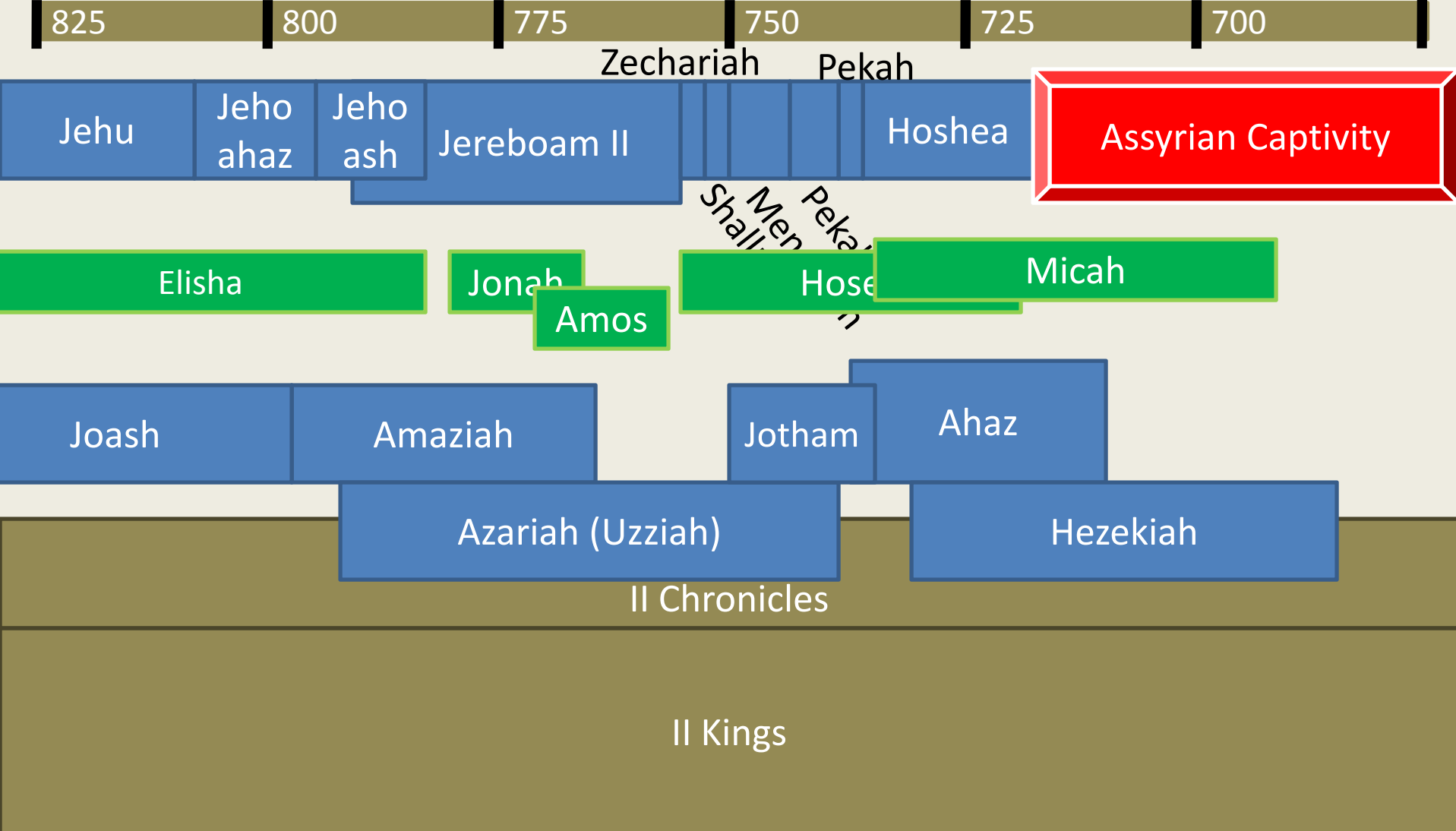


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Session Eighteen

**The Books of Micah, Isaiah,
Nahum, and Zephaniah**

Biblical Timeline



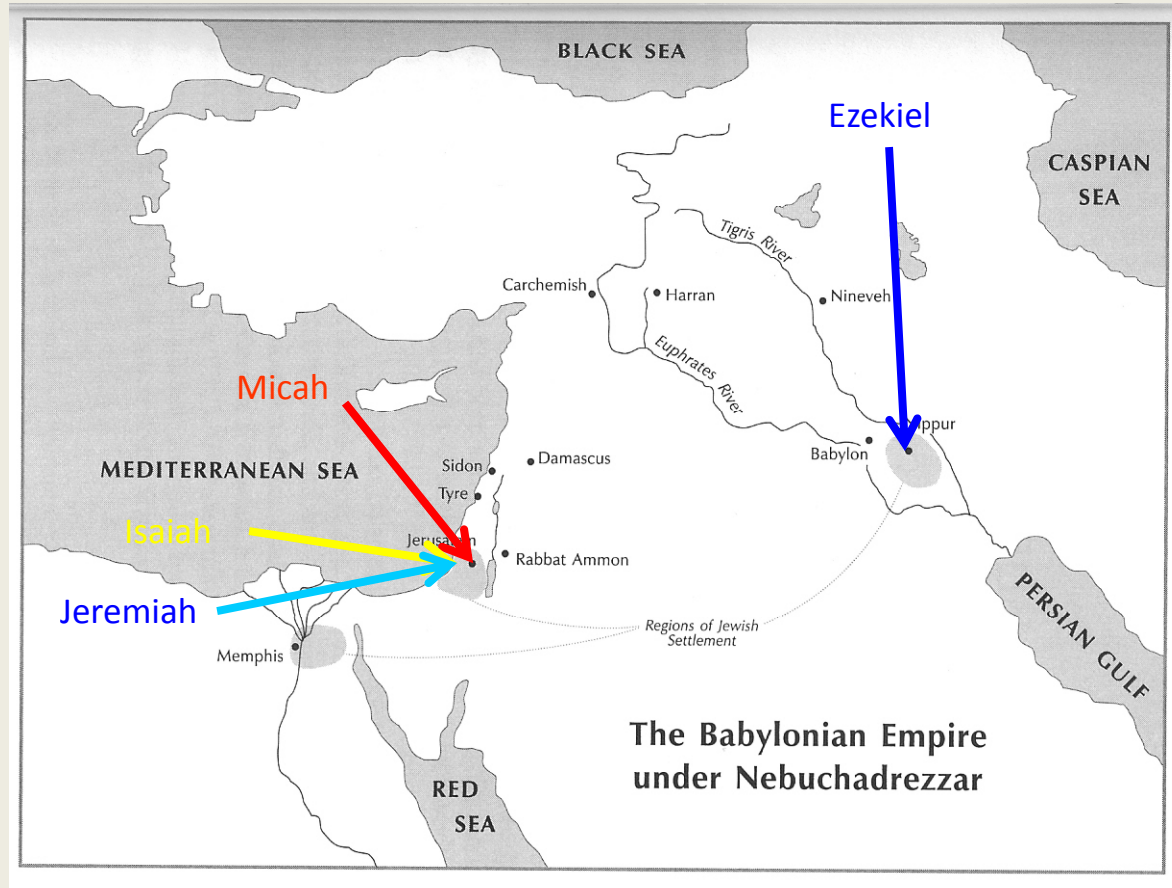
The Book of Micah – General

- Part of the Twelve Prophets (נביאים) *Nevi'im*
- “Who is like Jehovah”
- Author: Micah
- Date:
 - Southern Kingdom
 - Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah
- Covers: 735-700
- Theme: Arraignment

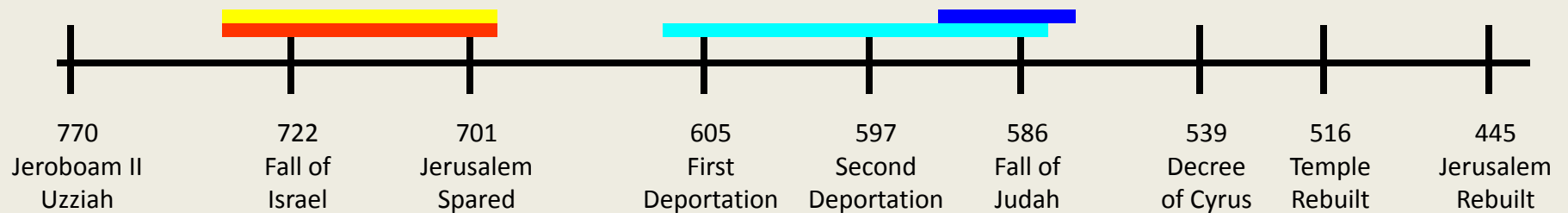
The Book of Micah – Structure

- Coming defeat and destruction (1)
 - Corruption of the people (2)
 - Corruption of the leaders (3)
 - **Yahweh will be their King and Deliver them (4-5)**
 - Corruption of the leaders (6)
 - Corruption of the people (7:1-7)
- Future reversal of defeat and destruction (7:8-20)

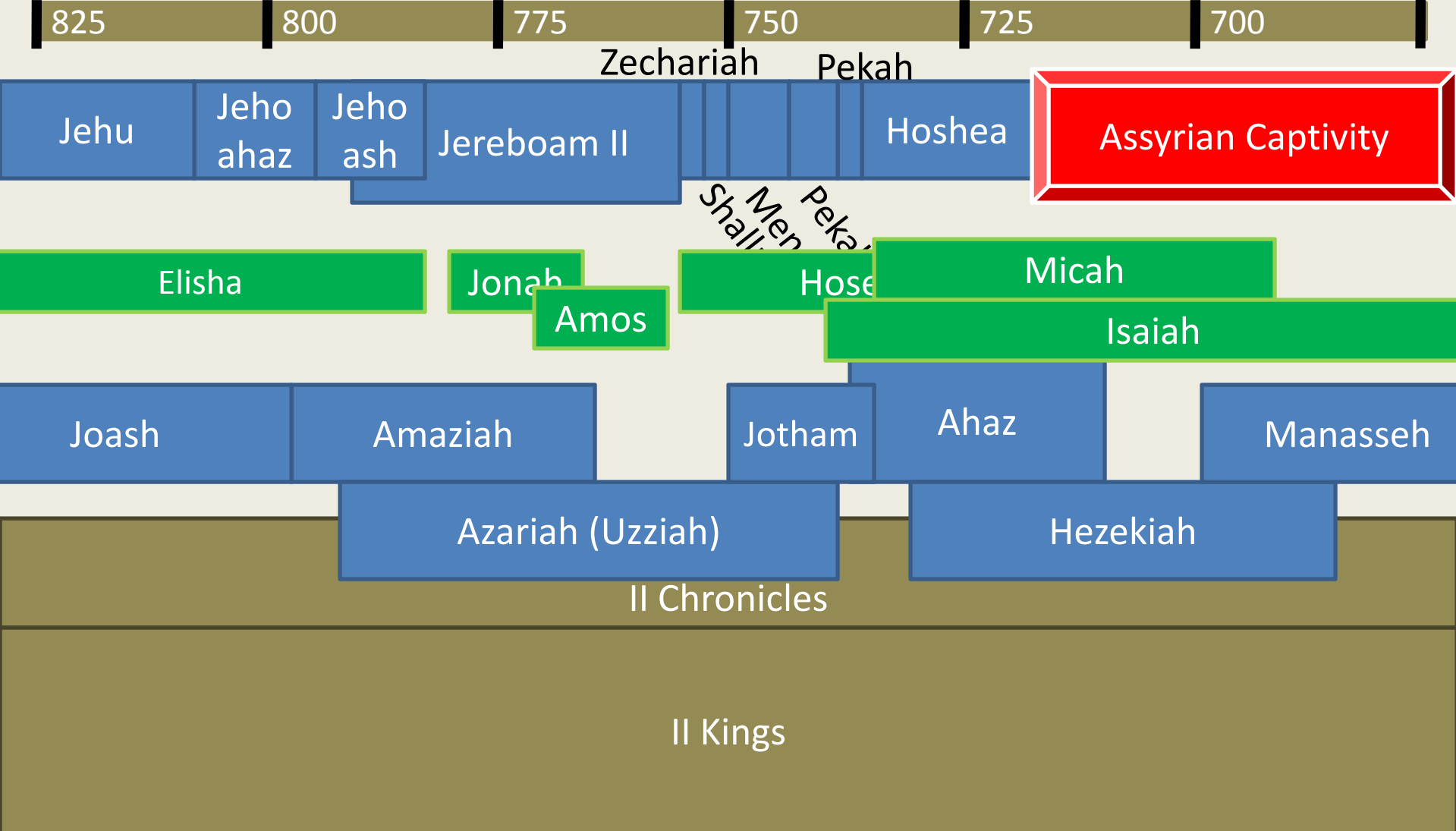
The Book of Micah – Context



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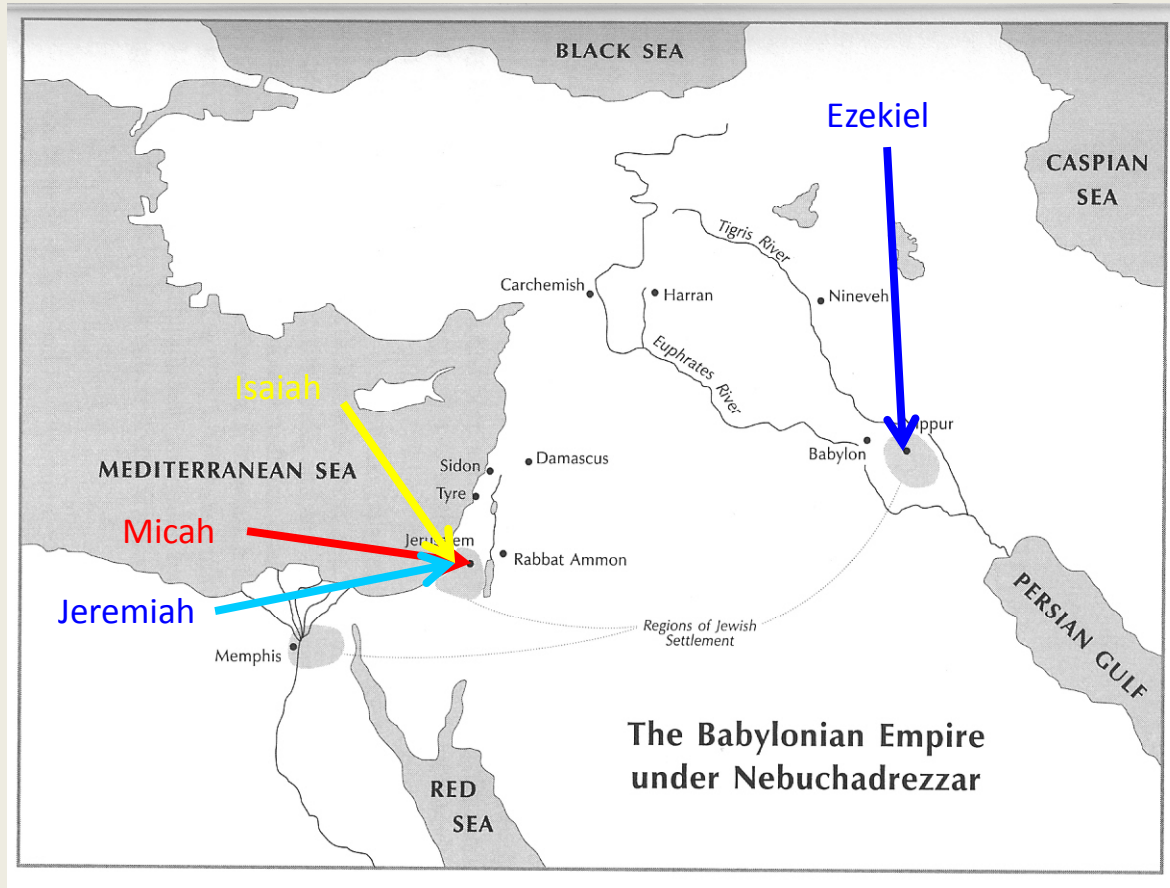
The Book of Isaiah – General

- The Book of Isaiah (שֵׁפֶר יִשְׂיָהוּ) *Sefer Y'sha'yah*
- “Jehovah is Salvation”
- Author: Isaiah
- Date:
 - Southern Kingdom
 - Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh
- Covers: 740-690
- Theme: Salvation

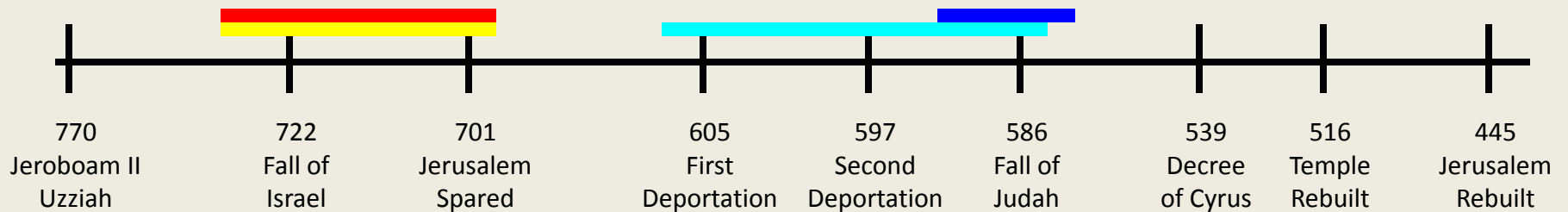
The Book of Isaiah – Structure

- **1-12**: Introductory messages of condemnation, pleading, and future restoration
- **13-27**: Oracles to nations: Humiliation of proud king of Babylon
- **28-35**: Collection of woes: Don't trust in earthly powers!
- **36-39**: Historical narratives
- **40-48**: Yahweh's supremacy over idols: Don't trust in idols!
- **49-54**: Servant messages: Exaltation of the humble servant
- **55-66**: Concluding messages of condemnation, pleading, and future restoration

The Book of Isaiah – Context



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640

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Assyrian Captivity

Nahum

Manasseh

Amon

Josiah

II Chronicles

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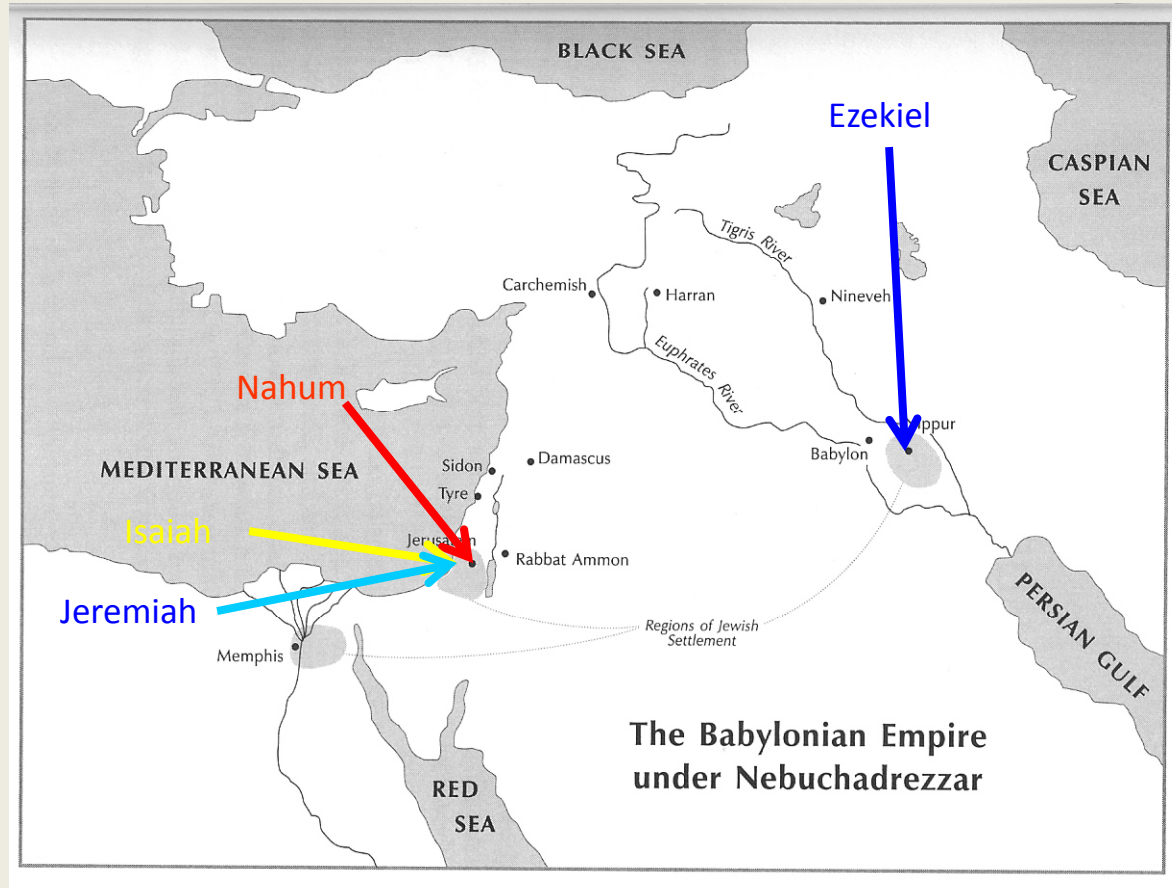
The Book of Nahum – General

- Part of the Twelve Prophets (נבִיאִים) *Nevi'im*
- “Compassionate” or “Comforter” or “Counselor”
- Author: Nahum
- Date:
 - Southern Kingdom
 - Manasseh, Amon, Josiah
- Covers: 650-620
- Theme: Doom

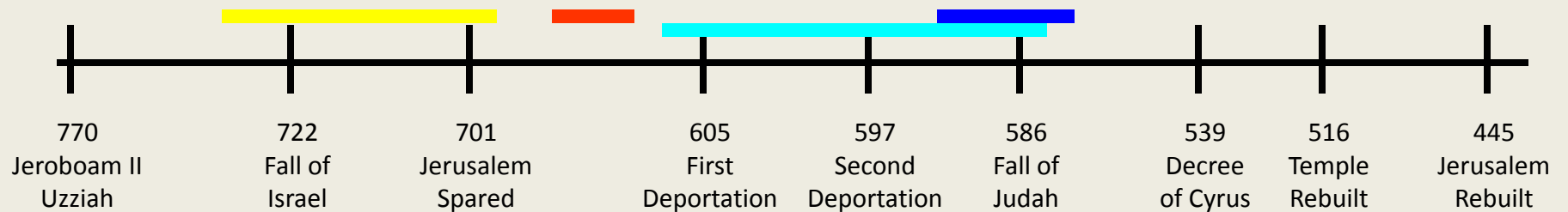
The Book of Nahum – Structure

- God is a vengeful God (1:1-11)
- The result of this for Israel (1:12-15)
- The result of this for Assyria (2-3)

The Book of Nahum – Context



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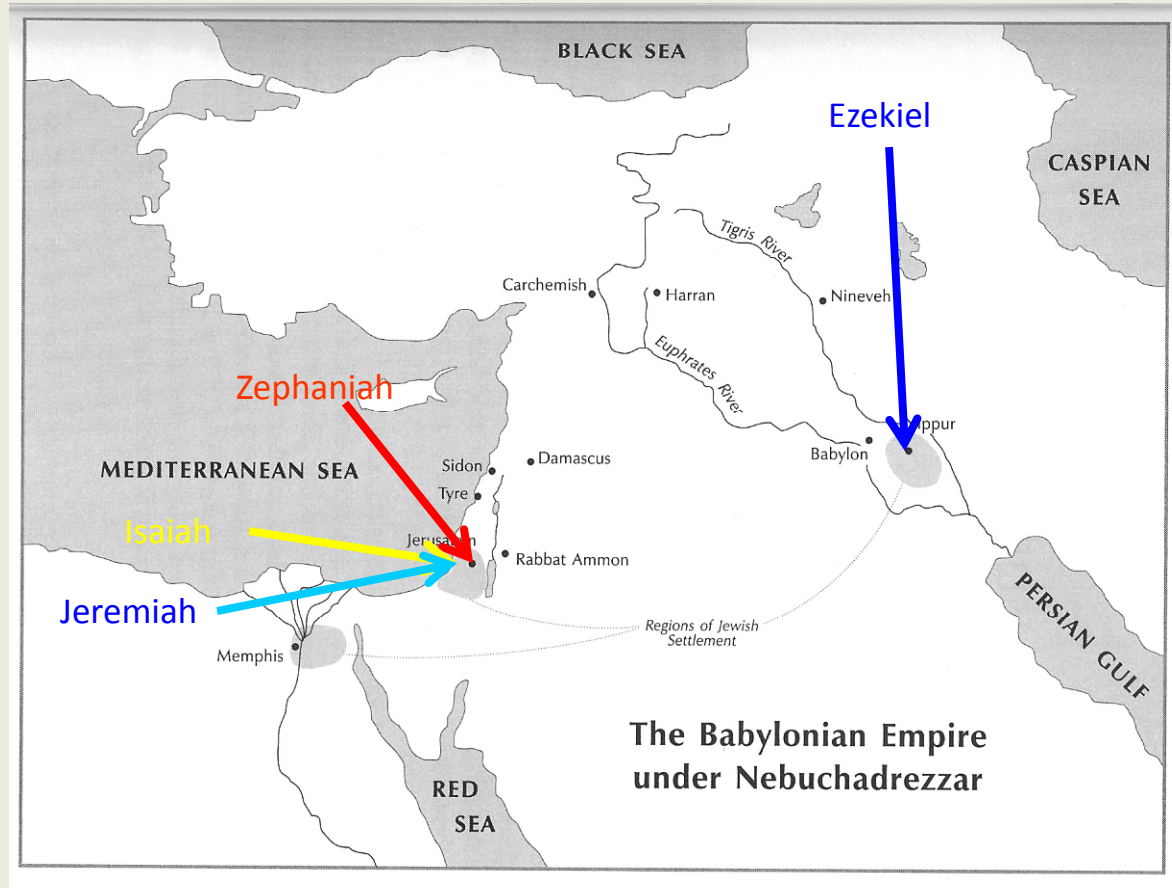
The Book of Zephaniah – General

- Part of the Twelve Prophets (נבִיאִים) *Nevi'im*
- “Hidden (Protected) by Jehovah”
- Author: Zephaniah
- Date:
 - Southern Kingdom
 - Josiah
- Covers: 630-620
- Theme: Vindication

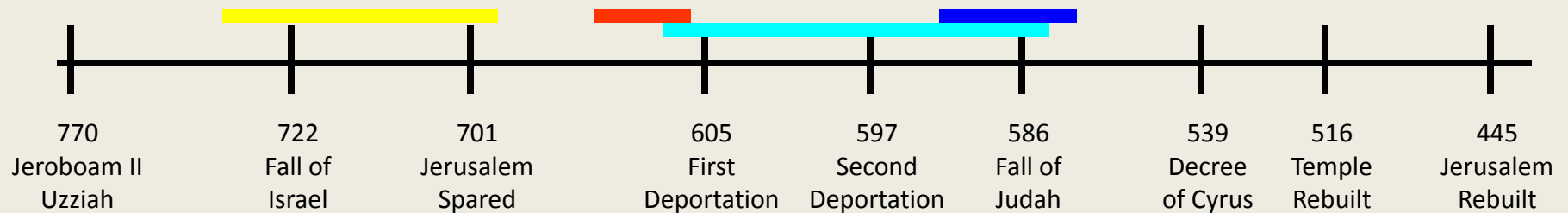
The Book of Zephaniah – Structure

- Judgment upon wicked of Jerusalem (1:2-6)
 - Judgment of corrupt leaders of Jerusalem (1:7-13)
 - Judgment of the nations (1:14-18)
 - **Call to seek God and “perhaps be hidden” (2:1-3)**
 - Judgment of the nations (2:4-15)
 - Judgment of corrupt leaders of Jerusalem (3:1-7)
- Coming restoration of Jerusalem (3:8-20)

The Book of Zephaniah – Context



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Question Time!