

- f. Hosea is prophesying at this time.
- ii. The kings of Judah
  - a. Azariah (Uzziah)
    - 1) He reigned for 52 years.
    - 2) From the outside things look good.
      - i) The first thing he does in conquers land from the Philistines.
      - ii) Then he conquers land from Ammon.
      - iii) He is spreading out his kingdom. *Israel*
      - iv) He frees Judah from being subject to ~~Judah~~.
      - v) He strengthens Judah's military and makes it very strong.
      - vi) Judah is free from being subject to Israel.
    - 3) But what about the inside?
      - i) Amos also prophesies to Judah.
      - ii) He says what is happened is that the people of Judah have forsaken the law of the Lord (in chapter 2).
      - iii) You get a classic illustration of this in king Uzziah.
        - a) There came a point in his life where he decided that he was going to offer incense to the Lord. He wasn't supposed to do that.
        - b) Only those ~~from the tribe of Levi~~ who came from the tribe of Levi who came from the family of Kohath were to offer the incense.
        - c) Uzziah goes right into the holy place of the temple. Azariah and 80 priests are in that holy place with him and say to him, "Uzziah, don't do this."
        - d) But Uzziah became angry and he started to express his anger to them.
        - e) And while he is expressing this anger, he is smitten with leprosy.
        - f) As a result he had to go live in a separate house the rest of his life and never was able to come in the temple again.
- b. Jotham
  - 1) The son of Uzziah
  - 2) He coreigned with Uzziah for a number of years.
  - 3) He reigned for 16 years altogether.
  - 4) He only reigned a year or two in which he reigned by himself.
  - 5) Most of them were coreigning with Uzziah who couldn't reign because of the leprosy with which the Lord had afflicted him.