

1 Kings 14

Jeroboam's Decline



JEROBOAM – King of Israel (20 yrs)	REHOBOAM – King of Judah (17 yrs)
<p>Former servant of Solomon</p> <p>Northern 10 tribes (<i>Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph</i>)</p> <p>Capital City: Samaria</p>	<p>Son of Solomon</p> <p>Southern 2 tribes (<i>Judah, Benjamin</i>)</p> <p>Capital City: Jerusalem</p>
<p>Evil</p> <p><u>Established:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - counterfeit temple in Samaria - idol worship (golden calf cult) - high places for foreign gods <p><u>Denounced:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yahweh's deliverance from Egypt <p><u>Abolished/changed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Levitical priesthood - holy feast days <p>God's Instrument for punishing Solomon's sins & judging Israel</p> 	<p>Walked with God (3 yrs)</p> <p><u>Built up:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Levitical priesthood (many moved to Judah) - multiple cities for defense - strong fortresses - commanders - supplies <p><u>Acted Wisely:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - placed sons in districts - supplied ample provisions - found wives for his sons <p>Abandoned the Ways of God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - became subjected to Egyptian army - lost temple in Jerusalem <p>Humbled himself</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not totally destroyed <p>Did Evil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - turned from God - nation slid into moral decay

Prophecy Against Jeroboam

14 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. ² And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Arise, and disguise yourself, that it not be known that you are the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh. Behold, Ahijah the prophet is there, who said of me that I should be king over this people. ³ Take with you ten loaves, some cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him. He will tell you what shall happen to the child."

⁴ Jeroboam's wife did so. She arose and went to Shiloh and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were dim because of his age. ⁵ And the LORD said to Ahijah, "Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to inquire of you concerning her son, for he is sick. Thus and thus shall you say to her."

When she came, she pretended to be another woman. ⁶ But when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, he said, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend to be another? For I am charged with unbearable news for you. ⁷ Go, tell Jeroboam, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: "Because I exalted you from among the people and made you leader over my people Israel ⁸ and tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you, and yet you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commandments and followed me with all his heart, doing only that which was right in my eyes, ⁹ but you have done evil above all who were before you and have gone and made for yourself other gods and metal images, provoking me to anger, and have cast me behind your back, ¹⁰ therefore behold, I will bring harm upon the house of Jeroboam and will cut off from Jeroboam every male, both bond and free in Israel, and will burn up the house of Jeroboam, as a man burns up dung until it is all gone. ¹¹ Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone who dies in the open country the birds of the heavens shall eat, for the LORD has spoken it.'" ¹² Arise therefore, go to your house. When your feet enter the city, the child shall die. ¹³ And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found something pleasing to the LORD, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam. ¹⁴ Moreover, the LORD will raise up for himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam today. And henceforth, ¹⁵ the LORD will strike Israel as a reed is shaken in the water, and root up Israel out of this good land that he gave to their fathers and scatter them beyond the Euphrates, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger. ¹⁶ And he will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he sinned and made Israel to sin."

¹⁷ Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed and came to Tirzah. And as she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. ¹⁸ And all Israel buried him and mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke by his servant Ahijah the prophet.

God's Attribute of Jealousy

SCRIPTURE	INSTRUCTIVE TO US?
Exodus 20:5-6 ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.	
Exodus 34:14 for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous , is a jealous God	
Deuteronomy 4:23-24 ²³ Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you. ²⁴ For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.	
Isaiah 30:1-2 "Ah, stubborn children," declares the LORD, "who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; ² who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my direction, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!	

The Death of Jeroboam

¹⁹ Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel. ²⁰ And the time that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two years. And he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.