

Here we have Jeroboam seizing the throne. Then we have his son destroyed by Basha and then Basha is destroyed here by Zimer, ^{when} ~~it~~ is thus used to put an end to this succession which has been established, you are apt to have a series of breaks. It is rather that that takes place. We saw it in the ~~United~~ United States. We had thirteen colonies which were united into one nation and others were added and we got more and more states. Then the time came about eighty years ago when South Caroling decided that it didn't like what the government did in Washington and it seceded, and other states also seceded, and they said you have the right to secede the state can leave ~~it~~ and ~~form~~ be separate if it chooses to. So some states seceded and formed the Confederacy. But before the Civil War was over you had states seceding from the Confederacy. Once the principle of secession was established there was no end to it and, of course, it was great element of weakness in the confederacy. There was no principle of unity established there. The principle had been broken and ^{it} would have taken time to set up again a new principle. So we have in Israel two things. We have on ~~the contrary~~ account of the wickedness of the people the Lord predicting that this would come to pass. We also have a certain inertia, you might say; the principle of continuity has been broken. The other is the situation which is ²⁹⁻³⁾ and it would take vigorous effort to break that new situation which had been established to the throne belonging to one who had power to seize it rather than the one who ~~was~~ succeeded to it by birth. Now we have Elah: then, reigning only two years, and his servant, Zimri, conspires against Elah when he was drinking himself drunk and Zimri went in and smote him and killed him, ^W The twenty-seventh year of Asa, that was several years before the thirty-fifth year of Asa., and reigned in his stead. As soon as Zimri took over the power he destroyed the entire house of Basha just as Basha had destroyed the entire house of Jeroboam. Zimri began to reign in the twenty-seventh year and he reigned seven ~~days~~ ^{years.} His was the shortest reign of any in the kingdom of Israel. They now had reached the point of, you might say, diminishing returns instead of holding it for two ~~reigns~~ ^{years.} it was down to where this new conspirator only holds it for seven days. You must now have anarchy or you must have an