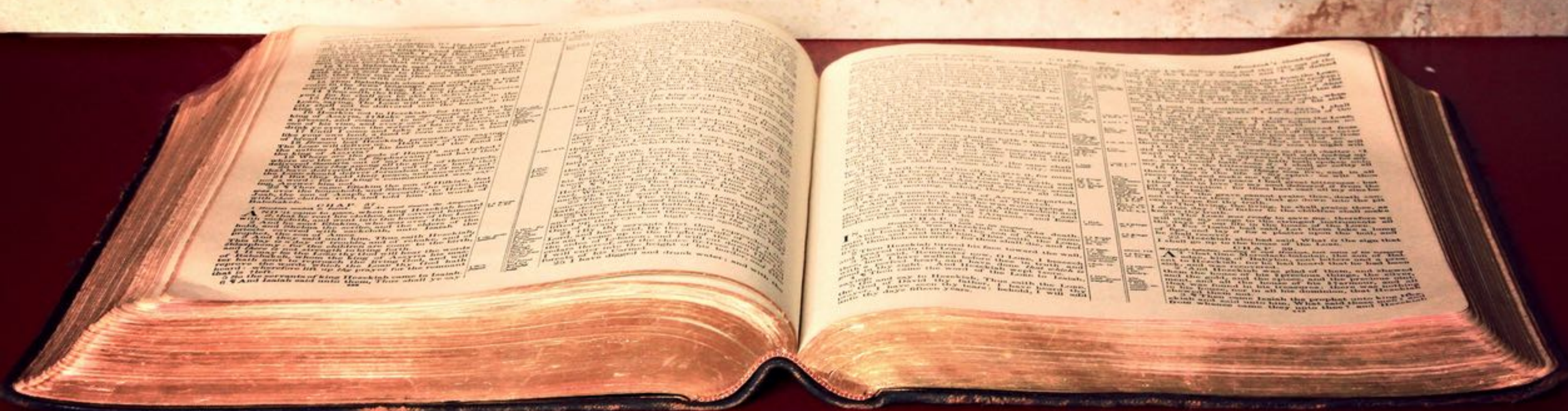


Walking in the WORD



And behold, a man of God came out of Judah by the word of the Lord to Bethel. Jeroboam was standing by the altar to make offerings.

1 Kings 13:1

And the man cried against the altar by the word of the Lord and said, “O altar, altar, thus says the Lord:

1 Kings 13:2a

‘Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name, and he shall sacrifice on you the priests of the high places who make offerings on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.’ ”

1 Kings 13:2b

And he gave a sign the same day, saying, “This is the sign that the Lord has spoken: ‘Behold, the altar shall be torn down, and the ashes that are on it shall be poured out.’ ”

1 Kings 13:3

And when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar at Bethel, Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." And his hand, which he stretched out against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself.

1 Kings 13:4

**The altar also was torn down,
and the ashes poured out from
the altar, according to the sign
that the man of God had given
by the word of the Lord.**

1 Kings 13:5

And the king said to the man of God, “Entreat now the favor of the Lord your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me.” And the man of God entreated the Lord, and the king’s hand was restored to him and became as it was before.

1 Kings 13:6

And the king said to the man of God, “Come home with me, and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward.”

1 Kings 13:7

And the man of God said to the king, “If you give me half your house, I will not go in with you. And I will not eat bread or drink water in this place,

1 Kings 13:8

**for so was it commmanded me by
the word of the Lord, saying,
‘You shall neither eat bread nor
drink water nor return by the
way that you came.’ ”**

1 Kings 13:9

**So he went another way and did
not return by the way that he
came to Bethel.**

1 Kings 13:10

Now an old prophet lived in Bethel. And his sons came and told him all that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. They also told to their father the words that he had spoken to the king.

1 Kings 13:11

**And their father said to them,
“Which way did he go?” And his
sons showed him the way that
the man of God who came from
Judah had gone.**

1 Kings 13:12

**And he said to his sons, “Saddle
the donkey for me.” So they
saddled the donkey for him and
he mounted it.**

1 Kings 13:13

And he went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak. And he said to him, “Are you the man of God who came from Judah?” And he said, “I am.”

1 Kings 13:14

**The thief comes only to steal
and kill and destroy. I came that
they may have life and have it
abundantly.**

John 10:10

But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:27