

represented. I think that it is a very great danger in Scripture interpretation. We think that ~~xxxxxx~~ when we have a big lesson presented in a figure, we have to give the meaning of every little detail in it. Things do not, as a rule, ~~quite~~ correspond quite as exactly as that; and you cannot interpret this object lesson here in such ~~an~~ a way as to have every detail of it correspond, but the big general factor of it is clear, that that which was one is divided, and is divided into twelve parts, and ten of these ~~of~~ parts are given to Jeroboam. That is the big central teaching of it. That's perfectly clear and you cannot make it exact on all the little details. We have here then Ahijah speaking to Jeroboam in an object lesson, and then he goes on to explain the object lesson. Sometimes in the Scriptures God speaks through object lessons and doesn't explain them, and we have to try to think out what the explanation is, and we may be right and we may be wrong. Always in any inference from the Scripture there is a possibility of error in our reason; there is the possibility of trying to decide more than the facts warrant; there is always that danger. ~~xxxxxx~~ We have to guess where it is not clear, but we should always label a guess. So in this case we see God giving a message to a prophet and giving it in two ways. First, by an object lesson; second, by ~~xxxx~~ specific words. Ahijah said, "Thus saith the Lord God of Israel." He didn't say to Jeroboam, "I can see the signs of the situation and I can observe the way circumstances are working out and ~~xxxx~~ you are going to have the wonderful chance ~~of~~ to build a kingdom for yourself as a result of what Solomon is doing." He did not say that. There is not a suggestion that the prophet ~~as~~ was a man, as the modernists consider him, a man of unusual insight who was able to see how things were working up and what the results would be. Ahijah makes no such claims as that. Ahijah claims here to be a man ~~of God, xxxx~~ who is simply a messenger ~~of God~~ giving a message from God to Jeroboam. That is the prediction then to Jeroboam of the disruption of the kingdom, and the result of the prediction is that Jeroboam had to flee for his life because Solomon

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