

# Lessons from the Prophets, Series 3

## Lessons from Prophet Ahijah



Ahijah was a prophet in the days of Rehoboam. In 1 Kings 11:31-39 he prophesied how the ten tribes would fall from Solomon and in 1 Kings 14:6-16 told Jeroboam's wife of the death of their son and the destruction of Jeroboam's rule.

Ahijah was extremely old in age and in Rabbinical literature he is stated to have been a disciple of David and the teacher of Elijah. In 1 King 14:4 it tells how Ahijah could not see well because of his age. *And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age.* In Genesis it states how Isaac's eyes were dim and could not see. In Hebrew tradition the dimming of both Ahijah and

Isaac's eyes was referred to as spiritual blindness because Isaac favored his wicked son Esau and Ahijah initially had favored Jeroboam. It is stated that Ahijah thought Jeroboam had shown great wisdom and potential and took him under his wing teaching him the most sacred Hebrew laws but later had to deliver the message of Jeroboam's destruction.

Whether the rabbinical lore about Ahijah and Isaac's favoritism is accurate or not there is a lesson to be learned. From the life of this obscure prophet comes a great lesson for today's prophets. We must always be on guard against spiritual blindness in which we allow our love and feelings for something to overcome the truth. It happens to all people but is especially prevalent among prophets of God.

Spiritual blindness often keeps a prophet from seeing or receiving revelations about themselves which is why it is so important to always be open to the truth. A prophet cannot afford to pick and choose the truths which they want to accept but must accept all the truths of God within this world. Picking and choosing is the root cause of spiritual blindness.

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