



The Great Pretender

1 Kings 14

Jeroboam steered nation away from:

1. Word of God
2. Promises of God
3. Trust in God
4. Gratitude toward God

In spite of:

1. God's blessings
2. God's instructions
3. God's prophetic warnings
4. Five miraculous signs



1. Hand
2. Hand
3. Altar
4. Lion - prophet
5. Lion - donkey

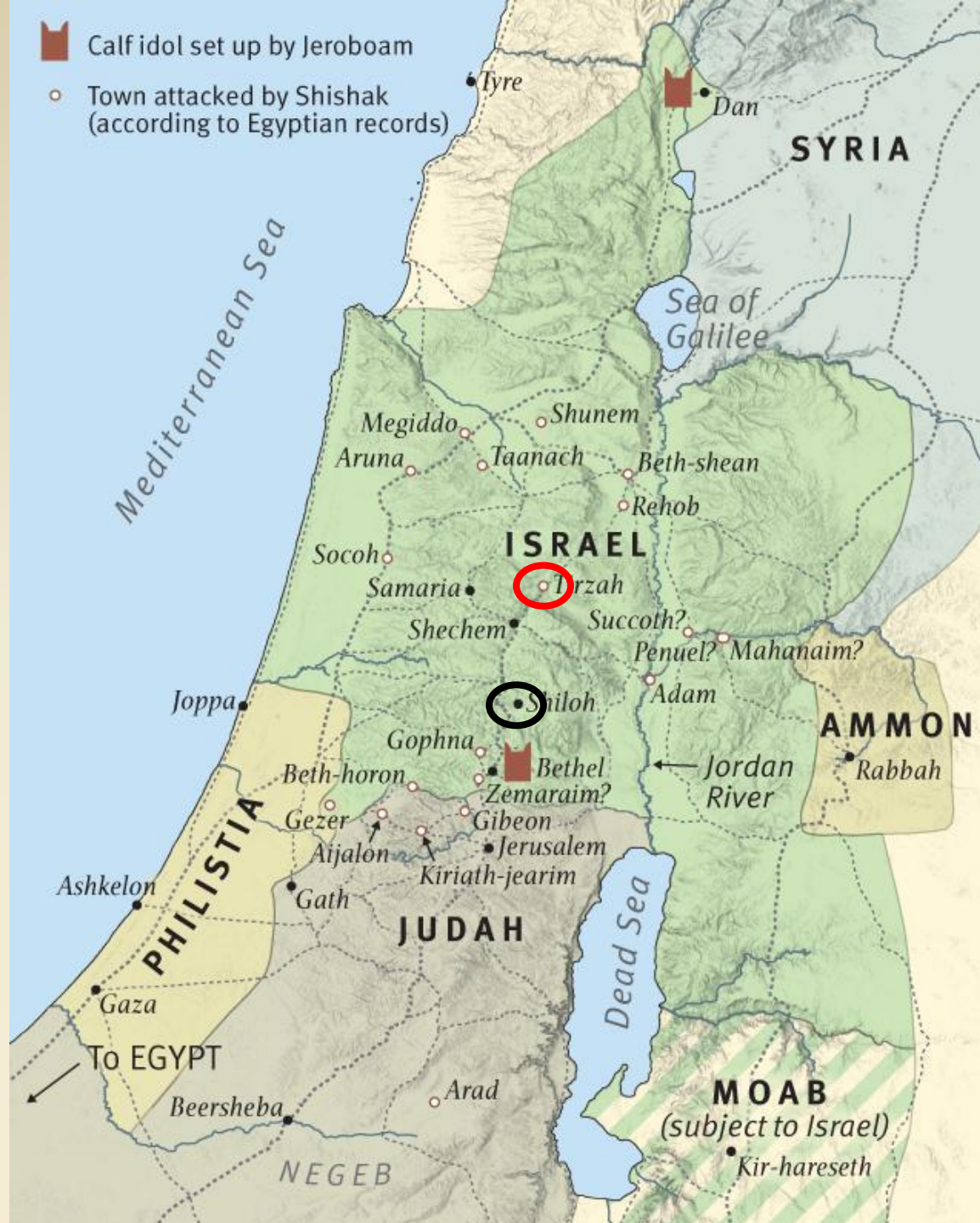
Jeroboam's desperation (1-2)

1. Prophet = "Seer" (1 Sm.9:9, 11, 19)
2. Blind seer (4)

Jeroboam's actions reveal . . .

1. Conscious of own guilt
2. Superstitious (magic; trickery)
3. Respect for prophet Ahijah (ch.11)

-  Calf idol set up by Jeroboam
-  Town attacked by Shishak (according to Egyptian records)





I. Jeroboam's Dynasty



11:29-39, Ahijah's first prophecy

Conditional promise (11:38)

14:1-18, Ahijah's final prophecy

- **God made him king over Israel, 7-8**
- **He did more evil than previous, 9**

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- 2. Sick son would die, be buried, 12**
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**SHAKEN
REED**

**UPROOTED
PLANT**

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Jeroboam:

In theory:
denies God

In practice:
forgets God

In need:
seeks God



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II. Abijah's Death

1 K.14:12

“...the child shall die”

- “Child” – wide range; determined by context.

Infant: Gn.21:8

Man: 1 K.12:8

- One death, two purposes

Punish
Jeroboam

Protect
Abijah (ch.15)

Blessing of early death, 12-13

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a. Not just good morals; true God

b. Ex.32:4-5, not a new deity

c. Neh.9:18

d. 2 K.10:16...29

Mt.6:24; Col.3:5

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**Epicenter
of evil**

**Overcame family
influence**

**Overcame
compromise**

Unusual reward: death of righteous

1. What if he had lived to follow father's example?
2. Dying righteous is more important than sitting on throne of great nation.
Jn.11:3.
3. Paul could be rescued by life, or by death, 2 Tim.4.