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¹⁴ "Moreover the LORD will raise up for Himself a king over Israel who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam; this is the day. What? Even now! ¹⁵ For the LORD will strike Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water. He will uproot Israel from this good land which He gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their wooden images, provoking the LORD to anger. ¹⁶ And He will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel sin." ¹⁷ Then Jeroboam's wife arose and departed, and came to Tirzah. When she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. ¹⁸ And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through His servant Ahijah the prophet. ¹⁹ Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he made war and how he reigned, indeed they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. ²⁰ The period that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two years. So he rested with his fathers. Then Nadab his son reigned in his place.

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1. Ahijah pronounces judgment

- a. The queen had already been told that as soon as she entered her city (Tizrah) her son would die
 - a1. She had been sent by Jeroboam in disguise to ask what would happen to son
 - a2. God told Ahijah that the queen was coming pretending to be another woman
- b. God took the child because there was some good in him toward the Lord
 - a1. The child was removed so he would not face the curse of God on Jer.'s house
 - a2. God determined to wipe out Jer.'s line
- c. Ahijah prophesied judgment upon the house of Jer. & the nations of Israel
 - a1. Jer.'s line will be wiped out by a king (Jehu) that God will raise up
 - a2. Israel will be both chastised & removed from the land
- d. The queen leaves Shiloh
 - a1. As soon as she enters her house, her son dies, just as the prophet says
 - a2. Even this sign is ignored by Jeroboam
 - b1. No repentance in his heart
 - b2. Those who love evil remain evil

2. Beyond redeeming

- a. For first time God states that he will remove Israel
 - a1. Dt. 28 the warnings have gone unheeded
 - a2. God will not wait for repentance forever
 - a3. Amos 8 after all the signs & chastisement God sent, Israel still remained evil
- b. Israel will not leave idol worship, making idols, & following their sinful ways
- c. Israel's final removal will not occur for 2 centuries
 - a1. Piece by piece invaders dominate the land (particularly Syria)
 - a2. Through the ministries of Elijah & Elisha, signs & wonders were done to bring Israel back to God, but they refused to do so
 - a3. Finally, the Assyrians invade the land & remove Israel in 722 BC
- d. The tribes never return to the land, leaving Judah the soul representative of Israel in the land
 - a1. The Assyrians removed the elite of the land & moved them to Elam (Western Persia)
 - a2. A large population of Elamites were moved to Israel to mix with the poor Israelites
 - b1. The combination produced the Samaritans
 - b2. Samaritans were hated by both Jews & Gentiles as "half-breeds"

3. Jeroboam's reign

- a. After Abijah dies, Israel mourns greatly for him
 - a1. The only descendent of Jer. so honored
 - a2. All the rest meet an untimely death
- b. No more is said of Jer.'s reign in the Bible
- c. The acts & wars of Jer. are recoded in the *Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Israel* (one of the 22 books mentioned in the Bible that have not survived until modern times)
- d. Jer. reigned for 22 years until 909 BC
 - a1. "But he did not leave the sins of Jeroboam" became the byword of all 19 kings of Israel
 - a2. 8 kings of his line follow until Jehu reigns