



Read Through The Bible In A Year

Week 25 – More prophets, including a big fish story

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. Hebrews 10:36

1. Looking Back - The Kingdom splits due to Solomon's excesses and the people's apostasy. Judah is bad; Israel worse. God raises up prophets to speak to the people and urge them to repent before it's too late.

2. What happened in this week's reading June 14-20

Era of Jeroboam II in Israel

The Preaching of Jonah Against Nineveh

The Prophecies of Hosea

The Prophecies of Amos



3. What does it mean? The minor prophets – “Minor” refers to __size__ not significance.

1. Joel

- The context: Southern Kingdom during Joash's reign, a “good” king

- The message: Detailed description of a severe plague that hit Palestine. Sees a sign for the final judgment and warning to turn to God in repentance. Announces the “day of the Lord” was coming that will bring even great judgment.

2. Jonah

- The context: From the northern kingdom, but sent to __Ninevah_____, a city in Assyria. Tries to evade God's call and gets swallowed by a big fish

- The message: Warns people about God’s judgment. To Jonah’s surprise (and disappointment) the infidels listen and repent. God’s grace extends to all humans; God’s message can change even the most wicked.

3. Hosea

- The context: Citizen of Northern Kingdom, “Ephraim.” Jeroboam II

- The message: Marries ___Gomer___, unfaithful wife. Her unfaithfulness a picture of Israel’s unfaithfulness to God. Their injustice and mistreatment of others reflected their lack of love for God and their fellow citizens.

4. Amos

- The context: Northern Kingdom during Jeroboam II’s reign, a time of great affluence

- The message: Announces God’s judgment; promises reestablishment of kingdom of _Israel_

5. Social Justice

6. Resurrections in the Bible

7. Why I believe the Bible is true.

