

E. 4th period: Glamour period (786-736 B. C.)

1. Into material

- i. The reason this is called the glamour period for both Israel and Judah is this: Everything on the outside is going to look great, but inside things are evil and rotten.

2. The kings of Israel

i. Jeroboam 2

- a. He has his capital at Samaria.
- b. A prophet comes on the scene by the name of Jonah and he predicts that all the territory that had been taken from the east is going to be restored to Israel.
 - 1) In fact, he says everything from Hamoth up in the north and all the property that had originally belonged to Israel was going to be restored.
 - 2) That prophet was fulfilled (2 Kings 14:25).
 - 3) Jonah then went to preach to Ninevah.
- c. You can ^{see} ~~se~~ that Assyria is starting to gain strength and power at this particular time.
- d. He also took Damascus.
 - 1) That was a bad move because Syria was a buffer zone between Assyria and Israel.
 - 2) Syria was the one keeping Assyria away from Israel.
 - 3) Thus Jeroboam has weakened Syria and he is hastening the day when Assyria is going to come against Israel.
- e. Amos came on the scene at this time.
 - 1) He said, "Here are these Israelites. They are offering sacrifices to the Lord. They are bragging about the sacrifices they are offering. But those sacrifices are being offered at the wrong places. They are being offered at Bethel and Dan. They should be offered at Jerusalem. And they are being offered for the wrong motive. They weren't doing it to please the Lord, but to please themselves."
 - 2) Then we are told that they would observe the Sabbath and the ~~feats~~ ^{feats}. But they were only going through a ritual. Here were these business men in Israel saying, 'I wish they would hurry up and get this over with. I have to go to the market tomorrow and I can sell more grain.' They were just going through it to get it over with. They were so anxious to get back and sell their grain. And when they sold their grain, they cheated the people. ^{they} ~~they~~ doctored the scales. They were oppressing the people.
 - 3) Amos preached against the sin taking place in Israel.