

# 1 KINGS 13 vs 1

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The Bible is so interesting; even the Old Testament. Remember: when reading the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles... we read history and events recorded from the perspective of the 2 tribes of the **Southern Kingdom**, the House of **Judah**;

A man of God is sent to encounter the super-spiritual fool,

**<sup>1</sup> Now behold, there came a man of God from **Judah** by the word of the LORD to Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.**

**<sup>2</sup> And he cried out against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus says the LORD; Behold, a child will be born to the house of David, named Josiah; and on you he will sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones will be burnt on you.**

**<sup>3</sup> Then he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD has spoken; Behold, the altar will be ripped apart, and the ashes which are on it will be poured out.**

**<sup>4</sup> And it happened, when King Jeroboam heard the words of the man of God, who cried out against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Seize him. But his hand that he stretched out against him, dried up, so he could not pull it again to himself.**

**<sup>5</sup> The altar also was ripped apart, 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.**

**<sup>6</sup> And the king answered and said to the man of God, Please entreat the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me. And the man of God asked the LORD, and the hand of the king was restored to him, and it became as it was before.**

**<sup>7</sup> And the king said to the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.**

**<sup>8</sup> And the man of God said to the king, If you gave me half your house, I would not go with you, nor eat bread nor drink water in this place:**

**<sup>9</sup> for it was charged me by the word of the LORD, saying,**

**Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the same way that you came.**

**<sup>10</sup> So he went another way, and did not return by the way that he came to Bethel.**



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**11** Now there lived an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken to the king, these also they told to their father.

**12** And their father said to them, What way did he go? For his sons saw what way the man of God went, who came from **Judah**.

**13** And he said to his sons, put a saddle on the ass. So they saddled him on the ass: and he rode on 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 who came from Judah? And he said, I am.

**15** Then he said to him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

**16** And he said, I will not return with you, nor go in with you: nor will I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place:

**17** for it was told me by the word of the LORD, You will eat no bread nor drink water there, nor return to go by the way that you came.

**18** He said to him, I am also a prophet as you are; and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied to him / so this old man wasn't a prophet – which is why the man was sent by God, and he did not hear from an angel of the Lord, but from a demon of the father of lies.

**19** So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house, and drank water.

**20** And it happened, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who brought him back:

**21** and he cried to the man of God who came from **Judah**, saying, Thus says the LORD, Because you have disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and have not **kept** the instruction which the LORD your God instructed you,

**22** but returned, and have eaten bread and drank water in the place, that the LORD said to you, Eat no bread, and drink no water; your carcass will not come to the tomb of your fathers.

**23** And it happened, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he / the old guy... saddled the ass for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

**24** And when he was gone, a lion met him on the way, and killed him: and his carcass was thrown on the road, with the ass standing by it, the lion also stood by the carcass.

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<sup>25</sup> And, behold, when men passed by, and saw the carcass thrown on the road, and the lion standing by the carcass: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet lived.

<sup>26</sup> And when the prophet who brought him back from the way heard of it, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient to the word of the LORD: so the LORD has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him, and killed him, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke to him.

<sup>27</sup> And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle the ass for me. And they saddled it.

<sup>28</sup> And he went and found his carcass thrown on the way, and the ass and the lion standing next to the carcass: the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass.

<sup>29</sup> So the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it on the ass, and brought it back: and came to the city of the old prophet, to mourn and to bury him.

<sup>30</sup> And he laid his carcass in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!

<sup>31</sup> And it happened, after he buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, When I die, bury me in the tomb in which the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

<sup>32</sup> for what word he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, will surely happen.

<sup>33</sup> After this, Jeroboam did not turn from his evil way, but again made priests of the high places from among all the people: any who would, he assigned as priest of the high places.

<sup>34</sup> And this became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from the face of the earth.

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