

The two kingdoms of Omri

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a. The disruption was predicted to Solomon

Who predicted the disruption to Solomon? Ahijah predicted the disruption. That is definite. That is true. But Ahijah did not predict the disruption to Solomon. No, I shouldn't say that. I should and 8/13

Our reference for the prediction to Solomon is I Kings 11:11-13. Here in I Kings 11 we read in verse 4, "It came to pass when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods." That is what happens to many a man when he is old, and to some when they are young. But they turned his heart after other gods. After this happened, there's a further description of the wickedness into which Solomon came; and then we read in verse 9, "the Lord was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, who had appeared unto him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded. Wherefore, the Lord said unto Solomon, for as much as this, is done of thee and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee and will give it to thy servants. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake, but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom, but will give one tribe to thy son for David, my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, which I have chosen." Now you notice there's no mention of Ahijah there. Who predicted to Solomon that the kingdom would be divided? The Lord predicted to Solomon. Well, the Lord predicted it to Jeremiah, too, didn't he? The Lord spoke to Jeremiah ~~through~~ by the hand, it says in one place, of the prophet Ahijah. The Lord spoke to Jeroboan later on. Now, to Solomon it just says the Lord spoke. How did the Lord speak to Solomon? We are not told. You notice that it said in verse 9 that the Lord God had appeared unto ~~him~~ him twice. Now this passage in Kings here says