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The latter reign of Jeroboam 1 Kings 13:33-14:18

- Jeroboam's persistence in leading Israel to sin through idolatry sealed the demise of his dynasty. 1 Kings 13:22-24

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- The occasion of the sickness of Jeroboam's son brought the final pronouncement of judgment on his household. 1 Kings 14:1-18
 - Jeroboam's son Abijah fell ill. (Not to be confused with Abijah/Abijam, son of Rehoboam who will become the next king of the Judah.)
 - Ahijah the prophet had delivered God's initial message to Jeroboam that he would become king over Israel. (see 1 Kings 11:29-40)

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- Jeroboam sent his wife to inquire of Ahijah concerning the fate of his son.
 - The disguise betrays that Jeroboam knew that he would not have favor in the eyes of the prophet because of his evil deeds.
 - At this point it seems he had more of a superstitious view of the prophetic office.

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- Jeroboam sent his wife to inquire of Ahijah concerning the fate of his son.
 - God's word came to Ahijah with the message he was to deliver to her before she arrived.
 - The disguise was of no use since God had already revealed her identity.

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- Jeroboam sent his wife to inquire of Ahijah concerning the fate of his son.
 - Ahijah delivered the chilling message that because of Jeroboam's sin of squandering the opportunity God had given him and turning his back on God, the house of Jeroboam would be destroyed and the child will die.

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 - Jeroboam sent his wife to inquire of Ahijah concerning the fate of his son.
 - The child will be the only male from Jeroboam's house to receive a proper burial. With this in view the death of this child was an act of mercy by God.

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 - Jeroboam sent his wife to inquire of Ahijah concerning the fate of his son.
 - Jeroboam's sin had set the stage for the ultimate judgment of God on Israel as they would be conquered and scattered among the nations. 1 Kings 14:15-16

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 - The child died as foretold as the mother returned.

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The brief reign of Abijah/Abijam 1 Kings 15:1-8; 2 Chronicles 13:1-22

- Followed Rehoboam, his father, in the 18th year of Jeroboam and reigned for 3 years.
- His mother was Micaiah (also spelled Maacah in 1 Kings) the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah.
 - The granddaughter of Absalom
 - Daughter of Uriel of Gibeah who would have been the husband of Tamar, daughter of Absalom

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The brief reign of Abijah/Abijam 1 Kings 15:1-8; 2 Chronicles 13:1-22

- Quickly focused on seeking to reunite the kingdom through war
 - Went on the offensive with half of the men of the opposing army
 - 400,00 men against 800,000
 - Went into enemy territory in the northern kingdom to Mount Zemaraim in the tribe of Ephraim

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- Quickly focused on seeking to reunite the kingdom through war
 - Abijah's case for war 2 Chronicles 13: 4-12
 - God had established the kingdom with the house of David by covenant
 - Blamed Jeroboam for rebelling against Rehoboam and taking advantage of his youth and poor judgment

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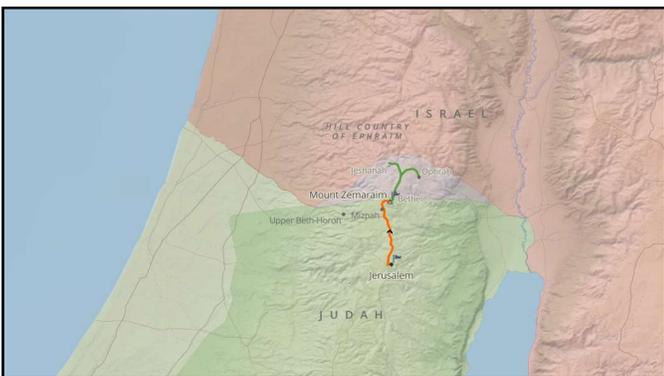
- Quickly focused on seeking to reunite the kingdom through war
 - Abijah's case for war 2 Chronicles 13: 4-12
 - Called Jeroboam out for the golden calves and the illegitimate priests
 - Claimed that God was on their side because they were worshipping God according to the commandments
 - Although Jeroboam applied smart military tactics with a superior force, he was soundly defeated.

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- Quickly focused on seeking to reunite the kingdom through war
 - The victory over Jeroboam's kingdom can be seen as the beginning of God's judgment over his evil reign.
 - Abijah captured several of the border cities and permanently weakened Jeroboam.

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- Abijah did not reign in righteousness although he seemed to give some acknowledgement to God.
- His brief reign was consumed with the military action against Jeroboam.

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Lessons

- God gives time and opportunity for repentance.
- You can't hide from God.
- God will bring judgment in the face of rebellion.
- God's mercy is always a part of the most severe judgments.
- The battle belongs to the Lord.
- God expects nothing less than wholehearted obedience.

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