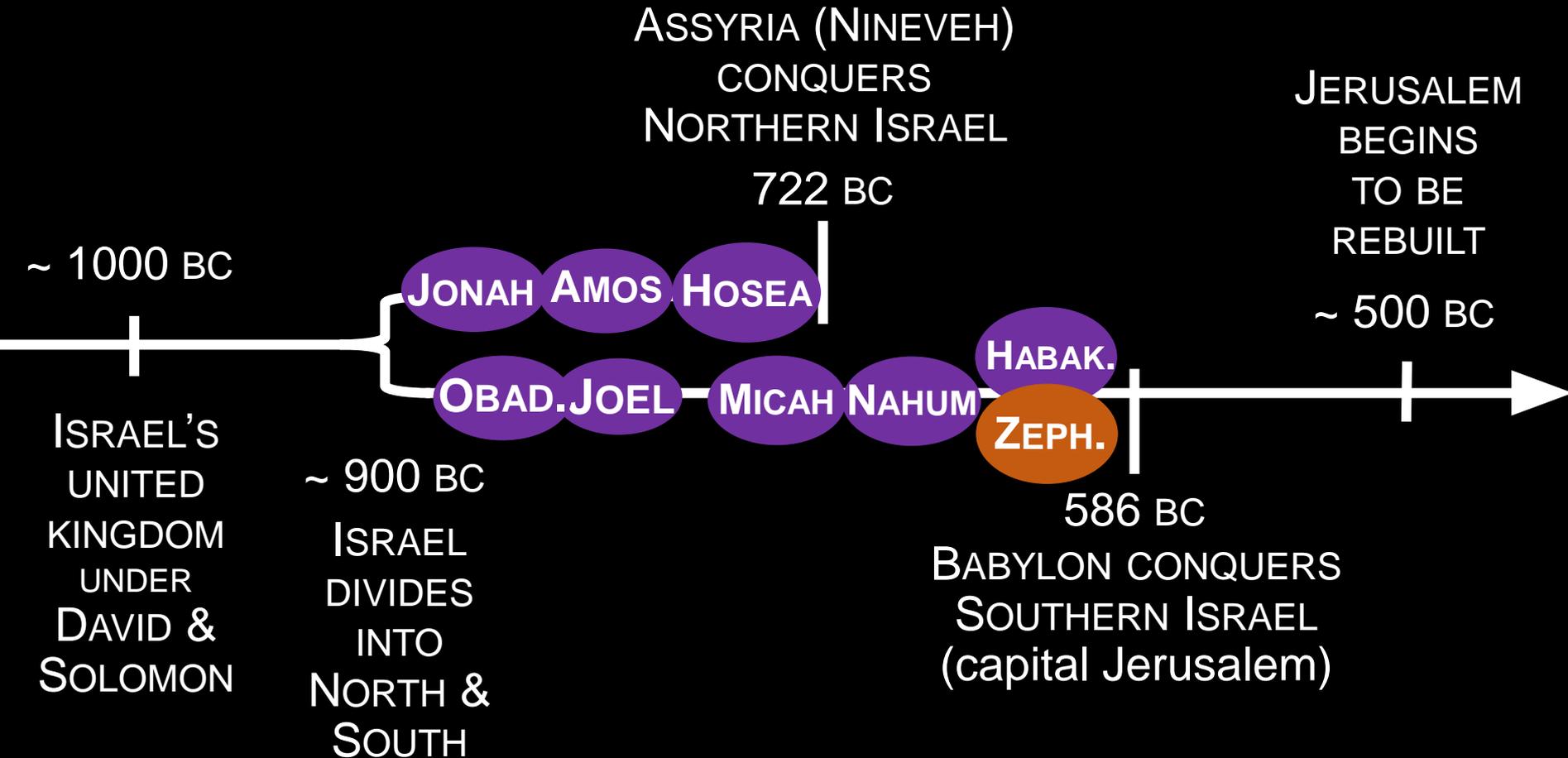


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(aka The Minor Prophets)

Israel's (Very Basic) History



Scripture Reading

ZEPHANIAH

THE MAIN POINT OF ZEPHANIAH

What the Lord did to overthrow Judah is a preview of what he will do to the entire world for its rebellion.

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 - Peter also announced it (2 Peter 3:10).
 - John also announced it (Revelation 16:1).

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HOW CAN I BE SHIELDED FROM JUDGMENT?

God's wrath can only be exhausted by an offering. Justice will be satisfied either by the punishment of sinners or by the punishment of a substitute.

If you want to avoid judgment and draw near to God you must humble yourself, admit your waywardness, and trust that God gave Jesus to be punished as your Substitute.

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3. If you've drawn near to God through Jesus, you must anticipate the musical celebration (Zephaniah 3:15–17).

“The LORD himself, the King of Israel, will live among you! At last your troubles will be over, and you will fear disaster no more.”

— *Zephaniah 3:15 NLT*

“The LORD your God has arrived to live among you. He is a mighty savior.... With his love, he will calm all your fears. He will exult over you by singing.”

— *Zephaniah 3:17 NLT*