

1 KINGS CHAPTER 13

¹ And behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord to Bethel, and Jeroboam stood at the altar to sacrifice. ² And he cried against the altar by the word of the Lord, and said, "O altar, altar, thus says the Lord: 'Behold, a son is *to be* born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and he shall offer upon you the priests of the high places, *even* of them that sacrifice upon you, and *he* shall burn men's bones upon you. ³ And in that day one shall give a sign, saying, "This *is* the word which the Lord has spoken, saying, 'Behold, the altar shall be split apart, and the fatness upon it shall be poured out.'" ⁴ And it came to pass when King Jeroboam heard the words of the man of God who called on the altar that was in Bethel, that the king stretched forth his hand from the altar, saying, "Take hold of him." And behold, his hand which he stretched forth against him withered, and he could not draw it back to himself. ⁵ And the altar was split apart, and the fatness was poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God gave by the word of the Lord. ⁶ And King Jeroboam said to the man of God, "Entreat the Lord your God, and let my hand be restored to me." And the man of God entreated the Lord, and He restored the king's hand to him, and it became as before. ⁷ And the king said to the man of God, "Enter with me into the house, and dine, and I will give you a gift." ⁸ And the man of God said to the king, "If you should give me half of your house, I would not go in with you, neither will I eat bread, neither will I drink water in this place; for thus the Lord charged me by *His* word, saying, ⁹ 'Eat no bread, and drink no water, and return not by the way in which you came.'" ¹⁰ So he departed by another way, and did not return by the way in which he came to Bethel.

¹¹ And there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel. And his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God did on that day in Bethel, and the words which he spoke to the king. And they turned the face of their father. ¹² And their father spoke to them, saying, "Which way did he go?" And his sons showed him the way by which the man of God who came out of Judah went up. ¹³ And he said to his sons, "Saddle me the donkey." So they saddled his donkey, and he mounted it, ¹⁴ and went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak. And he said to him, "Are you the man of God that came out of Judah?" And he said to him, "I *am*." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "Come with me, and eat bread." ¹⁶ And he said, "I shall by no means be able to return with you, neither will I eat bread, neither will I drink water in this place. ¹⁷ For thus the Lord commanded me by *His* word, saying, 'You shall not eat bread there, nor shall you drink water, and do not return by the way in which you came.'" ¹⁸ And he said to him, "I also am a prophet as you *are*; and an angel spoke to me by the word of the Lord, saying, 'Bring him back with you into your house, and let him eat bread and drink water''"; but he lied to him. ¹⁹ And he brought him back, and he ate bread and drank water in his house. ²⁰ And it came to pass while they were sitting at the table, that the word of the Lord came to the prophet that brought him back; ²¹ and he spoke to the man of God that came out of Judah, saying, "Thus says the Lord: 'Because you have resisted the word of the Lord, and have not kept the commandment which the Lord your God has

commanded you, ²² but have returned, and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which He spoke to you, saying, "You shall not eat bread, and shall not drink water," *therefore* your body shall by no means enter into the tomb of your fathers."

²³ And it came to pass after he had eaten bread and drunk water, that he saddled the donkey for him, and he turned and departed. ²⁴ And a lion found him on the road, and killed him; and his body was cast out in the road, and the donkey was standing by it, and the lion *also* was standing by the body. ²⁵ And behold, men *were* passing by, and saw the corpse cast out in the road, and the lion was standing near the corpse. And they went in and spoke *of it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt. ²⁶ And *the prophet* that turned him back out of the road heard, and said, "This is the man of God who rebelled against the word of the Lord."

²⁷ (This verse omitted in LXX)

²⁸ And he went and found the body cast in the road, and the donkey and the lion were standing by the body. And the lion had not devoured the body of the man of God, and had not torn the donkey. ²⁹ And the prophet took up the body of the man of God, and laid it on his donkey. And the prophet brought him back to his city, to bury him in his own tomb, ³⁰ and they mourned over him, *saying*, "Alas, brother." ³¹ And it came to pass after he had lamented him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, "Whenever I die, bury me in this tomb in which the man of God is buried; lay me by his bones, that my bones may be preserved with his bones. ³² For the word will surely come to pass which he spoke by the word of the Lord against the altar in Bethel, and against the high houses in Samaria."

³³ And after this Jeroboam did not turn from his sin, but he turned and made some of the people priests of the *high places*. Whoever would, he consecrated him, and he became a priest for the high places. ³⁴ And this thing became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to its destruction and its removal from the face of the earth.