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### The Miserable end of the prophet who came from Judah

Scripture to read: **1Kings 13:1-32**

A man of God from Judah went to Bethel, arriving there just as Jeroboam was approaching the altar to burn incense. Then at the Lord's command, he shouted, "O altar, altar! This is what the Lord says: A child named Josiah will be born into the dynasty of David. On you he will sacrifice the priests from the pagan shrines who come here to burn incense, and human bones will be burned on you." He also told that, this altar will split apart, and its ashes will be poured out on the ground." It happened the same way. When King Jeroboam heard this, he pointed at him and shouted, "Seize that man!" But instantly the king's hand became paralyzed. The king cried out to the man of God, "Please ask the Lord your God to restore my hand again!" So, the man of God prayed to the Lord, and the king's hand was restored. When the prophet was returning home, he met an old prophet. He asked him to "Come home with me and eat some food." "No, I cannot," he replied. "I am not allowed to eat or drink anything here in this place. For the Lord gave me this command: 'You must not eat or drink anything while you are there. But the old prophet answered, an angel gave me this command from the Lord: 'Bring him home with you so he can have something to eat and drink.' But the old man was lying to him. So, they went back together.



What children, do you feel like listening to the entire story? Come listen. Then while they were sitting at the table, a command from the Lord came to the old prophet. He cried out to the man of God from Judah, "This is what the Lord says: You have defied the word of the Lord and have disobeyed the command the Lord your God gave you. You came back to this place and ate and drank where he told you not to eat or drink. Because of this, your body will not be buried in the grave of your ancestors." When the man of God started off again to Judah a lion came out and killed him. Children, did you notice the miserable end of the prophet? God will never keep changing his word. When he tells it once, it's done? Even God's servants can commit mistakes. That's why we should accept things only when it is told from the word of the Lord. Our God is a righteous judge. Sin is a Sin, what if it is committed by Jeroboam or by the Prophet. If we have to get rid of the punishment, we should repent and ask forgiveness from the Lord and get reconciled with him.

**For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live! Ezekiel 18:32**

### Prayer

Praise and Glory belongs to the living God alone. Please forgive the little mistakes that we do Lord. Help us to lead a Holy Life Father. Amen

