

received a message; it doesn't say how he got it here. There's nothing in this passage whatever to suggest that it represents any man's insight. It is given here as a message from God to him, and all the modernists can do with that passage is to say that it was made up at a later age, and that it doesn't correspond to anything that actually happened. But we, of course, find here God giving a revelation to Solomon, revealing definite words to Solomon, and that words that God revealed to Solomon were either given directly to him or ~~to some~~ through some instrumentality not here named. We cannot say which. So much then for "a" that the destruction was predicted to Solomon. Now

b b. It was predicted to Jeroboam.

How many are there who know who predicted it to Jeroboam. Raise your hands. Only two or three? Where were the rest of you five minutes ago when I stated that Ahijah predicted this to Jeroboam? Ahijah was the one who predicted it to Jeroboam as is told in this same chapter here in verse 26 to 40. And there we have an interesting thing. We have Ahijah coming to Jeroboam and giving him a message and he gave him the message saying, "Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel" and he gave him specific words. But before he gave him specific words, he gave him an object lesson. He took a peculiar means to impress on Jeroboam's mind the idea. The prophet ~~and~~ Ahijah and Jeroboam met, and Jeroboam was taskmaster whom Solomon had given a position as general manager of all the building work for the large section of Israel, ~~all~~ the house of Joseph, two of the tribes; and this man who was coming up in the world had reached a very ~~fine~~ position and was very busy and occupied ~~in~~ with his task walked along the street one day outside of Jerusalem and met this prophet, and one of the two had clad himself in a new garment. Which one had? Where ~~did~~ the Scripture say Jeroboam? It does not state. In Kings here it does not say whether it was Jeroboam or Ahijah. One of the two had on a new garment. It doesn't say which. When it doesn't say, we may guess what we cannot know.