

## 1 Kings 14:1-20 **Judgment on the House of Jeroboam – Death of Jeroboam**

### **Jeroboam's son Abijah is sick – Wife disguised herself and went to Ahijah the prophet**

1 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick. 2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Please arise, and disguise yourself, that they may not recognize you as the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh. Indeed, Ahijah the prophet is there, who told me that I would be king over this people. 3 Also take with you ten loaves, some cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him; he will tell you what will become of the child." 4 And Jeroboam's wife did so; she arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were glazed by reason of his age.

### **Yahweh instructed Ahijah the blind prophet about the disguise of Jeroboam's wife and the child**

5 Now the Lord had said to Ahijah, "Here is the wife of Jeroboam, coming to ask you something about her son, for he is sick. Thus and thus you shall say to her; for it will be, when she comes in, that she will pretend to be another woman."

### **Wrath of God is on the house of Jeroboam because of his sin**

6 And so it was, when Ahijah heard the sound of her footsteps as she came through the door, he said, "Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend to be another person? For I have been sent to you with bad news.

7 Go, tell Jeroboam, 'Thus says the Lord God of Israel: "Because I exalted you from among the people, and made you ruler over My people Israel, 8 and tore the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it to you; and yet you have not been as My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only what was right in My eyes; 9 but you have done more evil than all who were before you, for you have gone and made for yourself other gods and molded images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back — 10 therefore behold! I will bring disaster on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male in Israel, bond and free; I will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as one takes away refuse until it is all gone. 11 The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to Jeroboam and dies in the city, and the birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in the field; for the Lord has spoken!'"

### **The boy will die, be buried, and Israel will mourn, because Yahweh found good in him**

12 Arise therefore, go to your own house. When your feet enter the city, the child shall die. 13 And all Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he is the only one of Jeroboam who shall come to the grave, because in him there is found something good toward the Lord God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

### **The house of Jeroboam will be cut off – Israel will be scattered beyond the Euphrates River**

14 "Moreover the Lord will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam; this is the day. What? Even now! 15 For the Lord will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water. He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their wooden images, provoking the Lord to anger. 16 And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel sin."

### **The child died when his mother came to the threshold of the house – Israel mourned**

17 Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed, and came to Tirzah. When she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. 18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

### Death of Jeroboam

19 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he made war and how he reigned, indeed they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 20 The period that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two years. So he rested with his fathers. Then Nadab his son reigned in his place.  
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### Facts Revealed:

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- 4 And Jeroboam's wife did so; she arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were glazed by reason of his age. [1 Kings 14:1-4]
- ✧ Here we see a revelation of humanism in action. Jeroboam an ungodly man, remembers the words of the prophet who predicted his gaining the throne of Israel, though he did not make any effort to follow his advice, still Jeroboam turned to him regarding the health of his ailing son and requesting a prediction of the outcome of the sickness.
- ✧ Jeroboam sent a gift to the man of God to encourage a favorable response, as though the power to heal rests in the man rather than in God.
- ✧ Jeroboam demanded his wife disguise herself so the prophet would not know she was the wife of the ungodly king, as though hiding her identity might influence the answer.
- ✧ Ahijah the prophet was blind so he could not see the woman or her disguise in the first place.

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- ✧ Yahweh knows all truth and told His prophet Ahijah about the disguise and intended deception.
- ✧ Yahweh also instructed Ahijah what message to send back to Jeroboam.

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✧ Before Jeroboam's wife could speak, Ahijah the prophet identified her and told her all the Lord had commanded.

✧ God was the One Who had made Jeroboam king of Israel because of the idolatry of Solomon.

✧ The Lord had promised Jeroboam an enduring kingdom if he would follow the commandments of God as faithfully as David had.

✧ Jeroboam is compared to David the righteous king and came up short.

✧ Jeroboam's wickedness, rebellion, and his idolatry have provoked the wrath of God.

✧ The result of Jeroboam's wickedness has brought the destruction of his own house and judgment against all his male descendants until his remnant is all gone having become food for the dogs and birds of the air.

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✧ The child will die when your feet enter the city and he will be buried and mourned, because of all that pertained to Jeroboam, only in this child did God find anything good toward Yahweh Elohey Yisrael.

✧ Some times the good die young to escape the fate of the wicked when God is ready to pour His wrath on a house or nation.

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✧ The entire house of Jeroboam will be cut off by a coming king of Israel.

✧ This happened by Baasha who killed Nadab son of Jeroboam 2 years after the death of Jeroboam. [1 Kings 15:25-33]

✧ The entire nation of Israel was infected by the sins of Jeroboam to the point that God gave them up for destruction.

✧ Israel will be scattered beyond the Euphrates River because of their idolatry.

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✧ God's Word was true, and the child died as predicted, they buried him and all Israel mourned for him just as Ahijah the prophet had predicted.

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✧ God allowed Jeroboam 22 years to repent, but Jeroboam never repented.

✧ Jeroboam reigned and made war during the 17 years of Rehoboam, 3 years of Abijah, and to the second year of Asa kings of Judah. [[1 Kings 15:1-25](#)]

✧ Nadab son of Jeroboam reigned in the place of his father 2 years. [[1 Kings 15:25-32](#)]