

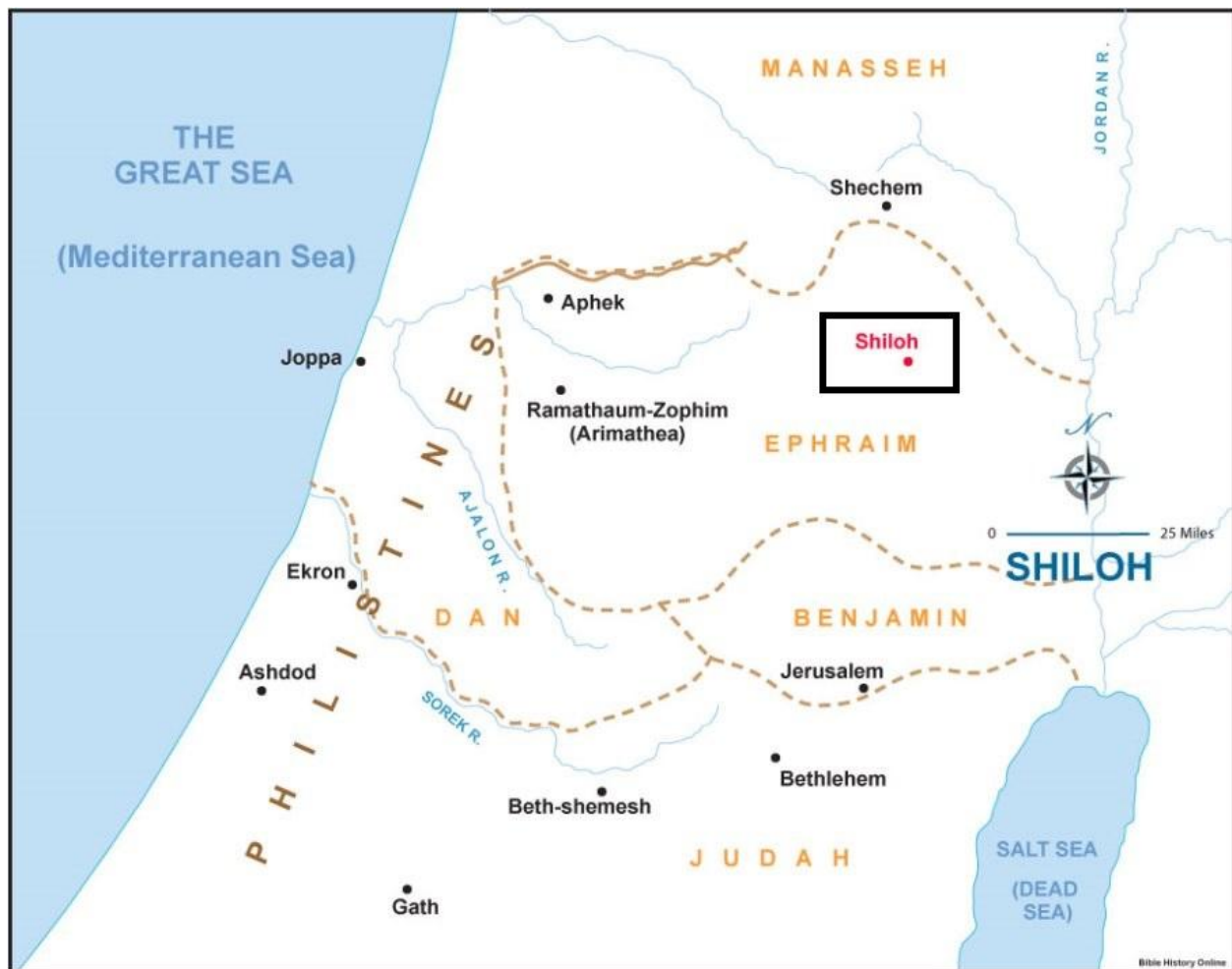
1 Kings 14

Verses 1- 2

At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick. ² Jeroboam said to his wife, “Arise now, and disguise yourself so that they will not know that you are the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh; behold, Ahijah the prophet is there, who spoke concerning me *that I would be king over this people*.

Jeroboam was afraid that the prophet Ahijah might give him an unfavorable message if the prophet knew the request was coming from the king so **his** wife was told to disguise herself and go to Shiloh.

See Map 1405 Shiloh



Shiloh had been the home of the Tabernacle for over 300 years but when the temple was built the city of Jerusalem became the center of religious activity.

Ahijah was the prophet that told Jeroboam that he would become king of the 10 Northern tribes.

See 1 Kings 11:29-31

²⁹ And it came about at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him on the road. Now Ahijah had clothed himself with a new cloak; and both of them were alone in the field. ³⁰ Then Ahijah took hold of the new cloak which was on him and tore it into twelve pieces. ³¹ And he said to Jeroboam, “Take for yourself ten pieces; for this is what the Lord, the God of Israel says: ‘Behold, I am going to tear the kingdom away from the hand of Solomon and give you ten tribes.’

Verses 3 - 5

³ Take ten loaves with you, *some* cakes and a jar of honey, and go to him. He will tell you what will happen to the boy.” ⁴ Jeroboam’s wife did so, and arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were dim because of his age. ⁵ Now the Lord had said to Ahijah, “Behold, the wife of Jeroboam is coming to inquire of you concerning her son, for he is sick. You shall say thus and thus to her, for it will be when she arrives that she will pretend to be another woman.”

⁴ Jeroboam’s wife did so, and arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see, for his eyes were dim because of his age.

The king may have been aware that the prophet could not see but he did not want to take the chance that someone might recognize her and inform Ahijah that it was the king’s wife. As it turned out this scheming was to no avail.

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Jeroboam tried to deceive Ahijah but God was not willing to let that happen.

Verses 6 - 10

When Ahijah heard the sound of her feet coming in the doorway, he said, “Come in, wife of Jeroboam, why do you pretend to be another woman? For I am sent to you *with a harsh message*. Go, say to Jeroboam, ‘Thus says the Lord God of Israel, “Because I exalted you from among the people and made you leader over My people Israel, ⁸ and tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you—yet you have not been like My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only that which was right in My sight; ⁹ you also have done more evil than all who were before you, and have gone and made for yourself other gods and molten images to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back— ¹⁰ therefore behold, I am bringing calamity on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male person, both bond and free in Israel, and I will make a clean sweep of the house of Jeroboam, as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone.

⁸ and tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you—yet you have not been like My servant David, who kept My commandments and who followed Me with all his heart, to do only that which was right in My sight;

The kingdom was actually torn away from Solomon, David’s son, but it wouldn’t make sense to compare Jeroboam with Solomon since he had done pretty much the same thing. David on the other hand never forsook God and worshipped an idol.

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Jeroboam was worse than Solomon because he not only worshipped false gods but he also created new idols (the golden calves) and set up false priests and established a counter fit feast to keep the Israelites from the temple.

The Catholic Church has gone astray by promoting the worship of Mary and by showing veneration to various saints asking for their intercession.

They have also changed one of the 10 commandments because it does not fit with their practice of displaying and showing veneration to various saints.

See Video 1410 Catholic 10 commandments

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Catholic 10 commandments

1. "I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt not have any strange gods before Me."
#1 in the bible
2. "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."
#3 in the bible
3. "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day."
#4 in the bible
4. "Honor thy father and mother."
#5 in the bible
5. "Thou shalt not kill."
#6 in the bible
6. "Thou shalt not commit adultery."
#7 in the bible
7. "Thou shalt not steal."
#8 in the bible
8. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."
#9 in the bible
9. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife."
#10 in the bible
10. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods."
10 in the bible

The 2nd commandment is missing.

⁴ **"You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth.**

¹⁰ therefore behold, I am bringing calamity on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every male person, both bond and free in Israel, and I will make a clean sweep of the house of Jeroboam, as one sweeps away dung until it is all gone.

Baasha, the 3rd king of the northern kingdom, fulfilled this prophesy.

See 1 Kings 15:28 – 30

²⁸ So Baasha killed him in the third year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place. ²⁹ And as soon as he was king, he struck and killed all the household of Jeroboam. He did not leave Jeroboam any persons alive, *but kept killing* until he had eliminated them, in accordance with the word of the Lord which He spoke by His servant Ahijah the Shilonite, ³⁰ *and* because of the sins of Jeroboam which he committed, and into which he misled Israel, because of his provocation with which he provoked the Lord God of Israel to anger.

Verses 11-13

Anyone belonging to Jeroboam who dies in the city the dogs will eat. And he who dies in the field the birds of the heavens will eat; for the Lord has spoken *it*.”
¹² Now you, arise, go to your house. When your feet enter the city the child will die. ¹³ All Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he alone of Jeroboam’s *family* will come to the grave, because in him something good was found toward the Lord God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam.

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This was one of the curses in the law for disobedience

See Deut. 28:26

²⁶ Your dead bodies will serve as food for all birds of the sky and for the animals of the earth, and there will be no one to frighten *them* away.

¹² Now you, arise, go to your house. When your feet enter the city the child will die.

Ahijah said he had a harsh message for her and that statement was certainly true.

¹³ All Israel shall mourn for him and bury him, for he alone of Jeroboam's family will come to the grave.

This child was the only member of Jeroboam's family that was buried.

Verses 14 - 16

¹⁴ Moreover, the Lord will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who will eliminate the house of Jeroboam this day and from now on. ¹⁵ "For the Lord will strike Israel, just as a reed sways in the water; and He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the *Euphrates* River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking the Lord to anger. ¹⁶ He will give up Israel because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he committed and with which he misled Israel into sin."

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The North will be deported to Assyria in 722 BC

See Map 1420



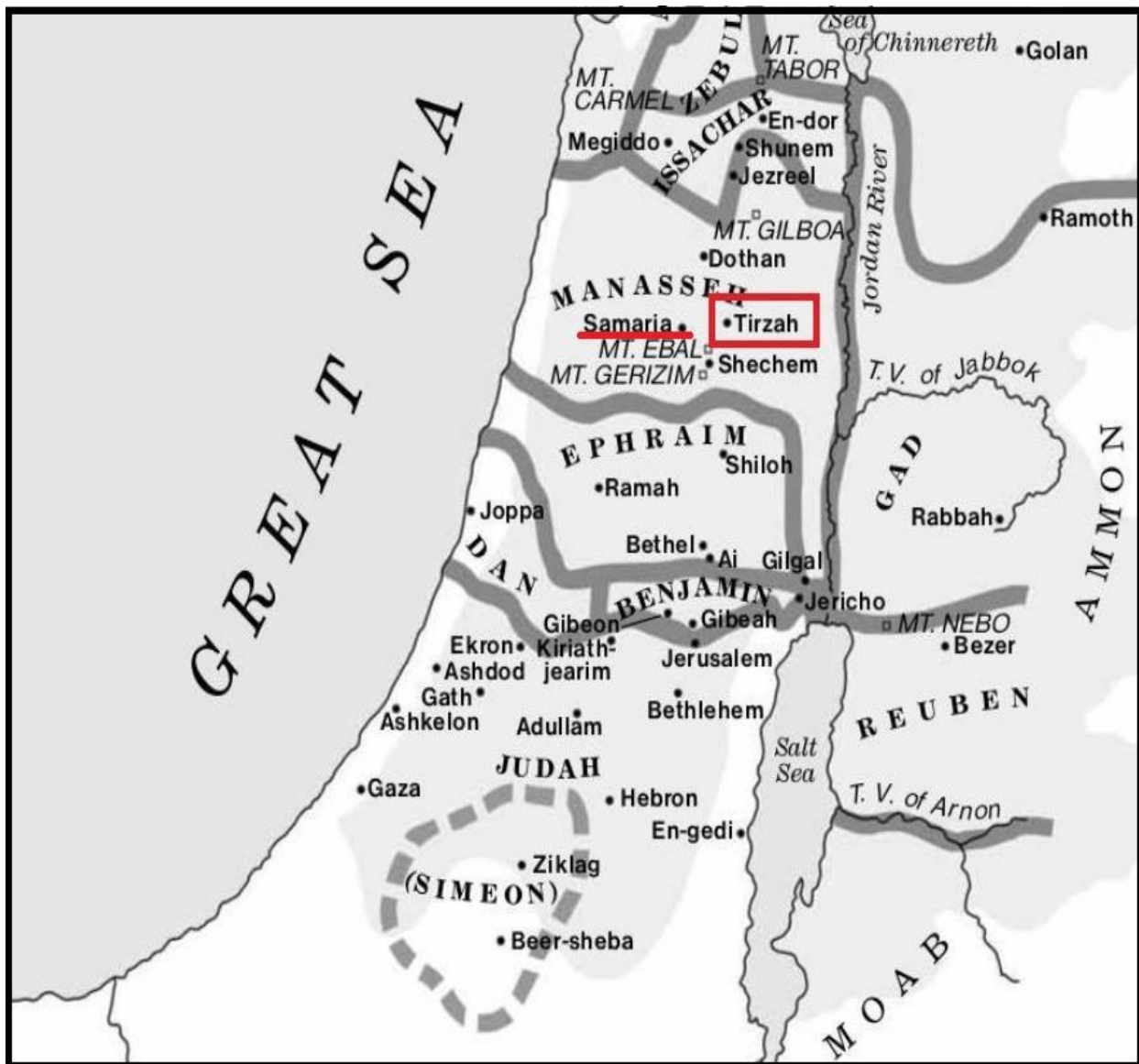
Verses 17-18

Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed and came to Tirzah. As she was entering the threshold of the house, the child died. ¹⁸ All Israel buried him and mourned for him, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet.

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During the time of Jeroboam Tirzah is where the royal residence was located.

See Map 1425



Before the Jews captured the land of Canaan it was the residence of a Canaanite king.

See Joshua 12:24

²⁴ **the king of Tirzah, one: in all, thirty-one kings.**

Shortly after this time King Omri will make Samaria (a few miles to the west) the capital of the northern kingdom.

Verse 17 says that their son died as soon as Jeroboam's wife came home and entered **the threshold of the house.**

In verse 12 Ahijah said the following,

¹² **Now you, arise, go to your house. When your feet enter the city the child will die.**

The threshold of the royal palace must have been at the entry into the city.

Verses 19-20

Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he made war and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel. ²⁰ The time that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two years; and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his place.

His reign of 22 years was twice as long as the average Northern king.

Verses 21-24

Now Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the Lord had chosen from all the tribes of Israel to put His name there. And his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. ²² Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and they provoked Him to jealousy more than all that their fathers had done, with the sins which they committed. ²³ For they also built for themselves high places and *sacred* pillars and Asherim on every high hill and beneath every luxuriant tree. ²⁴ There were also male cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

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Rehoboam had a large family like other prominent leaders in Israel.

See 2 Chron. 11:21

²¹ Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom more than all his *other* wives and concubines. For he had taken eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and fathered twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.

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God speaking thru Ezekiel said the children of Israel had become worse than Sodom.

See Ezekiel 16:47-49

⁴⁷ Yet you have not *merely* walked in their ways and committed their abominations; *but, as if that* were too little, you also acted more corruptly in all your conduct than they. ⁴⁸ As I live," declares the Lord God, "Sodom, your sister and her daughters have not done as you and your daughters have done!

⁴⁹ Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, plenty of food, and carefree ease, but she did not help the poor and needy.

God also said that Judah had committed more sins than the Northern Kingdom.

See Ezekiel 16 51 -52

⁵¹ Furthermore, Samaria did not commit half of your sins, for you have multiplied your abominations more than they. So you have made your sisters appear innocent by all your abominations which you have committed. ⁵² Also, bear your disgrace in that you have made judgment favorable for your sisters. Because of your sins in which you acted more abominably than they, they are more in the right than you. Yes, be also ashamed and bear your disgrace, in that you made your sisters appear innocent.

Verses 25-28

Now it happened in the fifth year of King Rehoboam, that Shishak the king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem. ²⁶ He took away the treasures of the house of the Lord and the treasures of the king's house, and he took everything, even taking all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. ²⁷ So King Rehoboam made shields of bronze in their place, and committed them to the care of the commanders of the guard who guarded the doorway of the king's house. ²⁸ Then it happened as often as the king entered the house of the Lord, that the guards would carry them and would bring them back into the guards' room.

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This took place 34 years after the temple was completed by Solomon and only 5 years after the kingdom was divided.

See Pic 1430

1st Kings timeline

Ch.	Event		Year
	Solomon is born		990
1	Solomon becomes king		970
2	David Dies		970
6	Temple started		966
6	Temple completed ---- 7 years		959
7	Solomon starts his palace		959
8	Ark brought to the temple		958
9	Solomon finishes his palace ---- 13 years		946
9	Lord appears to Solomon for 2nd time		946
10	Queen of Sheba visits		
11	Solomon dies		930
12	Rehoboam king of Judah	1s	930
	Jeroboam king of Israel	1n	
12	Israel rebels against Rehoboam		930
12-13	Golden Calves at Bethel and Dan		
14	Treasures of the Temple raided by Egypt		925

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The loss of the golden shields of Solomon was a symbol of what had happened to Israel spiritually. They had given up the only true God (the golden shields) for some pagan gods (the bronze shields).

Has America lost its shields of gold? Our schools and universities teach evolution instead of creation. Biblical morality has been replaced by secular ideas of morality in our society. The number of people who attend church has dropped significantly.

Verses 29-31

Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam and all that he did, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah? ³⁰ There was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. ³¹ And Rehoboam slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son became king in his place.

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This divide between the North and South was a serious problem. But what was the cause of this rift? Scripture tells us that the rift came from God but it doesn't specify what the divide was about.

See 1 Kings 12:24

²⁴ Thus says the Lord, "You must not go up and fight against your relatives the sons of Israel; return every man to his house, for this thing has come from Me."

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Naamah the Ammonitess was one of Solomon's non-Israelite wives.

See map 1435

