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Beginning of Jeroboam's Reign 1 Kings 12:25-13:10

- Established Shechem as the capital of the northern kingdom. 12:25
- Peniel was on the east side of the Jordan. Giving attention to this area would show unity with the tribes of Gad, Reuben, and the half-tribe of Manasseh on the east side of the Jordan. 12:25

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- Took actions in order to keep the people of the northern kingdom from reconnecting with the southern kingdom. 12:26-33
 - Established a place of worship at Bethel, on the southern border and Dan, on the northern border.
 - Abram built an altar near Bethel soon after entering the land of Canaan for the first time. Genesis 12:8
 - Jacob encountered God there as he fled from Esau and then settled there on his return. Genesis 28 and 35

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 - Made temples on the high places and arbitrarily appointed priests.
 - Appointed a feast on the 15th day of the eighth month, celebrated at Bethel.

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- God rebuked Jeroboam for this illicit worship site and rituals. 13:1-10
 - An unnamed prophet from Judah confronted Jeroboam with God's message as he was about to make sacrifices on the altar at Bethel.
 - A son of David, Josiah, will burn the bones of the illicit priests on this very same altar. (Jeroboam's reign was 931 to 910 B.C., Josiah would reign in Judah 640 to 609 B.C. see 2 Kings 23:15-20)

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 - A sign was given that the altar would crumble and ashes would spill out.

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 - An unnamed prophet from Judah confronted Jeroboam with God's message as he was about to make sacrifices on the altar at Bethel.
 - Jeroboam stretched out his hand and ordered the prophets seized but his hand withered and became useless.
 - The altar crumbled and the ashes spilled out.

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 - An unnamed prophet from Judah confronted Jeroboam with God's message as he was about to make sacrifices on the altar at Bethel.
 - Jeroboam immediately asked the man of God to entreat God for his hand and it was restored.
 - Jeroboam then offered to take the man of God home with him and give him a reward.

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 - The man of God revealed that part of God's message to him was to not consume anything while there and to return a different way than he came.

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Deception leading to the death of the prophet from Judah. 1 Kings 13:11-32

- An old prophet heard of the prophet from Judah and his message.
- The old prophet went after the prophet from Judah and invited him to his house to enjoy his hospitality.
- The prophet from Judah related that he could not come due to clear instructions from God.

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Deception leading to the death of the prophet from Judah. 1 Kings 13:11-32

- The old prophet lied to him by telling him that an angel had spoken to him and sent him to bring the man back to his house.
- The prophet from Judah complied but soon learned that the action would cost him his life.

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Deception leading to the death of the prophet from Judah. 1 Kings 13:11-32

- Soon after leaving the house of the old prophet the prophet from Judah was met by a lion which killed him but did not devour him nor kill the donkey he was riding.
- Upon learning this the old prophet went and recovered the man's body with the lion and donkey still there and mourned over the prophet and buried him.
- The old prophet gave instructions that he was to be buried in the same place as the prophet from Judah.

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Lessons

- The self-focused life leads to destruction.
- Smart, reasonable, and strategic plans and actions do not take the place of the clearly revealed Word of God.
- God is merciful.
- Never set aside God's clearly expressed Word for a reasonable sounding substitute. (compare Galatians 1:6-9)

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