

and they got a very excellent man who replaced him, a young man. But it is a thing which I felt when ^{we} came here we should absolutely have--tenure for life. I don't believe in it. I think that any man in any position anywhere can deteriorate or he can change. He can deteriorate spiritually or intellectually, ^{or physically} I do not believe in life tenure. Well, that is one thing which we often find in Kings, that they had a life tenure and no matter how good they were as young men as they get older they are apt to go on their reputation that they were really good as young men. The result is that while things are decaying around them there is an outward appearance of everything being fine. Then when the man is gone things are apt to just collapse. To some extent that is what happened here. Jeroboam was succeeded preceded by his son Zechariah. After Zechariah had reigned six months, there was an uprising against him and he was killed. The dynasty was brought to an end. The kingdom ~~xxxx~~ of Jeroboam had been very strong in his young days, but he had lived too long for the good of his kingdom. His son then took over a situation which was already greatly weakened and there was an uprising and Zechariah was killed. Then the dynasty of Jehu came to an end. Now these forty-one years in which Jeroboam reigned are known to us as specific historically only by these two verses here as far as the kingdom of Israel is concerned. But we find Jeroboam mentioned in a few other places. Of course, he is not mentioned in the book of Jonah, but the mention here ties up Jonah with him. But in the beginning of the books of Hoseah and Amos we find reference to Jeroboam. So those books are definitely tied to his reign. The book of Hosea, the first of the minor prophets in the order in which they are placed in our Bible says that the word that came to Hosea, the son of Beri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, ~~xxxx~~ Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, ~~an~~ in the day of Jeroboam, son of Joash, king of Israel. Since the greater part of the emphasis of the book of Hosea is on Israel rather than Judah, he is properly to be linked up with the king of Israel who is named. The prophet who prophesied in Israel in connection with the reign of Jeroboam the king of ^AIsrael. We have already noticed what he says about how God