

extent to cisterns and they were very satisfactory for the purpose. Consequently Omri was able to utilize this new ~~system~~ principal and to establish a great city there which immeasurably strengthened the northern kingdom. The second principle which Omri used was that of trying to make friends with the nations round about him, make friendships and alliances in his ~~city~~ neighborhood. So we find that from this time on there is no further mention of war between the northern and the southern kingdom. The northern kingdom is the stronger of the two and it was not difficult for the northern kingdom ~~to~~ if he were so minded to make certain concessions and win the friendship of the southern kingdom instead of being hostile to him as they had been at all times in the past. There is a real turning point here in the relation between the northern and the southern kingdoms. Now they become friends and allies because of the changed attitude of the northern kingdom. Then he also tried to make ~~many~~ friends with the other nations round about him, something which was very wrong ~~from~~ from a religious viewpoint, but which from a purely worldly viewpoint greatly strengthened his kingdom. He looked to Phoenicia to the north and made alliance with the king of Phoenicia and by that alliance got great ~~services which were~~ physical strength but terrific religious harm to his land. At that harm we shall look next time. It ^{was} ~~is~~ that harm which is ~~recorded~~ ^{resulted} in the word of Ahijah. *and of 29.*

We noticed that Jeroboam and Basha were kings of real importance. You should remember their names. Nadab, the son of Jeroboam, who lived such a short time after his father's death, and Elab, the son of Basha, are not particularly important. I don't care ~~if~~ whether you remember their names or not. Each of them was killed ~~but~~ by a usurper who seized the throne. But Zimri as we noticed only held it seven days, and then ~~was~~ after he was killed, Tidni and Omri fought for three years perhaps. (we don't know just how long), and then Omri secured the throne. We noticed that Omri from a political viewpoint was one of the most important kings in all the history of the northern kingdom. He might