

Jeroboam

I. I Kings 13:1-7

And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. ² And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. ³ And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. ⁴ And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. ⁵ The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. ⁶ And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before. ⁷ And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

- A. The Prophet was Jeddo, the Seer of Judah.
- B. Told how in 300 years Josiah would burn the bones of the false priests on this altar.
- C. Jeroboam's hand was paralyzed, then healed.
- D. Jeddo is trying to get Jeroboam to repent.
- E. Asked to Prophet to go home with him so he could bribe him.

II. The Prophet

- A. Told not to eat or drink and go home a different way to Judah.
- B. A false prophet of Baal – told a lie to seduce the prophet to come home to his house.
- C. The Baal prophet tells Jeroboam the true prophet, you will die for disobedience.
- D. Jeroboam continues to sin and even becomes a priest.

III. Lessons From An Evil Time

- A. Obedience to God's Word
- B. Commitment To Follow God
- C. Discernment Of The Times Of Apostasy