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Hosea's Contemporaries: Kings of Judah: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah. King of Israel: Jeroboam II. Prophets: To Judah: Isaiah, Micah. To Israel: Amos

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