

# **Old Testament Survey**

## **Session Seventeen**

**The Books of 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles (21- 36),  
Obadiah, Joel, Jonah, Amos, and Hosea**

# The Book of 2 Kings – General

- The Book of Kings-B (מלכים ב) *Meleckim Bet*
- Author: Unknown
  - Tradition points to Jeremiah
- Date:
  - Begins with deterioration of the two kingdoms
  - Ends with the deportation of the Southern Kingdom
- Covers: 853 – 586 BC

# Structure of Kings\*

- 1 Kings 1 -11\*\* – Beginning of Davidic kingdom
- 1 Kings 12-16 – Beginning of northern kingdom
- 1 Kings 17-2 Kings 1 – Beginning of Ahab's kingdom
- 2 Kings 2-8 – The prophet Elisha
- 2 Kings 9-13 – End of Ahab's kingdom
- 2 Kings 14-17 – End of northern kingdom
- 2 Kings 18-25 – End of Davidic kingdom

\* Modified from *Literary Structure of the OT* by David Dorsey

\*\* 1 Kings 1-2 actually ends section of 2 Samuel

# The Book of 2 Kings – Structure

- 1-17: Deterioration of Israel and Judah
  - Deterioration (1-16)
  - Israel's Deportation (17)
- 18-25: Demise of Judah
  - Demise (18-24)
  - Judah's Deportation (25)

# The Book of 2 Chronicles – Structure (cont.)

- 21-36: Loyalty of the Southern Kingdom (cont.)
  - Rehoboam (12-13)
  - Asa (14-16)
  - Jehoshaphat (17-20)
  - Jehoram (21)
  - Ahaziah (22)
  - Joash (23-24)
  - Amaziah (25)
  - Uzziah/Azariah (26)
  - Jotham (27)
  - Ahaz (28)
  - Hezekiah (29-32)
  - Manasseh (33)
  - Josiah (35)
  - Jehoahaz (36)
  - Jehoiakim (36)
  - Jehoiachin (36)
  - Zedekiah (36)

# The Prophets

Books in the Prophetic Section of the English Bible

## Major Prophets

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

## Minor Prophets

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

# The Prophets

Books in the Prophetic Section of the Hebrew Bible

## Former Prophets

Joshua  
Judges  
Samuel  
Kings

## Latter Prophets

Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Ezekiel  
The Twelve

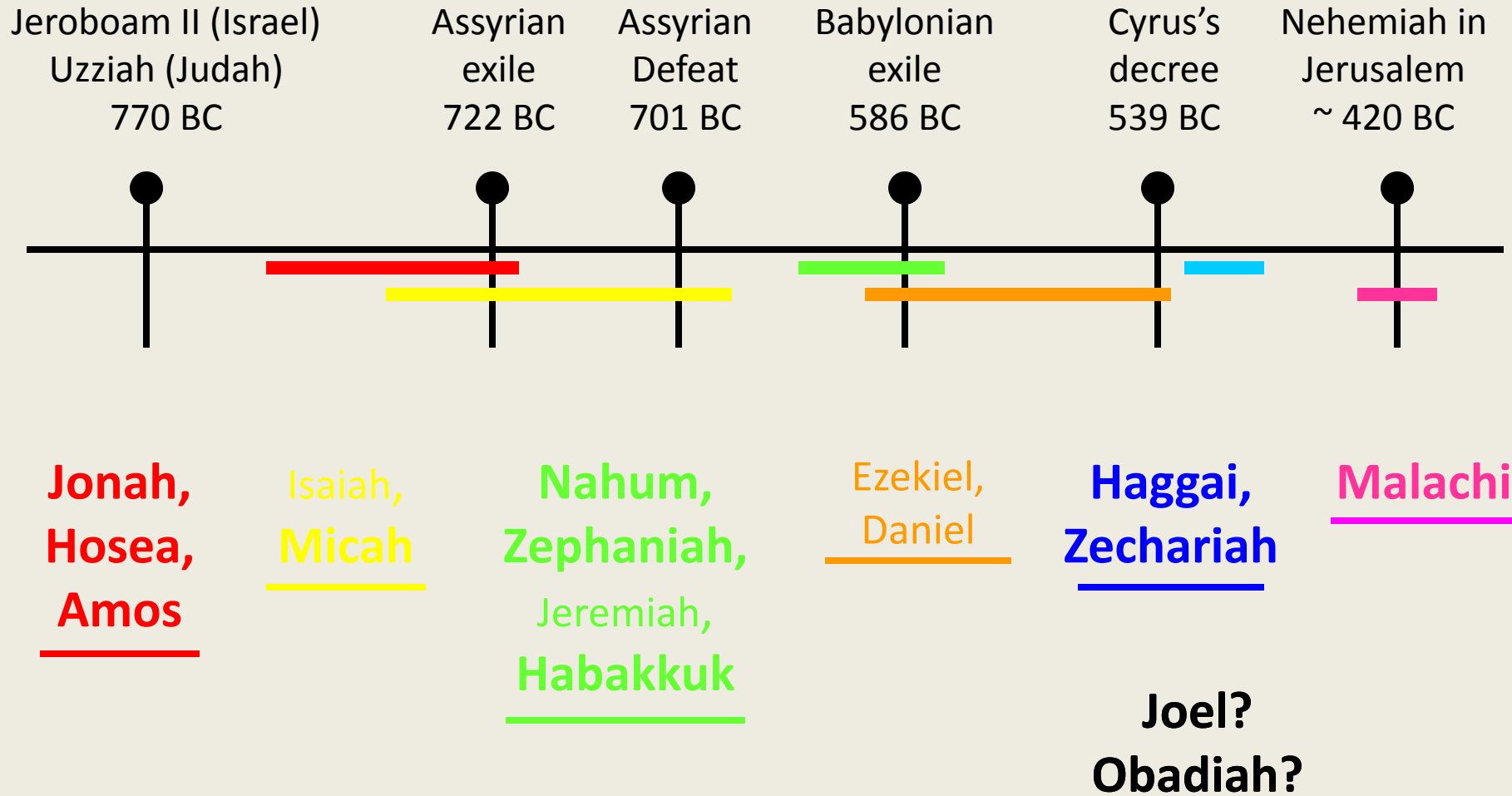
# The Prophets (cont.)

<b>THE MINOR PROPHETS BY SIZE</b>			
<b>BOOKS</b>	<b>CHAPTERS</b>	<b>VERSES</b>	<b>WORDS</b>
Zechariah	14	211	6,444
Hosea	14	197	5,175
Amos	9	146	4,217
Micah	7	105	3,153
Joel	3	73	2,034
Malachi	4	55	1,782
Zephaniah	3	53	1,617
Habakkuk	3	56	1,476
Jonah	4	48	1,321
Nahum	3	47	1,285
Haggai	2	38	1,131
Obadiah	1	21	670
<b>12</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1,050</b>	<b>30,305</b>

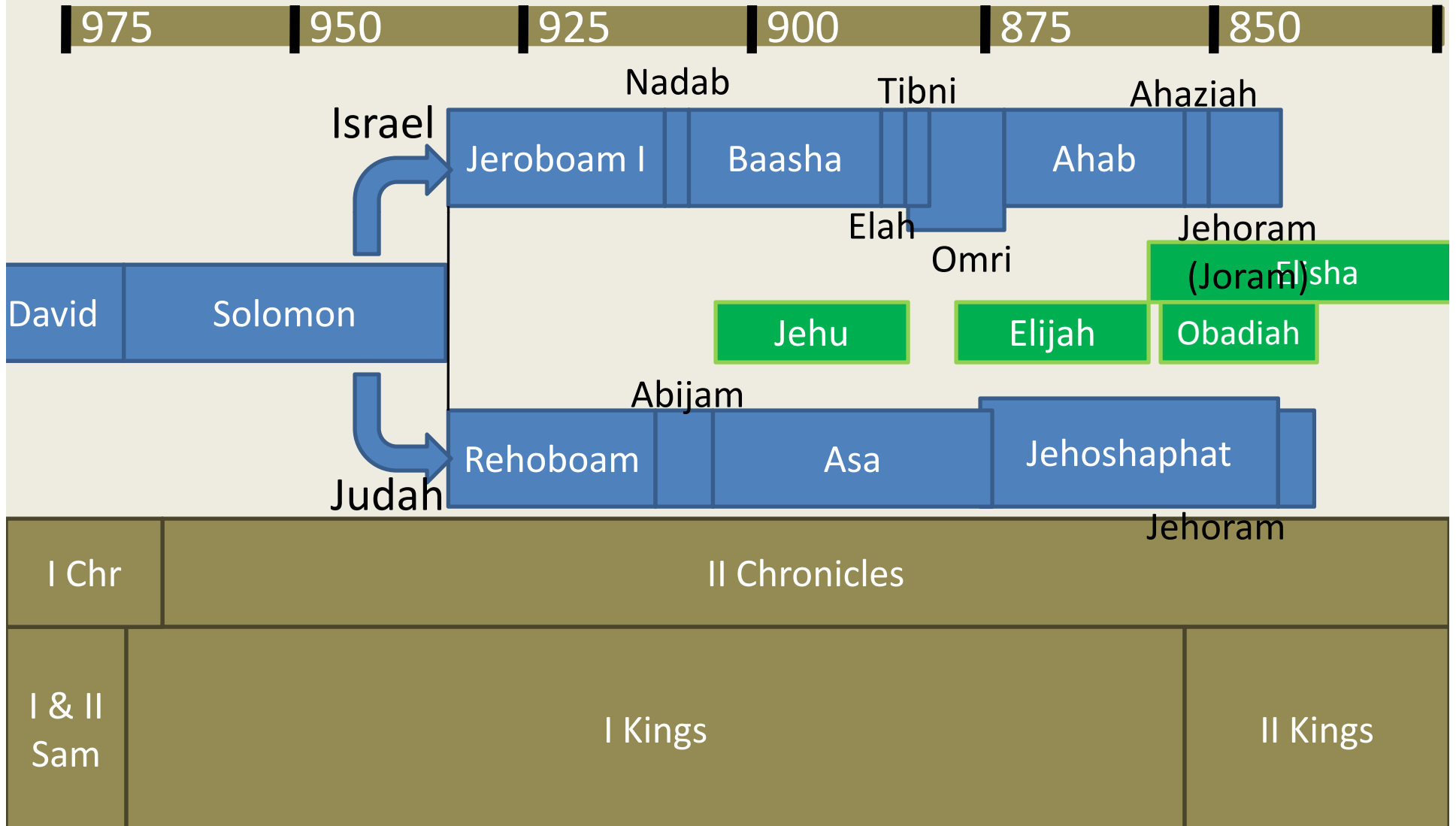
## The Prophets (cont.)

<b>THE LATTER PROPHETS BY SIZE</b>			
<b>BOOKS</b>	<b>CHAPTERS</b>	<b>VERSES</b>	<b>WORDS</b>
Jeremiah	52	1,364	42,659
Ezekiel	48	1,273	39,407
Isaiah	66	1,292	37,044
The Twelve	67	1,050	30,305
4	233	4,979	149,415

# The Prophets (cont.)



# Biblical Timeline



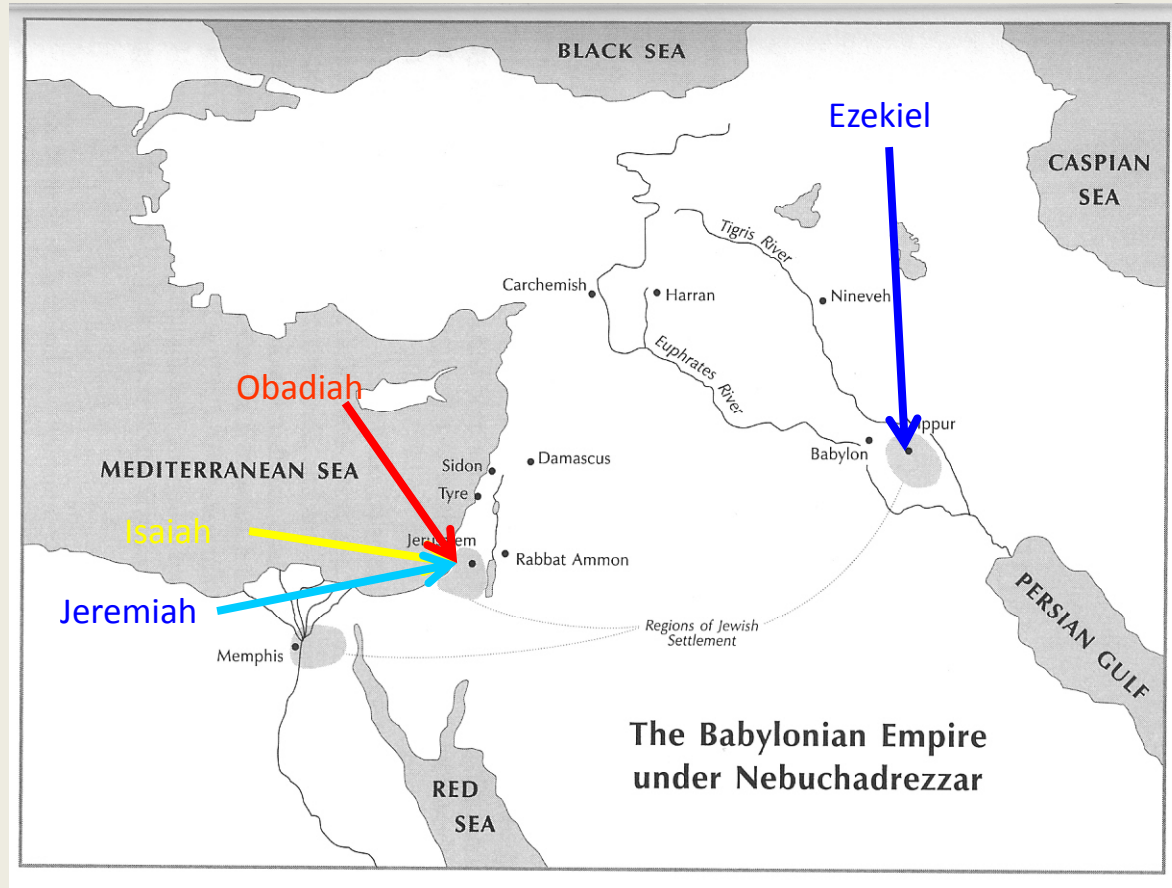
# The Book of Obadiah – General

- The Book of Obadiah (עבדייה) *Obadiyah*
- “Worshiper of Jehovah”
- Author: Obadiah
- Date:
  - Southern Kingdom
  - Jehoram, Ahaziah, Athalia, Joash
- Covers: 840-830
- Theme: Retribution

# The Book of Obadiah – Structure

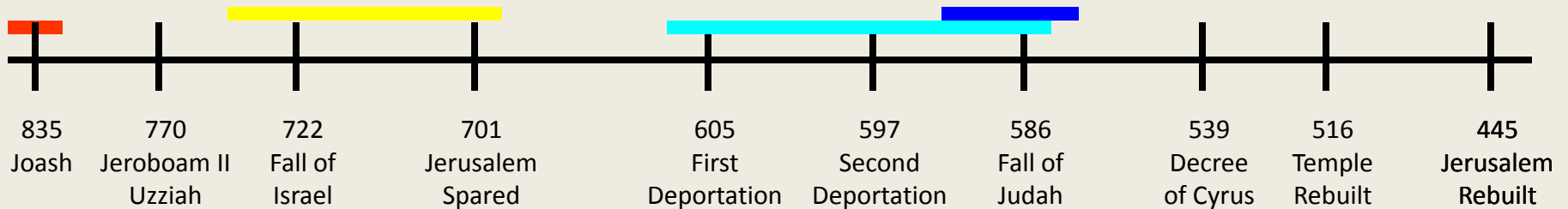
- Edom's Pride (1-9)
- Edom's Violence (10-14)
- Edom's Demise (15-21)

# The Book of Obadiah – Context

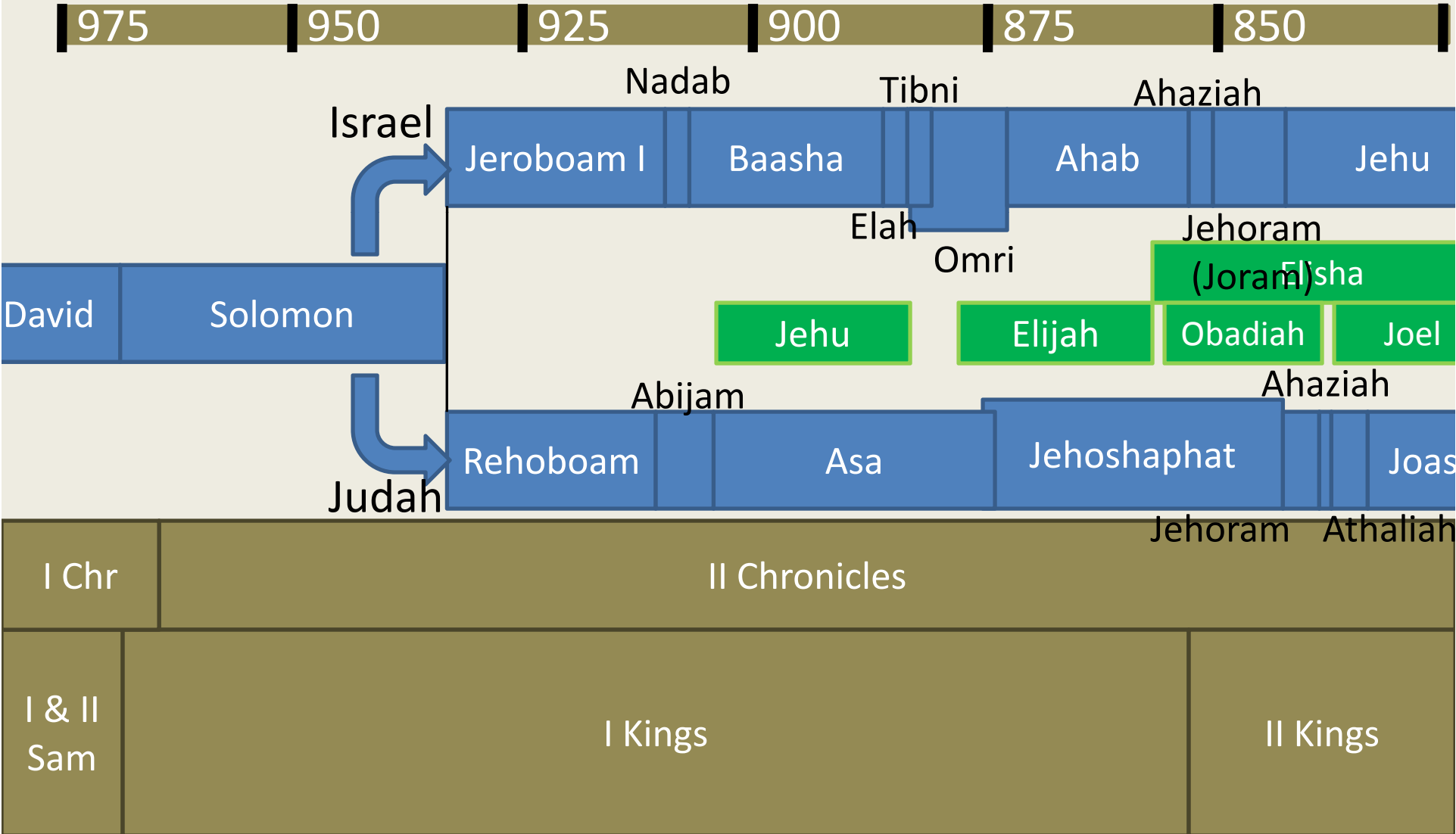


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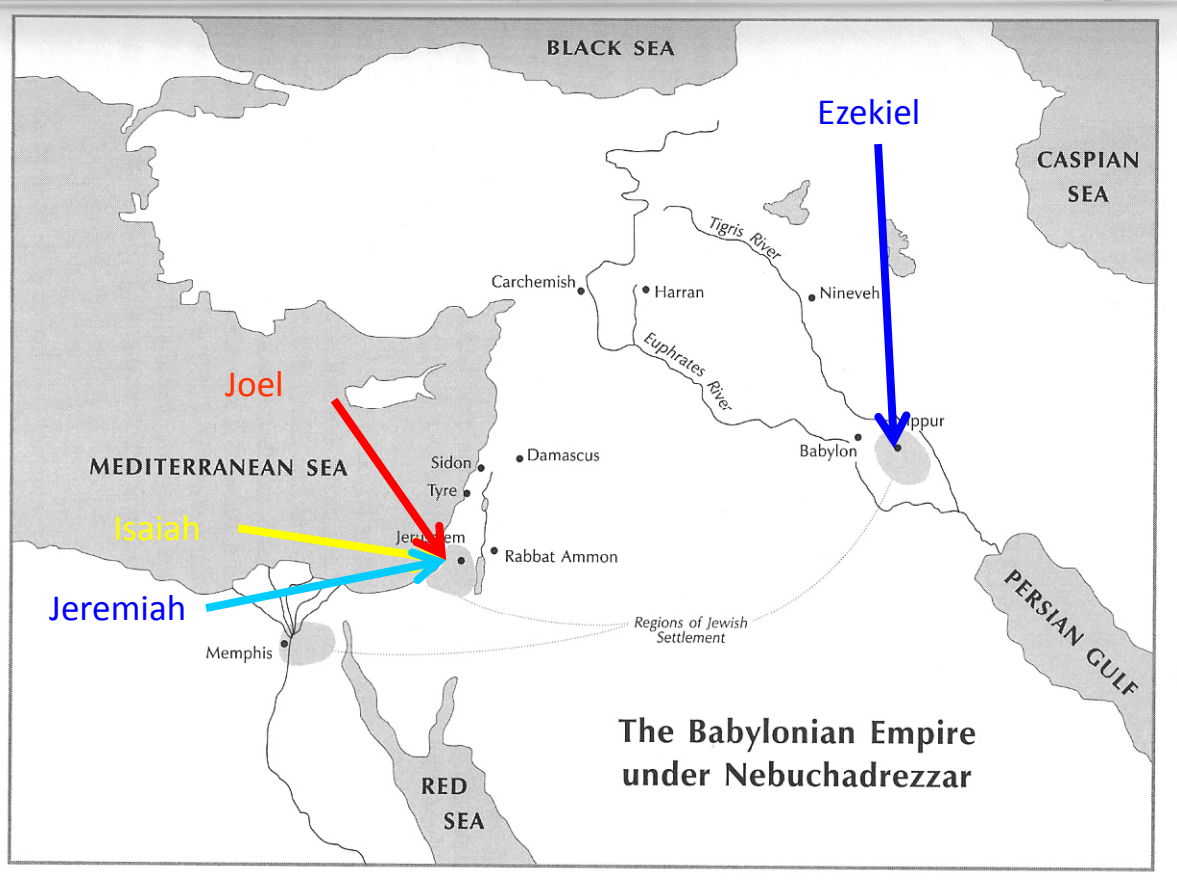
# The Book of Joel – General

- The Book of Joel (יִוֵאל) *Joel*
- “Jehovah is God”
- Author: Joel
- Date:
  - Southern Kingdom
  - Joash
- Covers: 830-820
- Theme: Visitation

# The Book of Joel – Structure

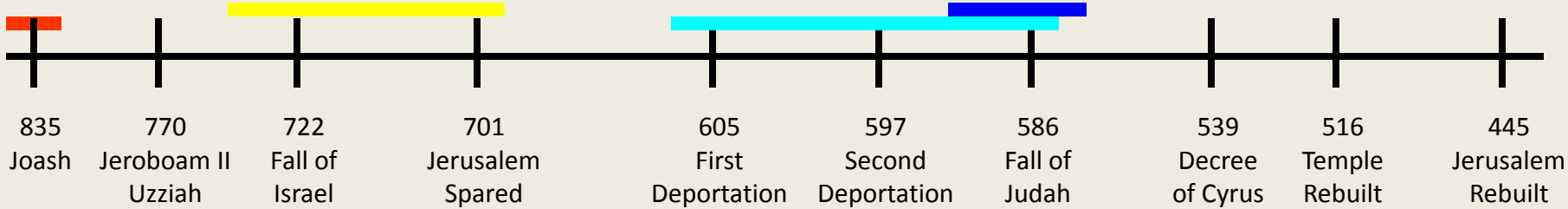
- Dusk: Land razed by locusts (1:1-14)
  - Worse coming! Destruction (1:15-20)
    - Midnight: Land destroyed by army (2:1-11)
      - **Call to Repentance (2:12-17)**
- Dawn: Land restored by Yahweh (2:18-27)
  - Better coming! Deliverance (2:28-31)
    - Noon: Land delivered by Yahweh (3:1-21)

# The Book of Joel – Context

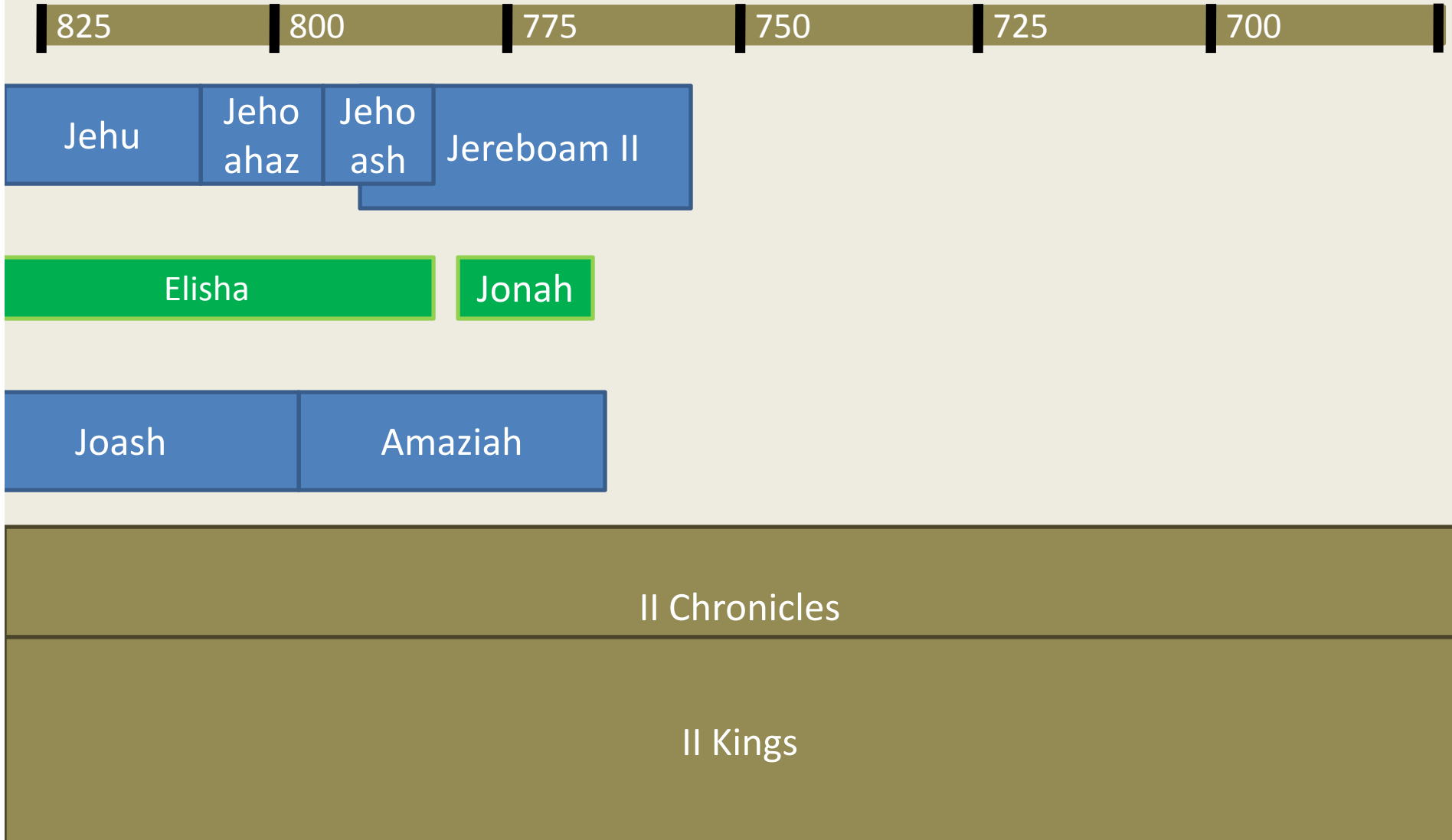


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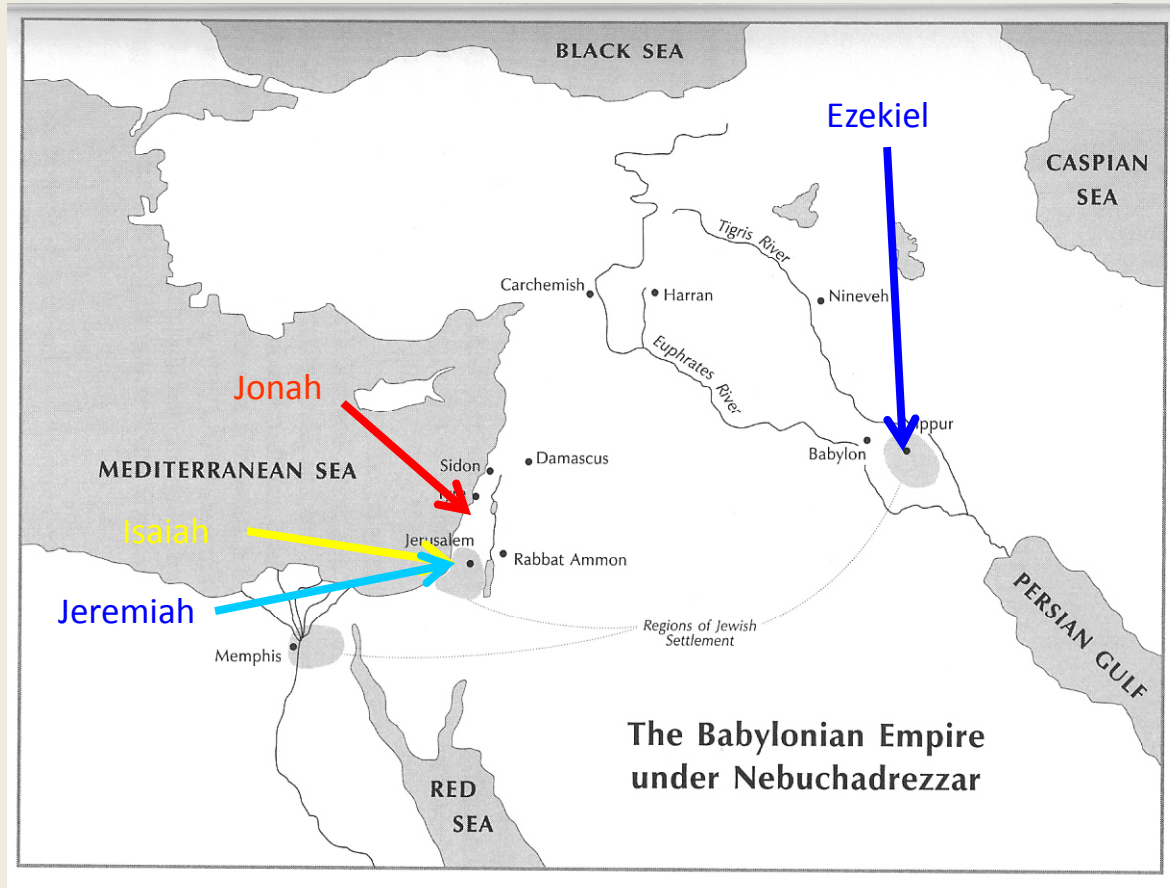
# The Book of Jonah – General

- The Book of Jonah (יֵעֲנָה) *Yonah*
- “Dove”
- Author: Jonah
- Date:
  - Northern Kingdom
  - Jeroboam II
- Covers: 780-760
- Theme: Commission

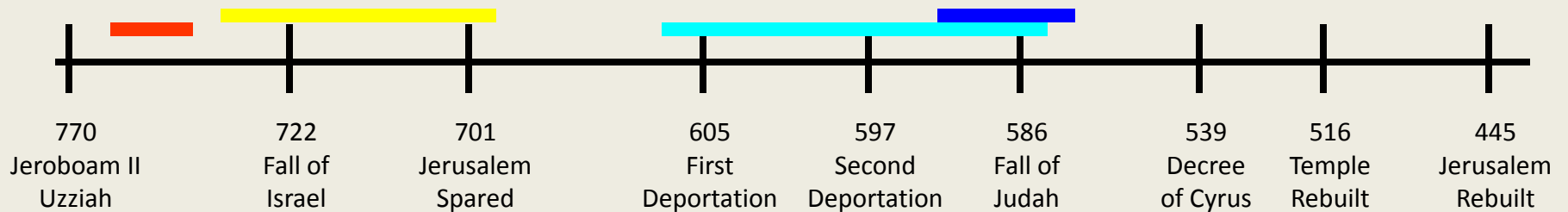
# The Book of Jonah – Structure

- Jonah's commissioning and flight (1:1–3)
  - Jonah and the pagan sailors (1:4–16)
    - Jonah's grateful prayer (1:17–2:10)
- Jonah's recommissioning and compliance (3:1–3a)
  - Jonah and the pagan Ninevites (3:3b–10)
    - Jonah's angry prayer (4:1–4)
- Jonah's lesson about compassion (4:5–11)

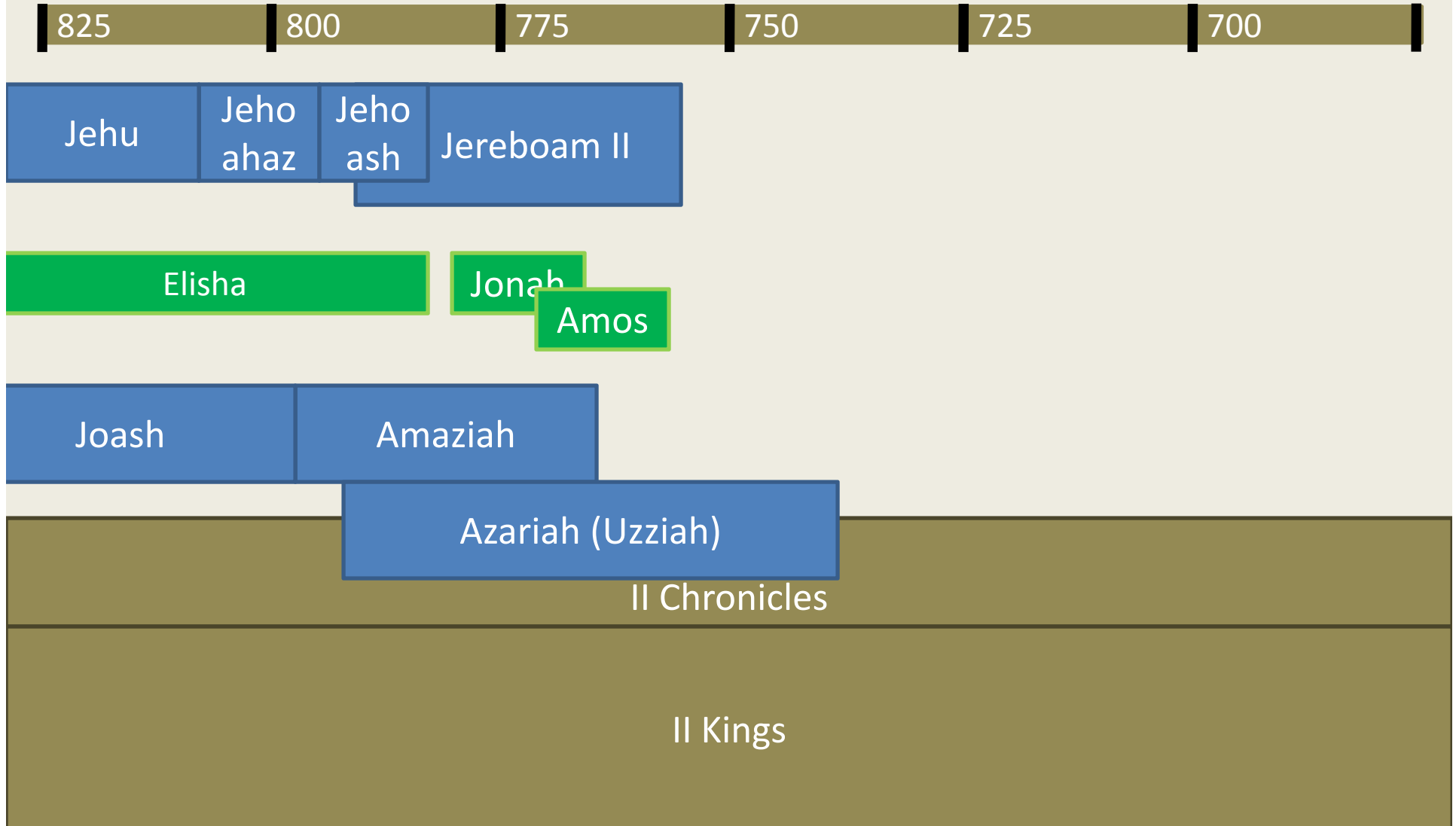
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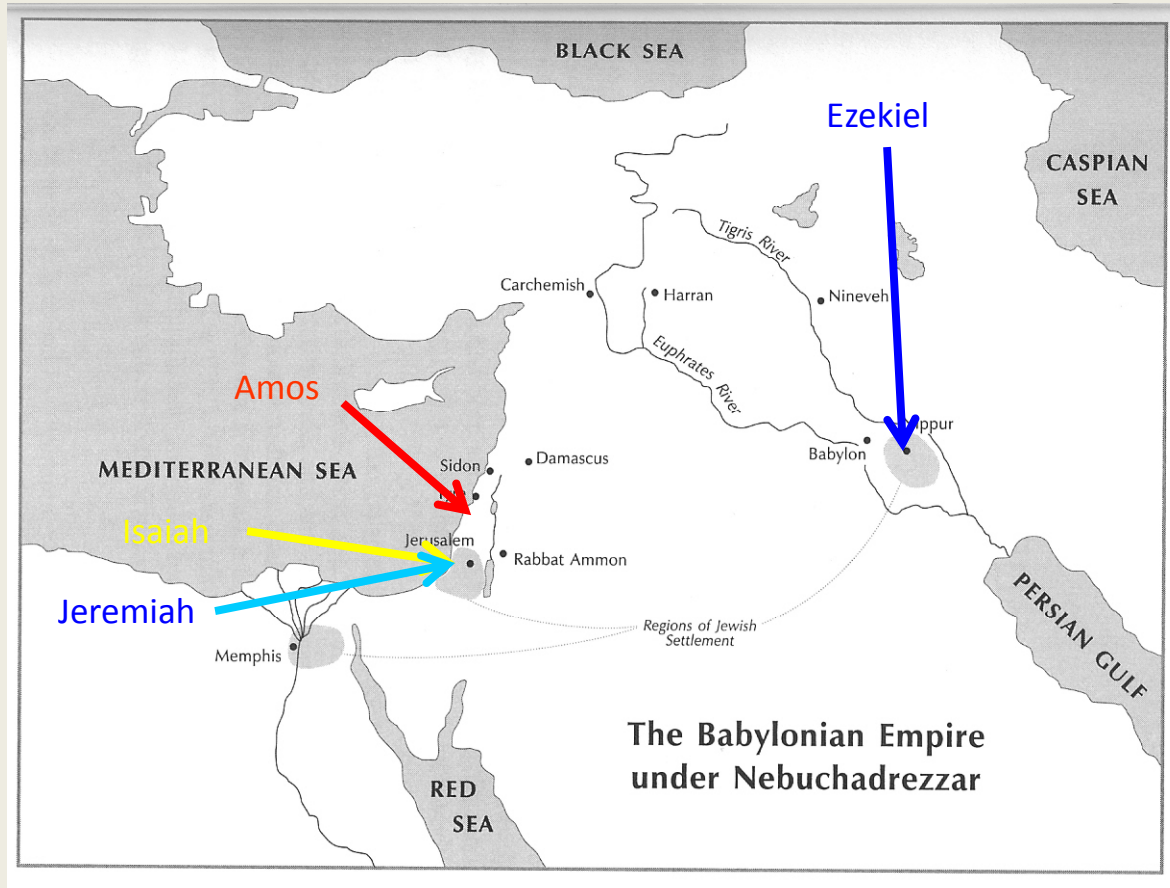
# The Book of Amos – General

- The Book of Amos (עֲמוֹס) *Amos*
- “Burden Bearer”
- Author: Amos
- Date:
  - Northern Kingdom
  - Jeroboam II
- Covers: 755-750
- Theme: Threatened

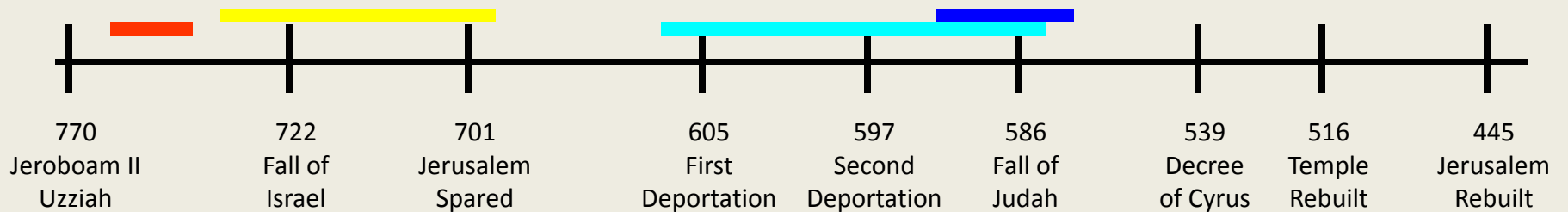
# The Book of Amos – Structure

- Judgment upon Israel and Neighbors (1-2)
  - Destruction of Israel, especially Bethel (3)
    - Rich Israelite Women, Yahweh’s Coming Judgment (4)
      - **Call to Repentance (5:1-17)**
    - Rich Israelite Men, Yahweh’s Coming Judgment (5:18-6:14)
      - Destruction of Israel, especially Bethel (7:1-8:3)
- Judgment upon Israel, but Future Restoration (8:4-9:15)

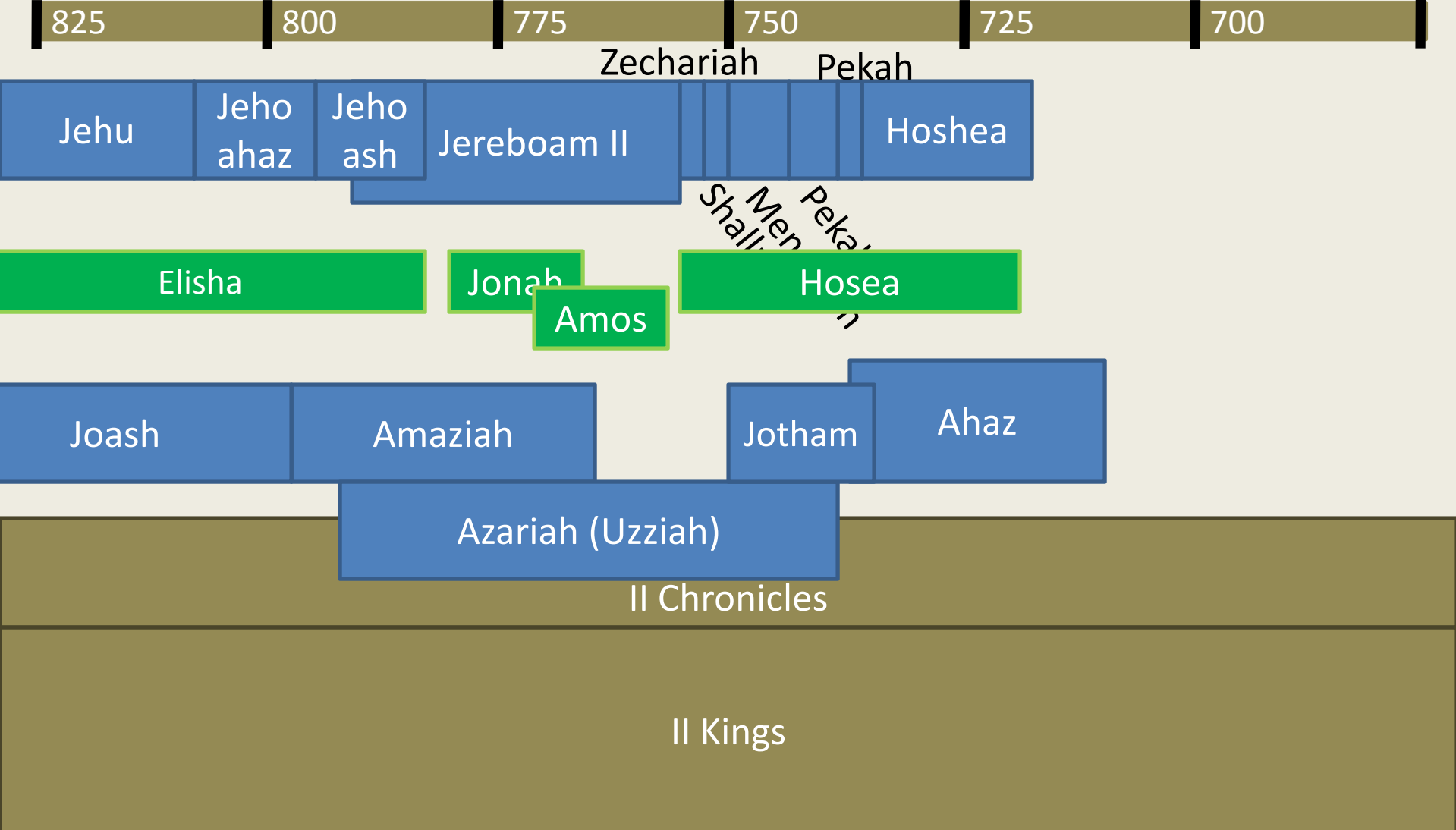
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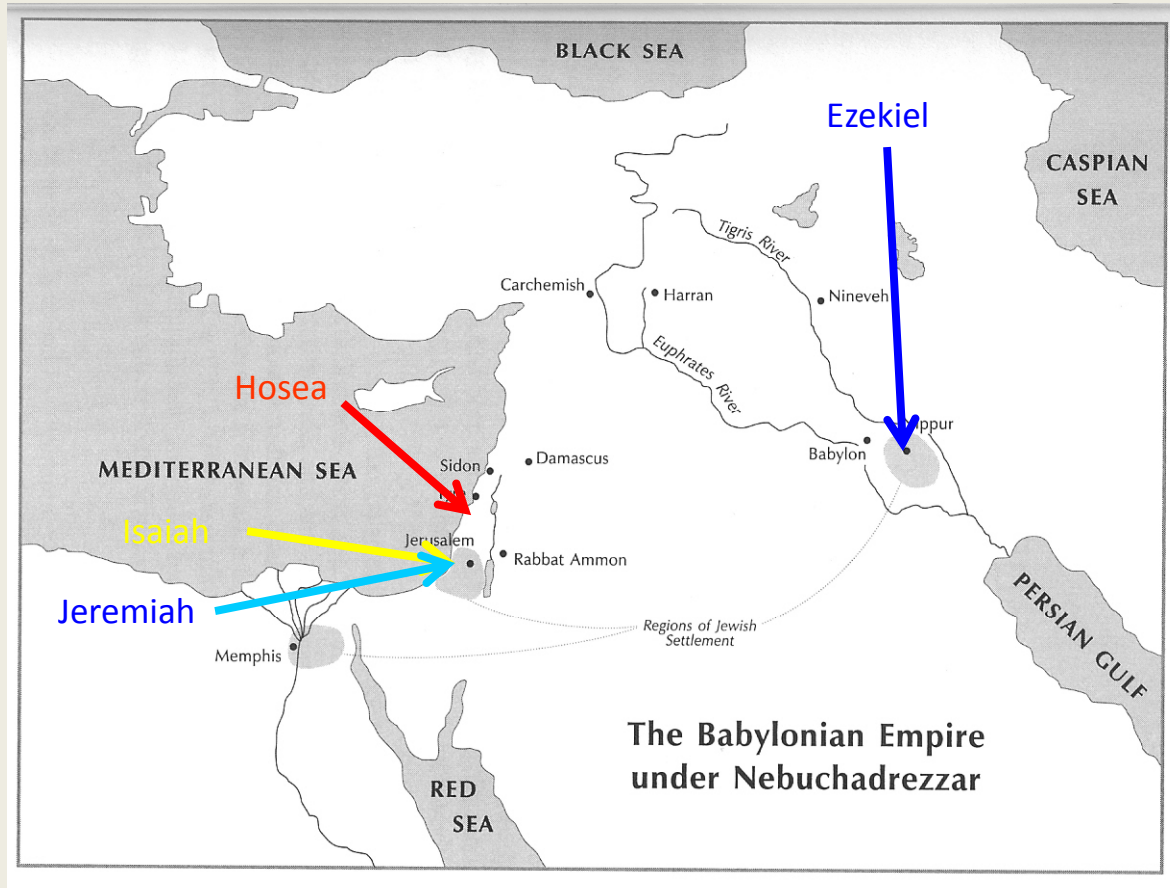
# The Book of Hosea – General

- The Book of Hosea (הוֹשֵׁעַ) *Hoshea*
- “Salvation”
- Author: Hosea
- Date:
  - Northern Kingdom
  - Jeroboam II, Zechariah, Shallum, Menahem, Pekahiah, Pekah, Hoshea
- Covers: 760-710
- Theme: Estrangement

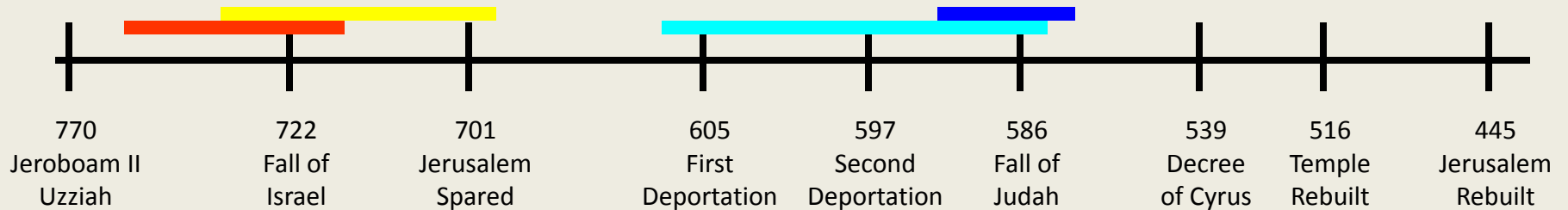
# The Book of Hosea – Structure

- Wayward Wife, Loving Husband (1-3)
  - Narrative: Gomer wayward (1)
  - Poetry: Israel wayward but brought home (2)
  - Narrative: Gomer brought home (3)
- Wayward Israel, Loving Yahweh (4-10)
- Wayward Son, Loving Father (11-14)

# The Book of Hosea – Context



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# Threads Woven Throughout the Bible

## Even the OT Presupposes the OT

Exodus 20

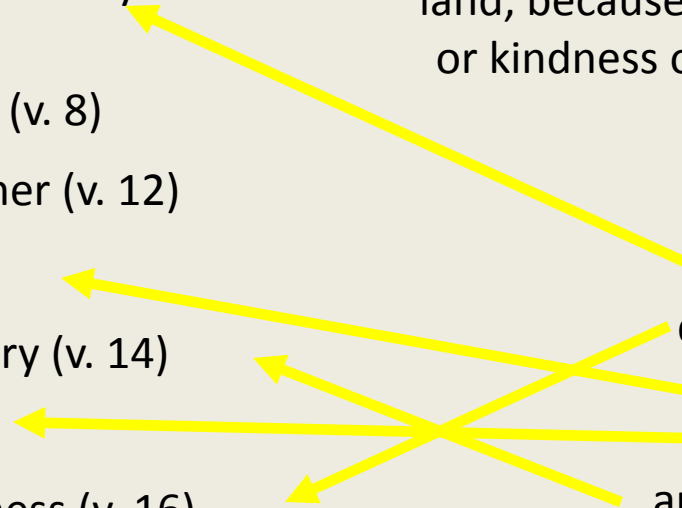
- 1) ... no other gods before Me (v. 3)
- 2) ... not make for yourself an idol (v. 4)
- 3) ... not take the name of the LORD your God in vain (v. 7)
- 4) Remember the sabbath day (v. 8)
- 5) Honor your father and mother (v. 12)
- 6) You shall not murder (v. 13)
- 7) You shall not commit adultery (v.14)
- 8) You shall not steal (v. 15)
- 9) You shall not bear false witness (v. 16)
- 10) You shall not covet ... (v. 17)

Hosea 4:1-2

Listen to the word of the LORD, O sons of Israel, for the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land.

There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing, and adultery.

They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed



# **Old Testament Survey**

**End Session Seventeen**

**Question Time!**