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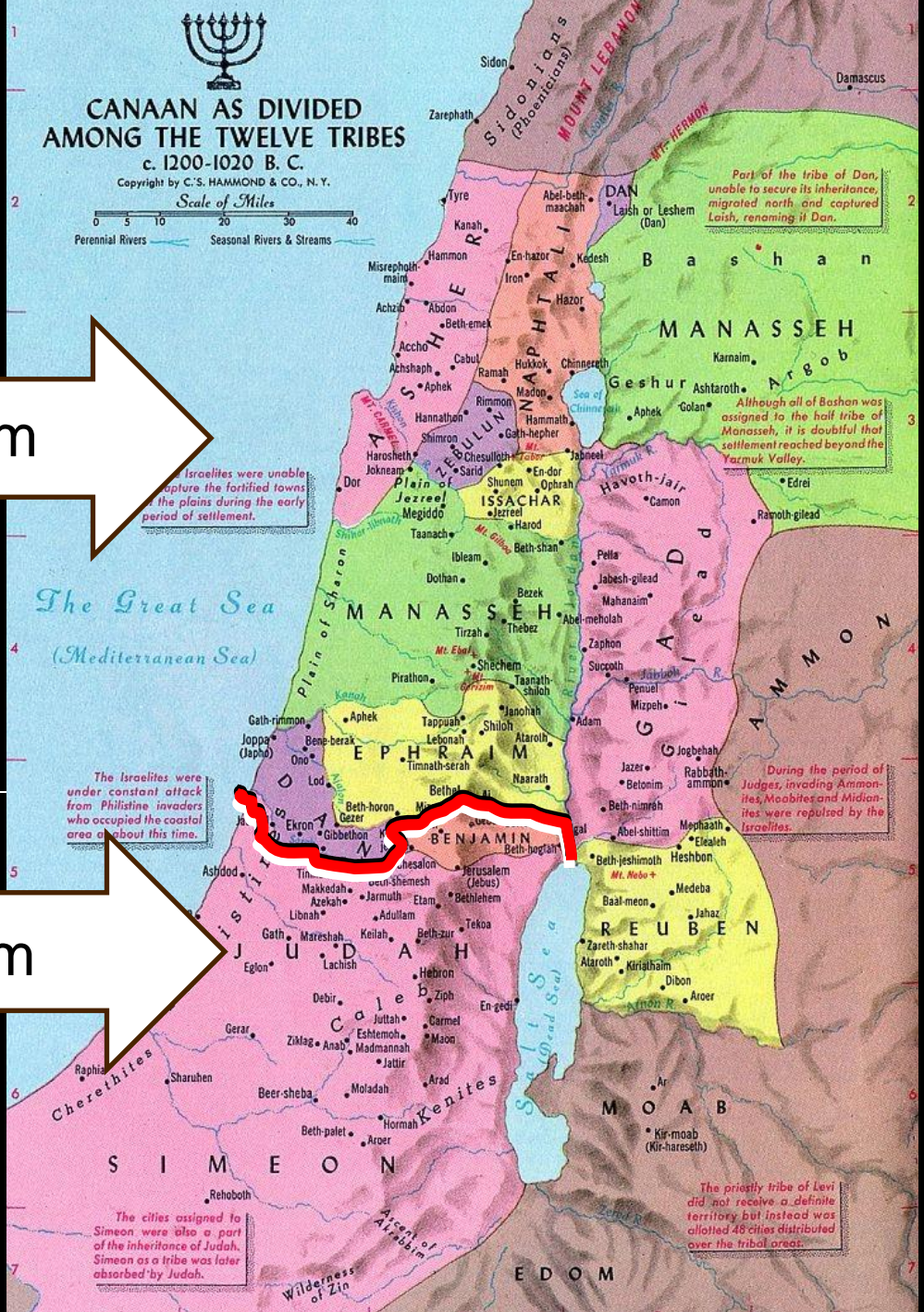


1st Book of Kings

Simply teaching the Word simply


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 AMONG THE TWELVE TRIBES**
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Scale of Miles
 0 5 10 20 30 40
 Perennial Rivers Seasonal Rivers & Streams





The Northern Kingdom

Israel
 (Ten Tribes)
 Jeroboam



The Southern Kingdom

Judah
 (Two Tribes)
 Rehoboam

Blessings

Mt Gerizim (Fruitful)

Curses

Mt Ebal (barren)

Shechem

Simeon,
Levi,
Judah,
Issachar,
Joseph,
Benjamin.

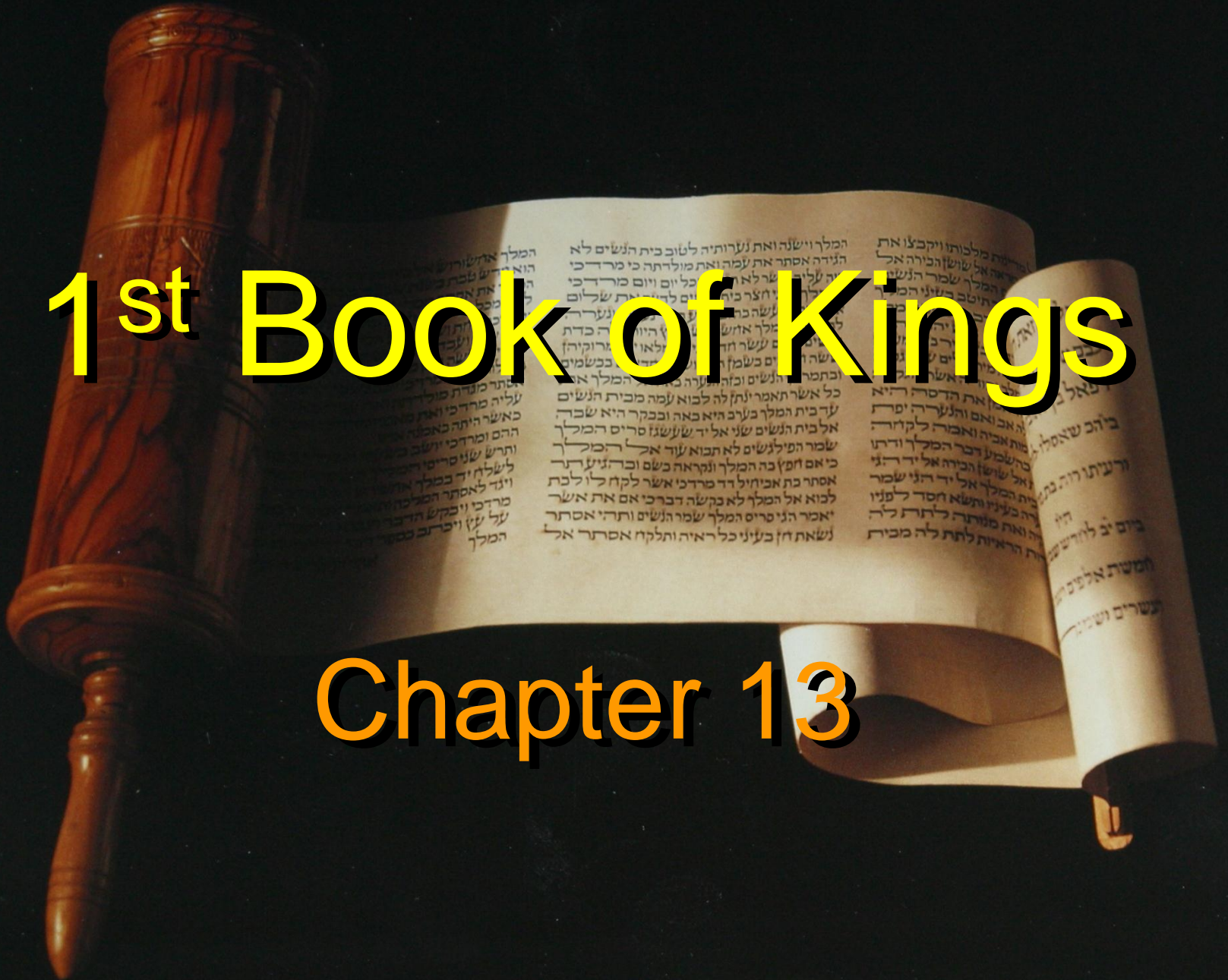
Reuben,
Gad,
Asher,
Zebulun,
Dan,
Naphtali.

Jeroboam's Folly

- Jeroboam given opportunity to be king and to have a lasting dynasty
- His fear of man led him to sin
- He created two centres of worship
 - Dan & Bethel
- He made a golden calf (x2)
- He appointed anyone to the priesthood
 - Not the God ordained Levites
- He invented a feast day in the 8th month

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Chapter 13



I 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.

1 Kings 13:1

- 15x this man is called a 'man of God'
- Jeroboam going through the motions but without God as the object of worship, and as the inspiration for that worship, it was empty and meaningless
- Many 'believers' still observe religious practices, but it has become empty

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.

1 Kings 13:2

- This un-named prophet prophesies over 300 years before the events come to pass!

Fulfilled Prophecy

15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove.

16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

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.

1 Kings 13:3

- This was fulfilled within moments...

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.

1 Kings 13:4

- Interesting how people are so reluctant to be corrected!
- We see that pride is the root of sin
- *“Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm”*. Psalm 105:15

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.

1 Kings 13:5-6

- Funny how we cry out to God when we are in trouble!

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.

1 Kings 13:7-9

¹⁰ So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

1 Kings 13:10

- Nice conclusion to the matter?

II Now there dwelt 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 unto the king, them they told also to their father.

I2 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

1 Kings 13:11-12

- How could he dwell in such a place of rebellion against God?
- Is it jealousy that motivates him now?

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

1 Kings 13:13-14

- Why sitting and resting?
- Tired and drained after ministry?
- Most vulnerable time?
- God ordained? “lest we should be exulted?”

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

16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

1 Kings 13:15-17

¹⁸ He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.

1 Kings 13:18

- “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed” – **Galatians 1:8**

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

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

1 Kings 13:19-20

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcass shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

1 Kings 13:21-22

- “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful” – **1 Corinthians 4:2**

23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

1 Kings 13:23-25

The Effect of Disobedience

- What impact did his disobedience have
- It discredited his witness?
- What difference was there between Jeroboam and this prophet not?
- Jeroboam disobeyed the word of God
- This prophet did the same
- God was not honoured in the eyes of the people
- People's impression of God will be influenced by our lives!

²⁶ And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

²⁷ And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.

²⁸ And he went and found his carcass cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass: the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass.

1 Kings 13:26-28

29 And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!

31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

1 Kings 13:29-31

³² For the saying 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, shall surely come to pass.

1 Kings 13:32

- He knew it, but this had no doubt given Jeroboam license to carry on in rebellion...

33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

34 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

1 Kings 13:33-34

Divine Justice

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Galatians 6:7

The History of the Kings of Israel

