The Prophet Who Disobeyed Yahweh

1 Kings 13:1, 6-26, 28

Behold, a man of Elohim had come from Judah to Bethel, by the Word of YAHWEH, and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.

The king answered and said to the man of Elohim, Please entreat the face of YAHWEH your Elohim, and pray for me, and my hand shall come back to me. And the man of Elohim entreated the face of YAHWEH, and the hand of the king came back to him, and it was as at the beginning.

The king spoke to the man of Elohim, Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a gift. The man of Elohim said to the king, If you would give me the half of your house, I would not go in with you, nor will I eat bread, nor will I drink water in this place.

For so He commanded me by the Word of YAHWEH, saying, **You shall not eat bread nor** drink water, nor turn back in the way that you have come. And he went on another way, and did not turn back in the way in which he came into Bethel.

A certain aged prophet was living in Bethel, and his son came and told him all the deeds that the man of Elohim had done that day in Bethel, the words that he had spoken to the king; yea, they told them to their father. And their father said to them, Where is this man, what way did he go? And his sons saw the way that the man of Elohim from Judah had gone.

He said to his sons, Saddle the donkey for me. And they saddled the donkey for him, and he rode on it, and went after the man of Elohim, and found him sitting under an oak tree. And he said to him, are you the man of Elohim who has come from Judah? And he said, I am.

Then he said to him, Come home with me and eat bread.

He said, I am not able to go back with you, and to go in with you, nor may I eat bread or drink water with you in this place; for a word came to me by the Word of YAHWEH, You shall not eat bread nor drink water there; you shall not turn back to go in the way in which you came.

He said to him, I also am a prophet like yourself, and a cherub spoke to me by the Word of YAHWEH, saying, bring him back with you into your house, and he shall eat bread and water (he lied to him).

He turned back with him and ate bread in his house and drank water.

It happened as they were sitting at the table, and a Word of YAHWEH came to the prophet who brought him back; and he cried to the man of Elohim who came from Judah, saying, So says YAHWEH, Because you have resisted the mouth of YAHWEH, and have not kept the command that YAHWEH your Elohim charged you, and turned back and ate bread and drank water in the place of which He said to you, You shall not eat bread nor drink water; your carcass shall not come to the burying place of your fathers.

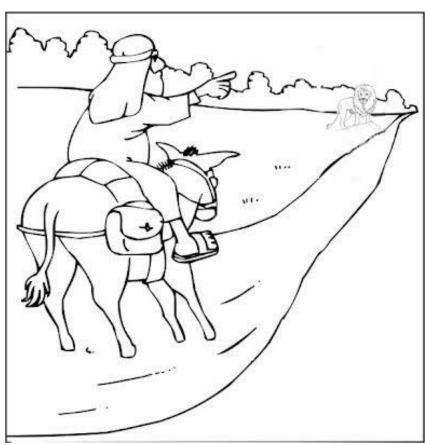
After he ate bread and after he drank, it happened that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

He left, and a lion found him in the way and killed him; and his carcass was thrown down in the way, and the donkey was standing near it, and the lion was standing near the carcass.

Behold, men were passing by and saw the carcass thrown in the way, and the lion standing near the carcass; and they came and spoke of it in the city in which the old prophet lived.

The prophet who brought him back out of the way heard and said, it is the man of Elohim who provoked the mouth of YAHWEH, and YAHWEH gave him to the lion, and it tore him apart and killed him, according to the Word of YAHWEH that He spoke to him.

He went and found the carcass thrown down in the way, and the donkey and the lion were standing near the carcass; the lion had not eaten the carcass nor had he torn apart the donkey.



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Aged Prophet Judah Provoked Donkey Bethel Drink King Saddle Thrown Down Lion Carcass Eat Cherub **Elohim** Oak Tree Turn Back Word Disobeyed Jeroboam **Prophet**

For so He commanded me by the Word of Yahweh saying You shall not eat bread nor drink water, nor turn back in the way that you have come.

