 12:31](#))
- And **Jeroboam** went on to make a festival in the eighth month on

the fifteenth day of the month, like the festival that was in Judah, that he might make offerings upon the altar that he had made in Bethel, to sacrifice to the calves that he had made, and he put in attendance at Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. (**1 Kings 12:32**)

- And he began to make offerings upon the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he had invented by himself, and he proceeded to make a festival for the sons of Israel and to make offerings upon the altar to make sacrificial smoke. (**1 Kings 12:33**)
- And also the altar that was in Bethel, the high place that **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, who caused Israel to sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he pulled down. Then he burned the high place, he ground it to dust and burned the sacred pole. (**2 Kings 23:15**)
- And the priests and the Levites themselves that were in all Israel took their stand by him out of all their territories. (**2 Chronicles 11:13**)
- For the Levites left their pasture grounds and their possession and then came to Judah and Jerusalem, because **Jeroboam** and his sons had discharged them from acting as priests to Yehowah. (**2 Chronicles 11:14**)
- And he proceeded to put in office for himself priests for the high places and for the goat-shaped demons and for the calves that he had made. (**2 Chronicles 11:15**)
- And following them from all the tribes of Israel those that were giving their heart to seek Yehowah the God of Israel came themselves to Jerusalem to sacrifice to Yehowah the God of their forefathers. (**2 Chronicles 11:16**)
- And they kept strengthening the kingship of Judah and confirming Rehoboam the son of Solomon for three years, for they walked in the way of David and Solomon for three years. (**2 Chronicles 11:17**)
- Have you not driven out Yehowah's priests, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and do you not keep making priests for yourselves like the peoples of the lands? As for anyone that

came and filled his hand with power by means of a young bull and seven rams, he became a priest of what are no gods. (2 Chronicles 13:9)

- On one such occasion when **Jeroboam** was about to offer up sacrificial smoke on his altar at Bethel, Yehowah's spirit caused a certain man of God to reprove the king for his detestable idolatry, and when the king ordered this servant of God seized, the altar split open, spilling its ashes, and the king's hand dried up.
- Not until the man of God softened Yehowah's anger was the hand restored, but even after that Jeroboam continued in his blasphemous defiance of Yehowah.
- And here there was a man of God that had come out of Judah by the word of Yehowah to Bethel, while **Jeroboam** was standing by the altar to make sacrificial smoke. (1 Kings 13:1)
- Then he called out against the altar by the word of Yehowah and said; O altar, altar, this is what Yehowah has said; Look! A son born to the house of David, whose name is Josiah! And he will certainly sacrifice upon you the priests of the high places that are making sacrificial smoke upon you, and men's bones he will burn upon you. (1 Kings 13:2)
- And he gave a portent on that day, saying; This is the portent of which Yehowah has spoken; Look! The altar is ripped apart, and the fatty ashes that are upon it will certainly be spilled out. (1 Kings 13:3)
- And it came about that, as soon as the king heard the word of the man of the true God that he had called out against the altar in Bethel, **Jeroboam** at once thrust out his hand from off the altar, saying; You men, grab hold of him! Immediately his hand that he had thrust out against him became dried up, and he was not able to draw it back to himself. (1 Kings 13:4)
- And the altar itself was ripped apart so that the fatty ashes were spilled out from the altar, according to the portent that the man of the true God had given by the word of Yehowah. (1 Kings 13:5)
- The king now answered and said to the man of the true God; Soften, please, the face of Yehowah your God and pray in my

behalf that my hand may be restored to me. At this the man of the true God softened the face of Yehowah, so that the king's hand was restored to him, and it came to be as at first. (**1 Kings 13:6**)

- After this thing **Jeroboam** did not turn back from his bad way, but he again went making priests of high places from the people in general. As for anyone delighting in it, he would fill his hand with power, saying; And let him become one of the priests of high places. (**1 Kings 13:33**)
- And in this thing there came to be a cause of sin on the part of the household of **Jeroboam** and an occasion for effacing them and annihilating them off the surface of the ground. (**1 Kings 13:34**)
- His introducing calf worship constituted the sins of **Jeroboam**, sins of which other Israelite kings became guilty by perpetuating this apostate worship.
- And he will give Israel up on account of the sins of **Jeroboam** with which he sinned and with which he caused Israel to sin. (**1 Kings 14:16**)
- On account of the sins of **Jeroboam** with which he sinned and with which he caused Israel to sin and by his offensiveness with which he offended Yehowah the God of Israel. (**1 Kings 15:30**)
- And he kept doing what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah and went walking in the way of **Jeroboam** and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin. (**1 Kings 15:34**)
- Inasmuch as I raised you up out of the dust that I might constitute you leader over my people Israel, but you went walking in the way of **Jeroboam** and so caused my people Israel to sin by offending me with their sins. (**1 Kings 16:2**)
- For the sins of his with which he had sinned by doing what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah by walking in the way of **Jeroboam** and in his sin which he did by causing Israel to sin. (**1 Kings 16:19**)
- And he went walking in all the way of **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin by offending

Yehowah the God of Israel with their vain idols. (1 Kings 16:26)

- **And it came about that, as if it were the most trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he now took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal the king of the Sidonians and began to go and serve Baal and to bow down to him. (1 Kings 16:31)**
- **And he kept doing what was bad in Yehowah's eyes and went walking in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin. (1 Kings 22:52)**
- **Only he stuck to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he caused Israel to sin. He did not depart from them. (2 Kings 3:3)**
- **It was only the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he caused Israel to sin, that Jehu did not turn aside from following them, that is, the golden calves of which one was in Bethel and one in Dan. (2 Kings 10:29)**
- **And Jehu himself did not take care to walk in the Law of Yehowah the God of Israel with all his heart. He did not turn aside from the sins of Jeroboam with which he caused Israel to sin. (2 Kings 10:31)**
- **And he continued to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes and went walking in pursuit of the sin of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he caused Israel to sin. He did not turn aside from it. (2 Kings 13:2)**
- **Only they did not depart from the sin of the house of Jeroboam, with which he caused Israel to sin. In it he walked, and even the sacred pole itself stood in Samaria. (2 Kings 13:6)**
- **And he continued to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he made Israel sin. In them he walked. (2 Kings 13:11)**
- **And he continued to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, with which he caused Israel to sin. (2 Kings 14:24)**

- And he went on doing what was bad in Yehowah's eyes, just as his forefathers had done. He did not depart from the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, with which he caused Israel to sin. (2 Kings 15:9)
- And he continued to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. He did not depart from all the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, with which he caused Israel to sin, all his days. (2 Kings 15:18)
- And he continued to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. He did not depart from the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, with which he caused Israel to sin. (2 Kings 15:24)
- And he continued to do what was bad in Yehowah's eyes. He did not depart from the sins of **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, with which he caused Israel to sin. (2 Kings 15:28)
- For he ripped Israel off from the house of David, and they proceeded to make **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat king, and Jeroboam proceeded to part Israel from following Yehowah, and he caused them to sin with a great sin. (2 Kings 17:21)
- And the sons of Israel went walking in all the sins of **Jeroboam** that he had done. They did not depart from them. (2 Kings 17:22)
- Until Yehowah removed Israel from his sight, just as he had spoken by means of all his servants the prophets. So Israel went off its own soil into exile in Assyria down to this day. (2 Kings 17:23)
- In the 18th year of **Jeroboam's** reign Rehoboam died, but the warring that had gone on between the two nations continued during the three-year reign of Rehoboam's son Abijam, Abijah, who succeeded him.
- And in the eighteenth year of King **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, Abijam became king over Judah. (1 Kings 15:1)
- Three years he reigned in Jerusalem, and his mother's name was Maacah the granddaughter of Abishalom. (1 Kings 15:2)
- And warfare itself took place between Rehoboam and **Jeroboam** all the days of his life. (1 Kings 15:6)

- As for Rehoboam's affairs, the first and the last, are they not written among the words of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the visionary by genealogical enrollment? And there were wars between Rehoboam and **Jeroboam** all the time. (2 Chronicles 12:15)
- On one occasion Abijah assembled 400,000 to battle against **Jeroboam's** forces twice the size. Despite **Jeroboam's** superior force and his clever ambush strategy, he was badly beaten.
- He lost 500,000 men and many of his Ephraimite towns and was greatly humiliated. Judah's victory was because Abijah and his men trusted in Yehowah and cried to him for help.
- So Abijah engaged in the war with a military force of four hundred thousand mighty men of war, chosen men. And **Jeroboam** himself drew up in battle formation against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, valiant, mighty men. (2 Chronicles 13:3)
- Abijah now rose up upon Mount Zemaraim, which is in the mountainous region of Ephraim, and said; Hear me, O **Jeroboam** and all Israel. (2 Chronicles 13:4)
- Is it not for you to know that Yehowah the God of Israel himself gave a kingdom to David over Israel to time indefinite, to him and to his sons, by a covenant of salt? (2 Chronicles 13:5)
- And **Jeroboam** the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, proceeded to rise up and rebel against his lord. (2 Chronicles 13:6)
- And idle men, good-for-nothing fellows, kept collecting themselves together by him. Finally they proved superior to Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam himself happened to be young and fainthearted, and he did not hold his own against them. (2 Chronicles 13:7)
- And now you men are thinking of holding your own against the kingdom of Yehowah in the hand of the sons of David, when you are a large crowd and there are with you the golden calves that **Jeroboam** made for you as gods. (2 Chronicles 13:8)

- **Have you not driven out Yehowah's priests, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and do you not keep making priests for yourselves like the peoples of the lands? As for anyone that came and filled his hand with power by means of a young bull and seven rams, he became a priest of what are no gods. (2 Chronicles 13:9)**
- **As for us, Yehowah is our God, and we have not left him, but priests are ministering to Yehowah, the sons of Aaron, and also the Levites in the work. (2 Chronicles 13:10)**
- **And they are making burnt offerings smoke to Yehowah morning by morning and evening by evening and also perfumed incense, and the layers of bread are upon the table of pure gold, and there are the golden lampstand and its lamps to light up evening by evening, because we are keeping the obligation to Yehowah our God, but you yourselves have left him. (2 Chronicles 13:11)**
- **And, look! With us there is at the head the true God with his priests and the signal trumpets for sounding the battle alarm against you. O sons of Israel, do not fight against Yehowah the God of your forefathers, for you will not prove successful. (2 Chronicles 13:12)**
- **And Jeroboam, for his part, dispatched an ambush around to come behind them, so that they proved to be in front of Judah and the ambush behind them. (2 Chronicles 13:13)**
- **When those of Judah turned around, why, there they had the battle in front and behind. And they began to cry out to Yehowah, while the priests were loudly sounding the trumpets. (2 Chronicles 13:14)**
- **And the men of Judah broke out shouting a war cry. And it came about that, when the men of Judah shouted a war cry, then the true God himself defeated Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. (2 Chronicles 13:15)**
- **And the sons of Israel took to flight from before Judah, and then God gave them into their hand. (2 Chronicles 13:16)**
- **And Abijah and his people went striking them down with a vast slaughter, and the slain of Israel kept falling down, five hundred thousand chosen men. (2 Chronicles 13:17)**

- Thus the sons of Israel were humbled at that time, but the sons of Judah proved superior because they leaned upon Yehowah the God of their forefathers. (2 Chronicles 13:18)
- And Abijah kept chasing after Jeroboam and got to capture cities from him, Bethel and its dependent towns, and Jeshanah and its dependent towns, and Ephraim and its dependent towns. (2 Chronicles 13:19)
- And Jeroboam did not retain any more power in the days of Abijah, but Yehowah dealt him a blow, so that he died. (2 Chronicles 13:20)
- To add to Jeroboam's calamity, his son Abijah fell deathly sick, whereupon the king had his wife disguise herself, and then he sent her with a gift to the old prophet Ahijah, now blind, to inquire whether the child would recover.
- The answer was no. Additionally the prediction was made that every male heir of Jeroboam would be cut off, and with the exception of this son, in whom Yehowah found something good, none of Jeroboam's offspring would have a decent burial, but, instead, their carcasses would be eaten either by the dogs or by fowl.
- At that particular time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. (1 Kings 14:1)
- So Jeroboam said to his wife; Rise up, please, and you must disguise yourself that they may not know that you are the wife of Jeroboam, and you must go to Shiloh. Look! There is where Ahijah the prophet is. He is the one that spoke with reference to me as to becoming king over this people. (1 Kings 14:2)
- And you must take in your hand ten loaves of bread and sprinkled cakes and a flask of honey, and you must come in to him. He it is that will certainly tell you what is going to happen to the boy. (1 Kings 14:3)
- And the wife of Jeroboam proceeded to do so. Consequently she rose up and went to Shiloh and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah himself was unable to see, for his eyes had set because of his age. (1 Kings 14:4)

- And Yehowah himself had said to Ahijah; Here is the wife of **Jeroboam** coming to apply for a word from you regarding her son, for he is sick. This way and that is how you should speak to her. And it will occur that as soon as she arrives, she will be making herself unrecognizable. (**1 Kings 14:5**)
- And it came about that as soon as Ahijah heard the sound of her feet as she was coming into the entrance, he began to say; Come in, you wife of **Jeroboam**. Why is it that you are making yourself unrecognizable while I am being sent to you with a severe message? (**1 Kings 14:6**)
- Go, say to **Jeroboam**; This is what Yehowah the God of Israel has said; For the reason that I raised you up out of the middle of your people, that I might constitute you a leader over my people Israel. (**1 Kings 14:7**)
- And I went on to rip the kingdom away from the house of David and give it to you, and you have not become like my servant David, who kept my commandments and who walked after me with all his heart by doing only what was right in my eyes. (**1 Kings 14:8**)
- But you began to act worse than all those who happened to be prior to you, and you went and made for yourself another god and molten images to offend me, and it is I whom you have cast behind your back. (**1 Kings 14:9**)
- For that reason here I am bringing calamity upon the house of **Jeroboam**, and I shall certainly cut off from Jeroboam anyone urinating against a wall, a helpless and worthless one in Israel, and I shall indeed make a clean sweep behind the house of Jeroboam, just as one clears away the dung until it is disposed of. (**1 Kings 14:10**)
- The one dying of **Jeroboam's** in the city, the dogs will eat, and the one dying in the field, the fowls of the heavens will eat, because Yehowah himself has spoken it. (**1 Kings 14:11**)
- And you yourself, rise up, go to your house. When your feet come into the city the child will certainly die. (**1 Kings 14:12**)
- And all Israel will indeed bewail him and bury him, because this one alone of **Jeroboam's** will come into a burial place, for the

reason that something good toward Yehowah the God of Israel has been found in him in the house of Jeroboam. (1 Kings 14:13)

- And Yehowah will certainly raise up to himself a king over Israel who will cut off the house of **Jeroboam** the said day, and what if right now? (1 Kings 14:14)
- And Yehowah will indeed strike Israel down, just as the reed sways in the water, and he will certainly uproot Israel off this good ground that he gave to their forefathers, and he will indeed scatter them beyond the River, for the reason that they made their sacred poles, so offending Yehowah. (1 Kings 14:15)
- And he will give Israel up on account of the sins of **Jeroboam** with which he sinned and with which he caused Israel to sin. (1 Kings 14:16)
- At that **Jeroboam's** wife rose up and went her way and came to Tirzah. As she was arriving at the threshold of the house, the boy himself died. (1 Kings 14:17)
- So they buried him, and all Israel went wailing for him, according to Yehowah's word that he had spoken by means of his servant Ahijah the prophet. (1 Kings 14:18)
- Shortly thereafter, in about 977 B.C.E, Yehowah dealt **Jeroboam** a blow, so that he died, bringing to an end his 22-year reign.
- And **Jeroboam** did not retain any more power in the days of Abijah, but Yehowah dealt him a blow, so that he died. (2 Chronicles 13:20)
- And the days that **Jeroboam** reigned were twenty-two years, after which he lay down with his forefathers, and Nadab his son began to reign in place of him. (1 Kings 14:20)
- His son Nadab succeeded him to the throne for two years before being killed by Baasha, who also cut off every breathing thing of **Jeroboam's** house. In this way his dynasty was abruptly terminated according to Yehowah's word, and on account of the sins of **Jeroboam**.
- As for Nadab the son of **Jeroboam**, he became king over Israel in the second year of Asa the king of Judah, and he continued to reign over Israel two years. (1 Kings 15:25)

- **And he kept doing what was bad in the eyes of Yehowah and went on walking in the way of his father and in his sin with which he caused Israel to sin. (1 Kings 15:26)**
- **And Baasha the son of Ahijah of the house of Issachar began to conspire against him, and Baasha got to strike him down at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel were besieging Gibbethon. (1 Kings 15:27)**
- **So Baasha put him to death in the third year of Asa the king of Judah and began to reign in place of him. (1 Kings 15:28)**
- **And it came about that as soon as he became king, he struck down all the house of **Jeroboam**. He did not let anyone breathing remain of Jeroboam's until he had annihilated them, according to Yehowah's word that he had spoken by means of his servant Ahijah the Shilonite. (1 Kings 15:29)**
- **On account of the sins of **Jeroboam** with which he sinned and with which he caused Israel to sin and by his offensiveness with which he offended Yehowah the God of Israel. (1 Kings 15:30)**