

I. A SHORT HISTORY OF WHAT LED TO PEACE & PROSPERITY IN ISRAEL

A. JEROBOAM I (931 BC)

→ 1 Kings 12 tells the story of how Jeroboam made two gold calf idols - telling the people...
it is too much trouble for you to worship in Jerusalem. O Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of Egypt.

B. Over the next 157 years there were 12 more kings

C. The 9th king after Jeroboam I was JEHU

D. The 10th king after Jeroboam I was JEHOAHAZ

E. the 11th king after Jeroboam was JEHOASH

F. The 12th king was JEROBOAM II

→ God used king Jeroboam II to save Israel by recovering the territories Israel lost during the reign of Jehu (2 Kings 14:25)

G. This expansion under Jeroboam II brought great peace and prosperity in Israel

Peace & Prosperity

41 YEARS
JEROBOAM II
JONAH, AMOS, HOSEA



Some important dates in Old Testament history

793-753 - King Jeroboam II

after 793 - Jonah promised Jeroboam II would restore the borders of Israel

762 - Amos ministry

760 - Great Earthquake

730-720's (?) - Jonah to Nineveh

II. ISRAEL'S PEACE AND PROSPERITY

- A. Jeroboam II's to restore the boarder of Israel east of the Jordan river -- from the Dead sea (south) to the cities of Hamath & Damascus (north) - see 2 Kings 14:25-28
- B. This ended the affliction of Israel from the Arameans - gave Israel peace & military strength
- C. Many in Israel also enjoyed prosperity
 - * military victory
 - * more territory
 - * more wealth and agriculture
 - * more trade

III. PEACE & PROSPERITY's UGLY UNDERBELLY

- A. Military expansion → made the people of Israel grow proud and self-reliant
 - * but Israel will be crushed 2:13-16
 - * conquest of Lo (no) - Debar (thing) 6:13
 - * took Kernaim (strength) by own strength 6:13
 - * smug & complacent 6:1 (take lesson from others who have been conquered 6:2-3)
- B. Wealth → poor becoming poorer as they were oppressed by those with power and wealth
 - * poor taken advantage of by rich 2:6b-8
 - * oppression/no conscience 3:9-10
 - * Rich, pampered, self-indulgent, demanding women who oppressed the poor & needy 4:1
 - * excessive rent for land 5:11a
 - * bribes 5:12
 - * abuse of poor and needy 8:4-6
- C. Wealth → people increasingly became self-indulgent
 - * wastefulness 3:15
 - * stone mansions & lush vineyards 5:11b
 - * careless ease - eat & drink the best \$ can buy 6:4-6
- D. The wealthy & powerful → protected as all political speech against them was censored
 - * Nazirites and Prophets 2:11-12
 - * Amos & Bethel's priest 7:10-13
- E. Empty worship → going through the motions
 - * didn't transform lives 4:4-5; 5:21-23
 - * travel to temples/shrines of other gods 5:5
 - * worship of other gods 5:26; 8:14

IV. MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS

A. AMOS

B. HOSEA

V. What about Jonah?

- reading from OT professor Dr. James Bruckner

VI. What changes for us having read/studied the Prophets this past week?