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Hosea's Peers – The Eighth Century Prophets

- Jonah – from Israel – Sent to Nineveh (Assyria)
- Amos – from Judah – Sent to Israel
- Isaiah – from Judah – Sent to Judah
- Micah – from Judah – Sent to Judah



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- Hosea 1:1
- Judah (Southern Kingdom)
 - Uzziah – 792-740
 - Jotham – 750-731
 - Ahaz – 735-715
 - Hezekiah – 729-686
- Israel (Northern Kingdom)
 - Jereboam – 793-753



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- Two strong kings – Hosea 1:1
- Jereboam II – Israel – B.C. 793-753 (41 yrs)
– 2 Ki. 14:23-29
- Uzziah (Azariah) – Judah – B.C. 792-740 (52 yrs) – 2 Ki. 15:1-7



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Thirty Years of Political Instability

- 2 Kings 15:8ff.
- Zechariah – 6 mo. in 753 – killed by Shallum
- Shallum – 1 mo. in 752 – killed by Menahem
- Menahem – 752-742
- Pekahiah – 742-740 – killed by Pekah
- Pekah – 752-732 (part of time in Gilead only) – killed by Hoshea
- Hoshea – 732-723 (Israel exiled to Assyria)



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Zechariah	“he did evil...as his fathers” “sins of Jereboam which he made Israel to sin”
Shallum	Violent and barbarous. Ripped open pregnant women.
Menahem	“he did what was evil” “did not depart from all the sins of Jereboam which he made Israel to sin”
Pekahiah	“he did what was evil” “did not turn away from the sins of Jereboam which he made Israel to sin”
Pekah	“he did what was evil” “did not depart from sins of Jereboam which he made Israel to sin”



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