

And you cannot make it strictly a matter in this life of the heinousness of the crime. You can't do that . (Student). Yes, it is a man trying to lead the people into disobeying God. A man who is trying to lead them to worship false gods. A man who is going out before the people, and is pretending to be a prophet, and actually is leading them astray. Now in this case the man was pretending to be a prophet, but his act was in a very good (12 1/2) of those. Well, let's look to the passage a bit and notice that as we come to it. Let's try to move a little faster. There are so many interesting points here and very important too. But we have to select those which are most vital for our progress and understanding of the prophetic books. Now the chapter begins with the statement that means the man of God. It means a man of God - is not a correct understanding of ~~in~~ the Hebrew as you all know. The man of God. Of course it is not the man of God in the sense of the one that we've been talking about before. It is the man whom God designated. The man of God. This man is not previously mentioned. We do not know his name. So far as we know he was never anointed as a prophet or set apart as a prophet, or designated in any earthly way, but he was one whom God called to perform a task, to bring a message. Whether he had brought many messages to God's people elsewhere, or whether he had never brought a message before, we do not know. We know of it now, God was using him as a prophet. He is nameless, as far as we are concerned. But he is a man whom God had called for a purpose. So God chose this man out of Judah by the Word of the Lord. It tells that God had spoken to him. This was a definite word of God to his prophet. And he came up there and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense, and then verse 2, what did the prophet do? Who can give us in four or five words what the prophet did?

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He pronounced judgment on sin. Isn't that what it says? He says this is sinful. This is wrong. This deserves God's punishment. The prophet pronounced God's judgment on sin. Now did the prophet in verse 2, he made a prediction, The purpose of the prediction is what mr. _____ said is the act of the prophet. The act of the prophet is to pronounce God's judgment against sin. And the purpose of the prediction is to pronounce God's judgment against