

³² day of the eighth month like the festival was in Judah, and he offered sacrifices on the altar; so he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places that he had made. ~~(And he p)~~ ³³ He went up to the altar that he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, in the month that he alone had prescribed; he appointed a festival for the people of Israel, and he went up to the altar to offer incense.

13¹ While Jeroboam was standing by the altar to offer incense, a man of God came out of Judah by the word of the LORD to Bethel² and proclaimed against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, 'O altar, altar, thus says the LORD: "A son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and he shall sacrifice on you the priests of the high places who offer incense on you, and human bones shall be burned on you."³ He gave a sign the same day, saying, 'This is the sign that the LORD has spoken: "The altar shall be torn down, and the ashes that are on it shall be poured out."⁴ When the king heard what the man of God cried out against the altar at Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, 'Seize him!'

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⁴ But the hand that he stretched out against him withered so that he could not draw it back to himself.⁵ The altar also was torn down, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign that the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.⁶ The king said to the man of God, 'Entreat now the favour of the LORD your God, and pray for me so that my hand may be restored to me.' So the man of God entreated the LORD; and the King's hand was restored to him, and became as it was before.⁷ Then the king said to the man of God, 'Come home with me and dine, and I will give you a gift.'⁸ But the man of God said to the King, 'If you give me half your kingdom, I will not go in with you; nor will I eat food or drink water in this place.'⁹ For thus I was commanded by the word of the LORD: You shall not eat food, or drink water, or return by the way that you came.'¹⁰ So he went another way, and did not return by the way that he had come to Bethel.

¹¹ Now there lived an old prophet in Bethel. One of his sons came and told him all that the man of God had done that day in Bethel; the words also that he had spoken to the king, they told to their father.

¹² Their father said to them, 'Which way did he go?' And his sons showed him the way that the man of God who came from Judah had

gone.¹³ Then he said to his sons, 'Saddle a donkey for me.' So they saddled a donkey for him, and he mounted it.¹⁴ He went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak tree. He said to him, 'Are you the man of God who came from Judah?' He answered, 'I am.'¹⁵ Then he said to him, 'Come home with me and eat some food.'¹⁶ But he said, 'I cannot return with you, or go in with you; nor will I eat food or drink water with you in this place;¹⁷ for it was said to me by the word of the LORD; You shall not eat food or drink water there, or return by the way that you came.'¹⁸ Then the other said to him, 'I also am a prophet as you are, and an-angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD: Bring him back with you into your house so that he may eat food and drink water.'¹⁹ But he was deceiving him.²⁰ Then the man of God went back with him, and ate food and drank water in his house.

²⁰ As they were sitting at the table, the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back;²¹ and he proclaimed to the man of God who came from Judah, 'Thus says the LORD: Because you have disobeyed the word of the LORD, and have not kept the commandment that the LORD your God commanded you,²² but you have come back and have eaten food and drunk water in the place of which he said to you, "Eat no food, and drink no water", your body

shall not come to your ancestral tomb.²³ After the man of God had eaten food and had drunk, they saddled for him a donkey belonging to the prophet who had brought him back.²⁴ Then as he went away, a lion met him on the road and killed him. His body was thrown in the road, and the donkey stood beside it; the lion also stood beside the body.

²⁵ People passed by and saw the body thrown in the road, with the lion standing by the body. And they came and told it in the town where the old prophet lived.

²⁶ When the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard of it, he said, 'It is the man of God who disobeyed the word of the LORD; therefore the LORD has given him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him according to the word that the LORD spoke to him.'²⁷ Then he said to his sons, 'Saddle a donkey for me.' So they saddled one,

²⁸ and he went and found the body thrown in the road, with the donkey and the lion standing beside the body. The lion had not eaten the body or attacked the donkey.²⁹ The prophet took up the body of the man of God, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back to the city, to mourn and to bury him.³⁰ He laid the body in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, 'Alas, my brother!'³¹ After he had buried him, he said to his sons, 'When I die, bury me in the grave in

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which the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones.³² for he saying that he proclaimed by the word of the Lord against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places that are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

³³ Even after this event Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but made priests for the high places again from among all the people; any who wanted to be priests he consecrated for the high places. ³⁴ This matter became sin to the house of Jeroboam, so as to cut it off, and destroy it from the face of the earth.

14 At that time Abijah son of Jeroboam fell sick. ³⁵ Jeroboam said to his wife, 'Go disguise yourself, so that it will not be known that you are the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh; for the

prophet Ahijah 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.'

¶ Jeroboam's wife did so; she set out
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 But the Lord said to Ahijah,
'The wife of Jeroboam is coming to
inquire of you concerning her son;
for he is sick. Thus and thus you shall
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 heavy tidings for you.⁷ Go, tell Jeroboam, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel,⁸ and tore the kingdom away from the house of David to give it to you; 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 sight.⁹ but you have done evil above all those who were before you and have gone and made for yourself other gods, and cast images, provoking me to anger, and have thrust me behind your back;¹⁰ therefore, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam. I will cut off from Jeroboam every male, with bond and free, in Israel and will consume the house of Jeroboam, just as one

"burns up dung until it is all gone.

"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 air shall eat; for the Lord has spoken."¹² Therefore, get out, go to your house. When your feet enter the city, the child shall die.¹³ All Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he alone of Jeroboam's family 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, even now!

¹⁵ The Lord will strike Israel, as a reed is broken in the water; he will root up Israel out of his good land that he gave to their ancestors, and scatter them beyond the Euphrates, because they have made their sacred poles, provoking the Lord to anger.¹⁶ He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he joined and which he caused Israel to commit.

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Then Jeroboam's wife got up and went away,
and she came to Tirzah. As she came to the threshold
of the house, the child died. ¹⁸ All Israel buried
him and mourned for him, according to the word of
the Lord, which he spoke by his servant the prophet
Ahijah. ¹⁹ Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam,
how he warred and how he reigned, are written in
the book of Annals of the Kings of Israel. ²⁰ The time
that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two years; then
he slept with his ancestors, and his son Nadab
succeeded him. ²¹ Now Rehoboam son of Solomon
reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old
when he began to reign, and he reigned for seventeen
years in Jerusalem, the city that the Lord has chosen
out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there.
His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite. ²² And
did what was evil in the sight of the Lord; they
provoked him to jealousy with their sins that they
committed, more than all their ancestors had done.
²³ For they also built for themselves high places, pillars,

and sacred poles on every high hill and under every green tree; ²⁴ there were also male temples, prostitutes in the land. They committed all the abominations of the nations that the Lord drove out before the people of Israel. ²⁵ In the fifth year of king Rehoboam, king Shishak of Egypt came up against Jerusalem; ²⁶ he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord and the treasures of the King's house; he took everything. He also took away all the shields of gold that Solomon had made; ²⁷ so King Rehoboam made shields of bronze instead; and committed to the hands of the officers of the guard, who kept the door of the King's house. ²⁸ As often as the King went into the house of the Lord, the guard carried them and brought them back to the guardroom.

²⁹ Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the kings of Judah? ³⁰ There was war between Rehoboam and Jerobeam continually. ³¹ Rehoboam

slept with his ancestors and was buried with his ancestors in the city of David. His mother's name was Naamah the Ammonite, his son Abijah succeeded him.

Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam son of Nebat, Abijam began to reign over Judah.
² He reigned for three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah daughter of Abishalom. ³ He committed all he saw that his father did before him; his heart was not true to the Lord his God, like the heart of his father David. ⁴ Nevertheless, for David's sake the Lord, his God, him a lamp in Jerusalem, setting up his son after him, and establishing Jerusalem; ⁵ because David did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and did not turn aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. ⁶ The war begun between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continued all the days of his life. ⁷ The rest of acts of Abijam and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah? There was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. ⁸ Abijam slept with his ancestors and they

buried him in the city of David. Then his son Asa succeeded him.⁹ In the twentieth year of King Jeroboam of Israel, Asa began to reign over Judah;¹⁰ he reigned for forty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Maacah, daughter of Abishalom.¹¹ Asa did what was right in the sight of the Lord, as his father David had done.¹² He put away the male temple prostitutes out of the land, and removed all the idols his ancestors had made.¹³ He also removed his mother Maacah from being queen mother, because she had made an abominable image^{ef} for Asherah; Asa cut down her image and burned it at the Wadi Kidron.¹⁴ But the high places were not taken away. Nevertheless, the heart of Asa was true to the Lord all his days.¹⁵ He brought into the house of the Lord the

Votive gifts of his father and his own

Votive gifts - silver, gold, and utensils.

¹⁶ There was war between Asa and King Baasha of Israel all their days. ¹⁷ King Baasha of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, to prevent anyone from going out of or coming in to King Asa of Judah. ¹⁸ Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the Lord and the treasures of the king's house, and gave them into the hands of his servants. King Asa sent them to King Ben-hadad son of Tabrimmon ~~or~~ son of Hezion of Aram, who resided in Damascus, saying, ¹⁹ Let there be an alliance between me and you, like that between my father and your father: I am sending you a present of silver and gold; go, break your alliance with King Baasha of Israel.

so that he may withdraw from me.

²⁰ Ben-hadad listened to king Asa, and sent the commanders of his armies against the cities of Israel. He conquered ~~¶~~ Ljon, Dan, Abel-beth-maacah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali.

²¹ When Baasha heard of it, he stopped building Ramah and lived in Tirzah. ²² Then king Asa made a proclamation to all Judah; none was exempt: they carried away the stones of Ramah and its timber, with which Baasha had been building; with them king Asa built Geba of Benjamin and Mizupah.

²³ Now the rest of all the acts of Asa, all his power, all that he did, and the cities that he built, are they not written in the Book of the Annals of the Kings of Judah? But in his old age he was diseased in his feet. ²⁴ Then Asa slept with his

Ancestors in the city of his father David; his son Jehoshaphat succeeded him.

25 Nadab son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of king Asa of Judah; he reigned over Israel for two years.²⁶ He did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, walking in the way of his ancestor and in the sin that he caused Israel to commit.

27 Baasha son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha struck him down at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon.²⁸ So Baasha killed Nadab in the third year of king Asa of Judah, and succeeded him.²⁹ As soon as he was king, he killed all the house of Jeroboam; he left to the house of Jeroboam not one

that breathed, until he had destroyed it. According to the word of the Lord that he spoke by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite - ³⁰ because of the sins of Jeroboam that he committed and that he caused Israel to commit, and because of the anger to which he provoked the Lord, the God of Israel. 31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of Annals of the kings of Israel? 32 There was war between Asa and king Baasha of Israel all their days. 33 In the third year of king Asa of Judah, Baasha son of Ahijah began to reign over all Israel at ~~Hazor~~ Tirzah; he reigned for twenty-four years. 34 He did what was evil in the

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Saint of the Lord, walking in the
way of Jeroboam and in the sin
that he caused Israel to commit.