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The Dramatic Rise and Fall of Israel in God's Kingdom Program

“God's Kingdom is built upon God's Word”

INTRO: God revealed His **Kingdom** plan through **prophecy** (12:1-24; 14:21-31). All of God's word, including **prophecy**, is trustworthy and should be faithfully heeded for the building of God's kingdom to God's glory.

I. God's _____ is built upon God's _____.

Political Israel was built upon God's Word expressed in the Mosaic Covenant. God's spiritual kingdom in the NT, the Church, is also built upon God's Word expressed by Jesus and His Apostles.

**II. _____ to God's Word brings _____;
_____ brings _____ (12:25-13:34).**

*Jeroboam received God's Word promising a dynasty for faithfulness, but Jeroboam did not believe it. Two unidentified **men of God** have roles in chapter 13 which further illustrate this point.*

III. Heed God's _____ to experience the _____ of building God's _____. *Today, the Kingdom of God is being built **through the Church**. God's Word is all we need.*

A. The _____ must be communicated clearly.

*Church kingdom growth begins with **evangelism**. The only proper response involves repentance and faith, two sides of the same coin, a turning away from sin and a turn to God.*

B. _____ must be practiced intentionally.

*Church kingdom growth continues with the practice of things like **denial of self, obedience, love for the church, and repentance**.*