

“Historical Books Of The Bible”

1 Kings 14:1-31

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1 Kings 14:1-11

Success in life depends on doing God’s will and trusting God’s promises, but Jeroboam failed in both.

1 Kings 12-22 – The Kingdom Divided.

We will look at 5 areas in our study:

1. Verses 1-3 – Deception Of His Wife

2. Verses 4-6 – Discernment Of The Prophet

3. Verses 7-16 – Destruction Is The Message

4. Verses 17-20 – Disturbing Fulfillment

5. Verses 21-31 – Disobedience And Disgrace

1. Verses 1-3 – Deception Of His Wife:

1 Kings 14:1

“At that time” – We left off with Jeroboam continuing to worship false gods and to disobey God. 1 Kings 13:1-2

1 Kings 13:33-34

“Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick.” – This was God’s judgment upon Jeroboam. 1 Kings 14:13

Isaiah 57:1

1 Kings 14:2-3

2. Verses 4-6 – Discernment Of The Prophet:

1 Kings 14:4-5

Psalm 25:14

1 Kings 14:6

3. Verses 7-16 – Destruction Is The Message:

1 Kings 14:7

Note how God introduces Himself – “LORD God of Israel.” God is the master and God of Israel; it is not Jeroboam.

Verses 7-8 – God’s Grace To Jeroboam: “Because I exalted you from among the people”

1 Kings 14:8

Verses 8-9 – Jeroboam’s Sins: “yet you have not been like My servant David,” – David became the standard for all the kings of Israel.

1 Kings 14:9

Pictures of Idols: “and have gone and made for yourself other gods and molten images”

Verses 10-16 – God Judges Jeroboam’s Sins: 1 Kings 14:10

“and will cut off from Jeroboam every male person,” – Literally “all who urinate against the wall.”

“both bond and free in Israel,” – Unlike King David, Jeroboam would not establish a dynasty, even though God had promised to bless him, 1 Kings 11:38.

“and I will make a clean sweep of the house of Jeroboam, as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone.” – God didn’t think much of the king’s children!

1 Kings 14:11

1 Kings 16:4; 21:24

1 Kings 14:12-13

This is unexpected that Jeroboam had a good son, like Saul had Jonathan!

1 Kings 14:14 – 1 Kings 15:25-31 – Baasha would not only kill Nadab, but he would exterminate the family of Jeroboam, in fulfillment of Ahijah’s prophecy, 1 Kings 15:29.

Verses 15-16 – Israel Will Be Taken Captive By Assyria: 1 Kings 14:15.

“For the LORD will strike Israel,” – God was going to bring his judgment upon Israel.

This happened in 722 B.C.

“because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to anger.” – The kingdom of Israel had a new religious system, but they were still under the Lord’s covenant, Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28-30.

1 Kings 14:16

Jeroboam was God’s example of the worst of the bad kings. 1 Kings 15:34; 16:2-3, 7, 19, 26, 31; 22:52; 2 Kings 3:3; 9:9; 10:29, 31; 13:2, 6, 11; 14:24; 15:9, 18, 24, 28; 17:21-22

4. Verses 17-20 – Disturbing Fulfillment:

1 Kings 14:17; 1 Kings 14:12

1 Kings 14:18-20

The king’s hand had been healed and his altar destroyed, 1 Kings 13:1-16; and now his son had died.

Jeroboam lost 500,000 men and several cities, 2 Chronicles 13:17.

Proverbs 10:7

5. Verses 21-31 – Disobedience And Disgrace:

1 Kings 14:21

Kings Of Judah & Israel Chart: “And his mother’s name was Naamah the Ammonitess.” – Almost 2nd in Command; Great influence.

Verses 22-24 – Judah’s Apostasy: 1 Kings 14:22.

“they provoked Him to jealousy” – refers to His jealous love over His people, a love that will not tolerate rivals; “adulterers and adulteresses”, James 4:4.

1 Kings 14:23

“For they also built for themselves high places” – The king allowed and encouraged the building of idolatrous shrines in the land (“high places”).

“and sacred pillars” – the erecting of sacred stones (“images”).

“and Asherim on every high hill and beneath every luxuriant tree.” – Asherah poles (“groves”).

1 Kings 14:24

Verses 25-31 – God’s Loving Discipline: 1 Kings 14:25; 2 Chron. 12:1-16.

2 Chronicles 12:5

Whenever God’s people experience discipline because of their sins, they can make a new beginning by hearing the Word of God and humbling themselves before the God of the Word.

1 Kings 14:26-31

Application:

1. Jeroboam Prayed For The Healing Of His Arm, And Sought The Prophet Regarding The Condition Of His Son. He Was More Concerned About The Physical Blessings Than Spiritual Blessings.
2. David And Jeroboam Both Sinned Before The Lord. But The Difference With David Was, He Humbled Himself And Repented. David Had A Heart After The Lord. David Wanted To Walk In God’s Ways. Jeroboam Wanted His Own Way.

Proverbs 10:7 – “The memory of the righteous is blessed, But the name of the wicked will rot.”

3. Solomon Was Influenced By His Pagan Wives To Worship Idols; Rehoboam Was Possibly Influenced By His Ammonite Mother. Whatever The Influence, Both Kings Knew That They Were Breaking The Covenant And Sinning Against The Lord. We Need To Take Responsibility.