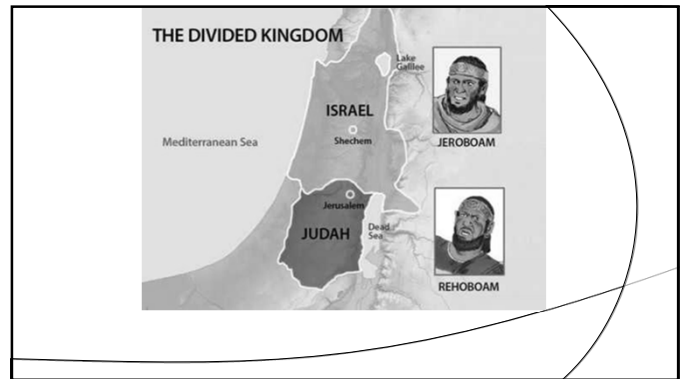




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<sup>32</sup> Jeroboam instituted a feast in the eighth month on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast which is in Judah, and he went up to the altar; thus he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves which he had made. And he stationed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. <sup>33</sup> Then he went up to the altar which he had made in Bethel on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised in his own heart; and he instituted a feast for the sons of Israel and went up to the altar to burn incense.

(1 Kings 12:32-33)

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<sup>1</sup> Now behold, there came a man of God from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, while Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense. <sup>2</sup> He cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar, thus says the LORD, 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones shall be burned 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 shall be split apart and the ashes which are on it shall be poured out.'"

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<sup>4</sup> Now when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." But his hand which he stretched out against him dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself. <sup>5</sup> The altar also was split apart and the ashes were 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> The king said to the man of God, "Please entreat the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." So the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him, and it became as it was before. <sup>7</sup> Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward."

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<sup>8</sup> But the man of God said to the king, "If you were to give me half your house I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water in this place. <sup>9</sup> For so it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way which you came.'" <sup>10</sup> So he went another way and did not return by the way which he came to Bethel.

(1 Kings 13:1-10)

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## Word of Yahweh

### 1. His Prophetic Word

- it foretells and determines future judgment through Josiah (300 years later!)

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<sup>15</sup> Furthermore, the altar that was at Bethel and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he broke down. Then he demolished its stones, ground them to dust, and burned the Asherah. <sup>16</sup> Now when Josiah turned, he saw the graves that were there on the mountain, and he sent and took the bones from the graves and burned them on the altar and defiled it according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things.

(2 Kings 23:15-16)

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## Word of Yahweh

### 1. His Prophetic Word

- it foretells and determines future judgment through Josiah (300 years later!)
- an authenticating sign accompanies this prophetic word (splitting of the altar)

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<sup>30</sup> Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

(Acts 17:30-31)

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<sup>11</sup> Now an old prophet was living in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the deeds which the man of God had done that day in Bethel; the words which he had spoken to the king, these also they related to their father. <sup>12</sup> Their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" Now his sons had seen the way which the man of God who came from Judah had gone. <sup>13</sup> Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him and he rode away on it. <sup>14</sup> So he 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." <sup>15</sup> Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread." <sup>16</sup> He said, "I cannot return with you, nor go with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place. <sup>17</sup> For a command came to me by the word of the LORD, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water there; do not return by going the way which you came.'"

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<sup>18</sup> He said to him, "I also am a prophet like you, 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. <sup>19</sup> So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house and drank water. <sup>20</sup> Now it came about, as they were sitting down at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back; <sup>21</sup> and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because you have disobeyed the command of the LORD, and have not observed the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, <sup>22</sup> but have returned and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which He said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water"; your body shall not come to the grave of your fathers.'" prophet lived.

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<sup>23</sup> It came about after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back. <sup>24</sup> Now when he had gone, a lion met him on the way and killed him, and his body was thrown on the road, with the donkey standing beside it; the lion also was standing beside the body. <sup>25</sup> And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown on the road, and the lion standing beside the body; so they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet lived.

(1 Kings 13:11-25)

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## Word of Yahweh

### 2. His Binding Word

- God's word must be obeyed whatever He commands – this is our safety
- God's word must be believed and obeyed over against that which falsely claims to be His word

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<sup>26</sup> Now when the prophet who brought him back from the way heard *it*, he said, "It is the man of God, who <sup>26</sup>disobeyed the <sup>26</sup>command of the LORD; therefore the LORD has given 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> Then he spoke to his sons, saying, "Saddle the donkey for me." And they saddled *it*. <sup>28</sup> He went and found his body thrown on the road with the donkey and the lion standing beside the body; the lion had not eaten the body nor torn the donkey. <sup>29</sup> So the prophet took up the body of the man of God and laid it on the donkey and brought it back, and he came to the city of the old prophet to mourn and to bury him. <sup>30</sup> He laid his body in his own grave, and they mourned over him, *saying*, "Alas, my brother!" <sup>31</sup> After he had buried him, he spoke to his sons, *saying*, "When I die, bury me in the grave in which the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones."

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<sup>32</sup> For the thing shall surely come to pass which 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."

<sup>33</sup> After this event Jeroboam did not return from his evil way, but again he made priests of the high places from among all the people; any who would, he ordained, to be priests of the high places. <sup>34</sup> This event became sin to the house of Jeroboam, even to blot *it* out and destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

(1 Kings 13:25-34)

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## Word of Yahweh

### 3. His Infallible Word

- the death of the man of God by a lion was in keeping with God's word of judgment
- what happened to the man of God served as a warning of what would certainly happen to Jeroboam

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<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. <sup>17</sup> For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"— <sup>18</sup> and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a *matter* of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

(2 Peter 1:16-21)

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