

THE PROPHETS WERE PATRIOTS

*"Those people who will not
be governed by God will
be ruled by tyrants."*

—William Penn

The Prophets in Israel were patriots; because they were concerned with the welfare of their country and their people.

They preached righteousness; they exposed apostasy in the priests and denounced the spiritual apathy of the people.

They opposed the tyranny of evil rulers and the hypocrisy of the church.

The Prophets in Israel had a message for the Nation...

Isaiah begins: "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that are corrupters; they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward." Isa. 1:4

He just as well might have addressed America today.

Jeremiah claims God had ordained him to be.... "a prophet unto the nations... to root out and to pull down and to destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant." Jer. 1:5-10.

Jeremiah constantly addressed himself to the Nation see: 2:7,11.

Ezekiel also claims that God sent him to.... "a rebellious nation" unto whom he was to declare "Thus saith the Lord God." Ezek. 2:3-4

"Again the Word of the Lord came unto (Ezekiel) saying, Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations." Ezek. 16:1-2

The Prophet Daniel was chosen to.... "stand in the king's palace." Dan. 1:4, there to the rulers of this world system he faithfully witnessed to the Babylonian king about the sovereignty of the God of Israel and the truth of His kingdom.

Hosea was raised up because "the Lord had a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there was no truth, no mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land." Hos. 4:1

Therefore Hosea called both priest of the church and the rulers of the Nation to consider God's judgment. Hos. 5:1

Joel called to all the inhabitants of the land Joel 1:2 that the day of the Lord was coming 2:1. He interceded in behalf of God's people, however unregenerate, that the 'heathen' should not rule over them. Joel 2:17.

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