

~~but~~ suggestion but it impresses me as a very natural way for it to happen, a way in which it could very easily happen. Perhaps there was some force. Perhaps there was some ~~unusual~~ particular chemical there or something that is not mentioned here that was what the Lord used in connection with it. Perhaps the Lord caused a miracle; perhaps he intervened and made this, perhaps Jeroboam had made the altar of a rock which was imp ~~to~~ ^{to} heat which no one else had ever discovered before or since and it was ~~an~~ an unusually strong thing and God just moved in and split that thing just to show his tremendous power. That is entirely possible, but there is no evidence for it in the statement. The other impresses me as an extremely probably interpretation of it. I am very glad for the question, for I think it is ~~a very~~ hard to do here; that is, to distinguish as to what is the clear teaching and what is the reasonably certain interpretations ~~that are con~~ and what are conjectures which may or may not be so. We cannot say ^{what} We just ~~know what~~ want ~~is~~ what is absolutely certain. That is impossible. We have to distinguish that which is absolutely definite, that which is ~~absolutely~~ a certain interpretation, that which is a probably conjecture, and that which may or may not be true.

Now we were I Kings 13. Under 2, the reign of Jeroboam. We were looking at "c" the prophetic rebuke. Here in I Kings 13 we noticed that a prophet came and that this prophet ~~that~~ who was as the prophets always are in the Old Testament a spokesman for God. Not in the sense of one who wants to talk in favor with God but in the sense of someone who carries a message for God. This man came because God had given him a message to give. (Question) Well, a prophet of Satan would be a man who spoke for Satan, yes. But I don't remember any case of any man who claimed to speak for Satan. If a man claimed to ~~sees~~ speak for God but didn't, he would be a man who claimed to be a prophet but wasn't. In other words he would be a false prophet. Like if you had a counterfeit five dollar bill, it would claim to be a five dollar bill but it wouldn't be. He wouldn't claim to be a prophet but he wouldn't be. Now of course if he claims to be a prophet but isn't then of course we naturally ask ourself is he really