

I Kings 13-16

Historical Books II
Lecture #17

I Kings

Chapter 13

The Reign of Jeroboam

The Unnamed Prophet

- An unnamed prophet confronts Jeroboam as he offers incense at Bethel.
- He prophesies that Josiah will burn the bones of priests on that altar
 - Spoiler! It happens 351 years later – II Kings 23:16

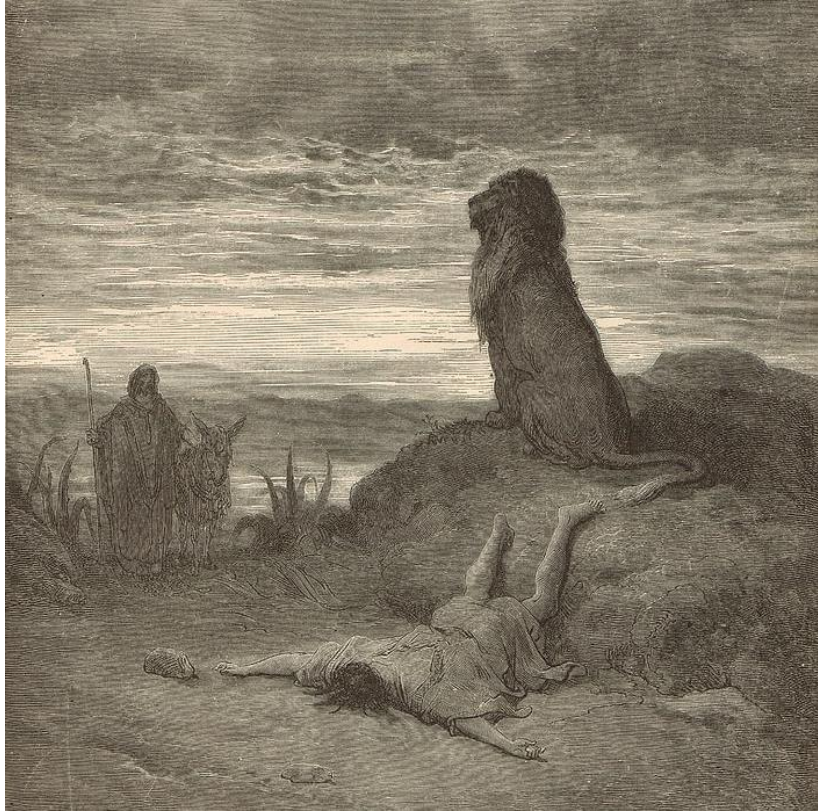


The Unnamed Prophet

- Jeroboam points at the prophet to signal for his arrest, but his hand becomes lifeless.
- The prophet prays for him, and his hand is restored.
- The prophet rushes away as he was commanded by God to not eat or drink there.



The Old Prophet



- An Old Prophet at Bethel meets the Unnamed Prophet and convinces him to stay at Bethel by lying about an angelic message.
- God then moves the Old Prophet to rebuke the Unnamed Prophet.
- The Unnamed Prophet is killed by a lion as he left Bethel.

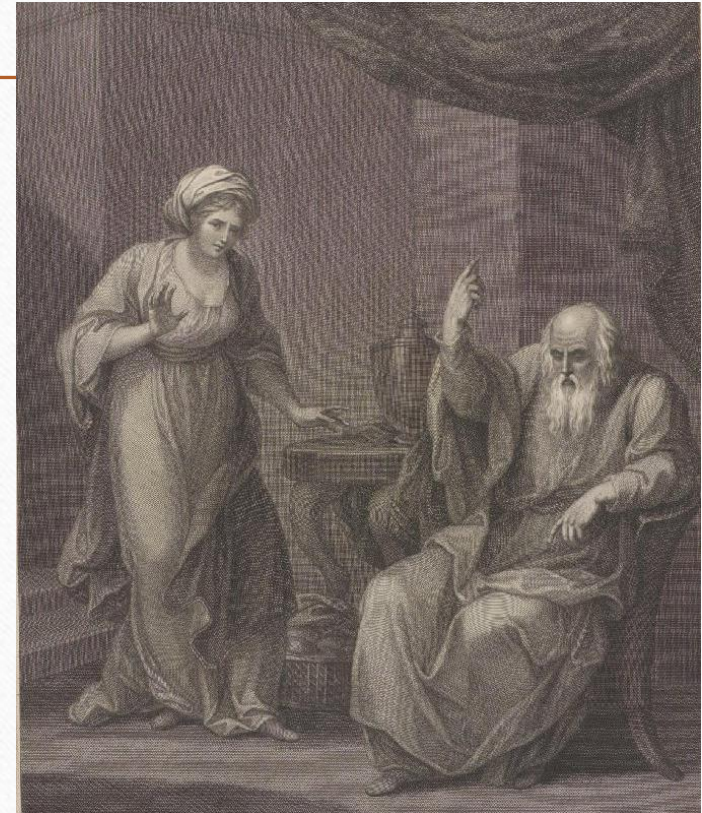
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Chapter 14

Deaths of Rehoboam and Jeroboam

Abijah

- Jeroboam's son Abijah is deathly ill.
- Jeroboam's wife is sent to seek the prophet Ahijah, who had foretold Jeroboam's reign.
- Ahijah prophesies of the death of Abijah and the downfall of the Jeroboam's dynasty



Jeroboam's Death

- Jeroboam reigned for 22 years.
- His son Nadab inherited the throne.
- “God has placed the stamp of eternal infamy on his name”



Rehoboam's Reign

- Idolatry multiplied during his reign.
- Idolatry promoted behavior of the vilest kind.
- Shishak of Egypt spoiled Jerusalem.
- Civil war with Jeroboam
- Reigns 17 years, dies at age 58.
- His son Abijam inherits the throne.



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Chapter 15

Abijam, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Nadab, Baasha

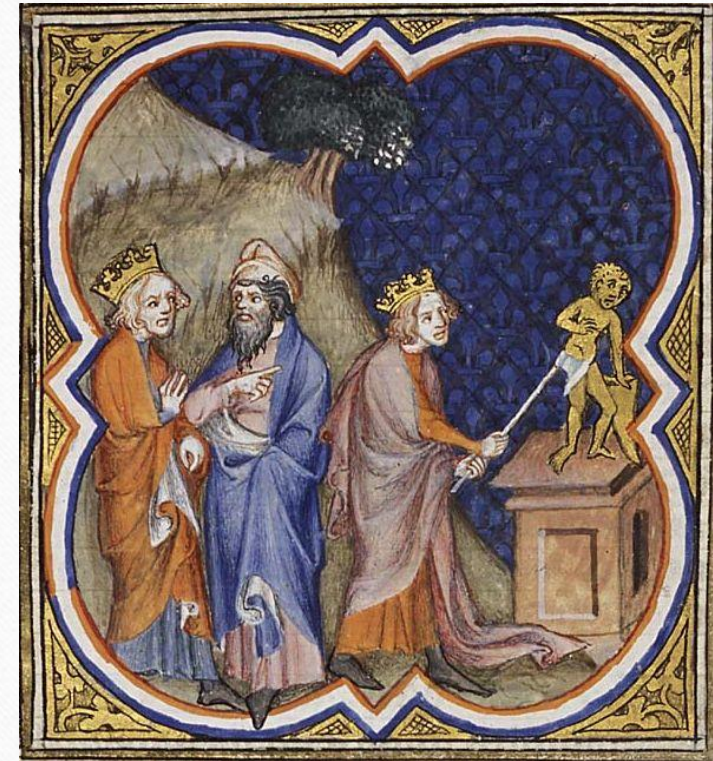
Abijah

- Reigned three years over Judah.
- Josephus claims his mother Maachah was the granddaughter of Absalom.
- II Chronicles has a longer account of his reign.
- His son Asa inherits the throne.



Asa

- Reigned for 41 years over Judah.
- His grandmother Maacah seems to have acted as “queen mother” until she was deposed.
- Removed idolatry and idolators from the land.



Asa

- Did not remove the high places.
 - I think these are for a decentralized, self-willed worship of God.
- Warred with Baasha of Israel
 - Took Temple treasures to hire Syrian mercenaries.
- Sick in his last years.
- Jehoshaphat inherits the throne.



Nadab

- Reigned over Israel for three years.
- Warred with *Asa* of Judah.
- Is assassinated by Baasha while besieging the Philistine city of Gibbethon.
- Jeroboam's dynasty ends as prophesied in I Kings 14:11
- The throne is taken by Baasha.



Baasha

- Usurper from the tribe of Issachar.
- Reigned over Israel for 24 years.



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Chapter 16

Kings of Israel from Baasha to Ahab

Baasha

- The prophet Jehu prophesies that Baasha's house will have the same fate as Jeroboam's.
- Baasha dies.
- His son Elah inherits the throne.



Elah

- Reigned two years.
- Is assassinated by Zimri, one of his generals.
- Zimri destroys all of Baasha's house, as prophesied by Jehu.
- Zimri takes the throne.



Zimri

- Reigns for SEVEN DAYS over Israel.
- The Army proclaims Omri as king.
- Commits suicide by burning the palace down around him.



Omri and Tibni

- Israel is divided in their support of Omri and Tibni.
- This divided (subdivided?) kingdom lasts for four years.
- Omri defeats Tibni and takes the entire kingdom for himself.



Omri

- Omri reign for a total of 12 years
 - Four in the divided kingdom, eight as sole ruler.
- While the account of his reign is brief, he is extremely important in the history and direction of Israel.
- Moves the capital to Samaria.
- His son Ahab inherits the throne.



Ahab

- Reigns for 22 years over Israel.
- The worst king yet.*
- Married to Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal of Zidon.
- Promotes worship of the Phoenician god Baal.



Rebuilding of Jericho

- Joshua 6:26 – “And Joshua adjured them at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his firstborn, and in his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.”
- This has to do with the WALLS, not the city itself. The city remained inhabited.
- Hiel begins rebuilding of the walls.
- When started, his firstborn son Abriam died.
- When finished, his youngest son Segub died.
- This is 533 years after Joshua’s curse.

Next Week...

Elijah and Elisha