

15 - The Waldensians: Renegades or Reformers?

Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah: "I was no prophet,
nor was I a son of a prophet, but I was a sheepbreeder
and a tender of sycamore fruit. Then the LORD took me as I followed the flock,
and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to My people Israel.'" ~ Amos 7:14-15 ~

I. Peter Waldo and the Poor of Lyons (d. 1217)

A. The Man

1. Origins

2. Conversion

3. Activity

4. Following

B. The Milieu

1. Monasticism

2. Heresy: Albigenses/Cathars

3. Ecclesiastical Power and Corruption

4. Crusading

C. The Movement

1. Rise in Popularity

2. Meeting with the Pope: Third Lateran Council - 1179

II. The Waldensians

A. Growth

B. Opposition

C. Perseverance

III. Assessment: Renegades or Reformers?

A. Positives

B. Questions

1. Preaching

2. Providence