ADAT HATIKVAH
Messianic Synagogue

Prayer: Withered Hand Prayer
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Background: Solomon made Jeroboam superintendent of a building project in Jerusalem. He started listening to conspiracies and after the ten northern tribes withdraw he becomes their first king. 1 Kings 13 continues the overall theme of proper worship. It starts a discussion on true and false prophetic words; Bad counsel vs. the word of the Lord.

13:1-3 "He cried against the altar by the word of the Lord…"
1. Cries against the altar
2. Predicts Josiah's reign (three centuries early)
3. Offers a sign

13:4-10 "But his hand which he stretched out against him dried up…"

13:11-19 "Come home with me and eat bread."
1. Offers a truth
2. Offers 2 Lies
3. No sign

13:20-34 "'Because you have disobeyed…"

Mark 3:1-6 "He entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there whose hand was withered."

Going Deeper group study questions:
- Read 1 Kings 12:33
    - What is the problem with this feast and altar?
- Read Ex 4:1–5; Judg 6:17; Is 38:7; John 2:18; 1 Cor 1:22
    - What is the purpose for a sign?
- If God opposes Idolatry does he also oppose other forms of false religion or worship?
- What responsibility do we have to listen to the word of the Lord?
- How important is it to discern true from false prophecy?