

The Kings of Judah and Israel

LESSON #08 | Jeroboam's Dried Hand & the Prophet from the Judah

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I Kings 13:1-5

1 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

1. Why did the man of God from Judah say, "O altar, altar", instead of "O king, king"?

2. A child would be born to the house of David, _____ by name.

This king would burn men's _____ on the altar.

3. Which attribute of God is displayed to King Jeroboam?

His _____

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4. What sign did the man of God say will happen to prove that God's prophecy is true?
Tick the correct answer

- His hand will dry up;
- The altar will break and ashes fall out

5. Turn to 2 Kings 23:14-15, and circle the phrases which record the fulfillment of the God's prophecy through the man of God from Judah

2 Kings 23:14-15

14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

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.

6. Jeroboam, who heard this prophecy, was very upset with the prophecy from God. He stretched forth his hand to hit the prophet, but what happened to his hand?

- His hand melted
- His hand dried up
- His hand was broken
- His hand was chained up

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The following table helps you understand what the pronouns mean in Modern English.

2nd Person Pronouns	King James Bible (Middle English)	Modern English
You (<i>Subject</i>)	Thou	You
You (<i>Object</i>)	Thee	You
Your (<i>Possession of Subject</i>)	Thy	Your
Your (<i>Possession of Object</i>)	Thine	Your
Your (<i>Reflexive</i>)	Thyself	Yourself

I Kings 13:6-10

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.

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.

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

7. In verse 6, circle the 2nd person pronoun in King Jeroboam's words to the man of God. What does Jeroboam's use of the 2nd person pronoun tell us about his relationship with the LORD and God of Israel?
