

The Division of the Kingdom #4: Jehovah's Judgment for Sinful Worship

1 Kings 13

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Introduction

1. One of the chief reasons for the destruction of the northern kingdom later in history was their great apostasy in worship.
2. Old Testament history is Christ centered – important part of the text is the promise of Christ's coming.

The Authoritative Word

1. As Jeroboam institutes this new, innovative worship at Bethel, Jehovah commissioned a prophet from Judah to bring His word of judgment.
2. Jehovah expresses His displeasure and judgment through the prophet's words and signs.
 - a. First, let us consider the words that the prophet spoke in Verse 2. Two things striking:
 - b. Second, God declares with the sign that this judgment will certainly take place.

The Powerful Illustration

1. What happened – the prophet died because he disobeyed God's word.
2. Why did this happen? The main point is that the carcass of this prophet was an illustration of Jehovah's judgment upon disobedience – what would happen to Israel.

The Lessons Learned

1. This history speaks to the church today about the seriousness of changing the worship of the church.
2. We learn from this history to respond in a right way.