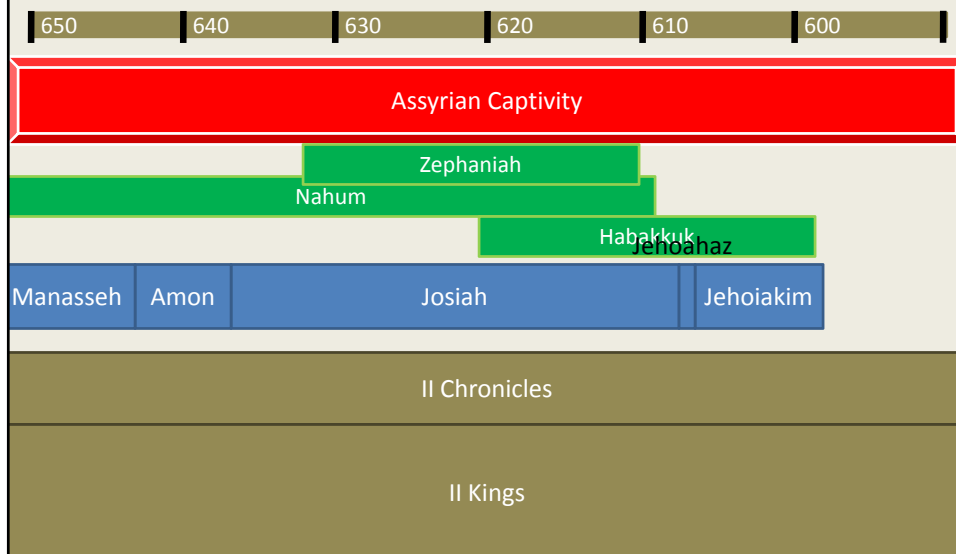


# Old Testament Survey

## Session Nineteen

The Books of Habakkuk, Jeremiah, Lamentations,  
and Ezekiel

## Biblical Timeline



## The Book of Habakkuk – General

- Part of the Twelve Prophets (נביאים) *Nevi'im*
- “Embraced”
- Author: Habakkuk
- Date:
  - Southern Kingdom
  - Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim
- Covers: 620-605
- Theme: Justice

## The Book of Habakkuk – Structure

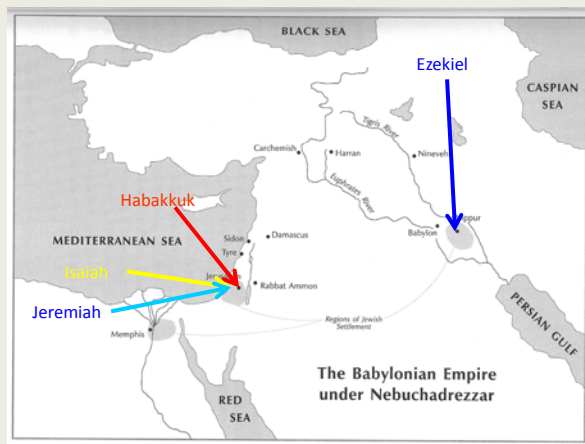
- Habakkuk’s first complaint: How long? (1:2-4)
  - Yahweh’s first answer: Babylon is coming now! (1:5-11)
    - Habakkuk’s second complaint: How can you use Babylon? (1:12-17)
      - **Wait: Wicked punished, righteous will live by faith (2:1-5)**
    - Yahweh’s second answer: Babylon will be punished (2:6-20)
  - Yahweh’s first answer revisited: Yahweh’s army is coming in the future (3:1-15)
- Habakkuk’s first complaint revisited: “I will wait” (3:16-19)

1: Faith Tested

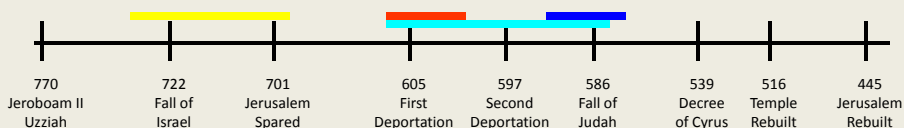
2: Faith Taught

3: Faith Triumphant

## The Book of Habakkuk – Context



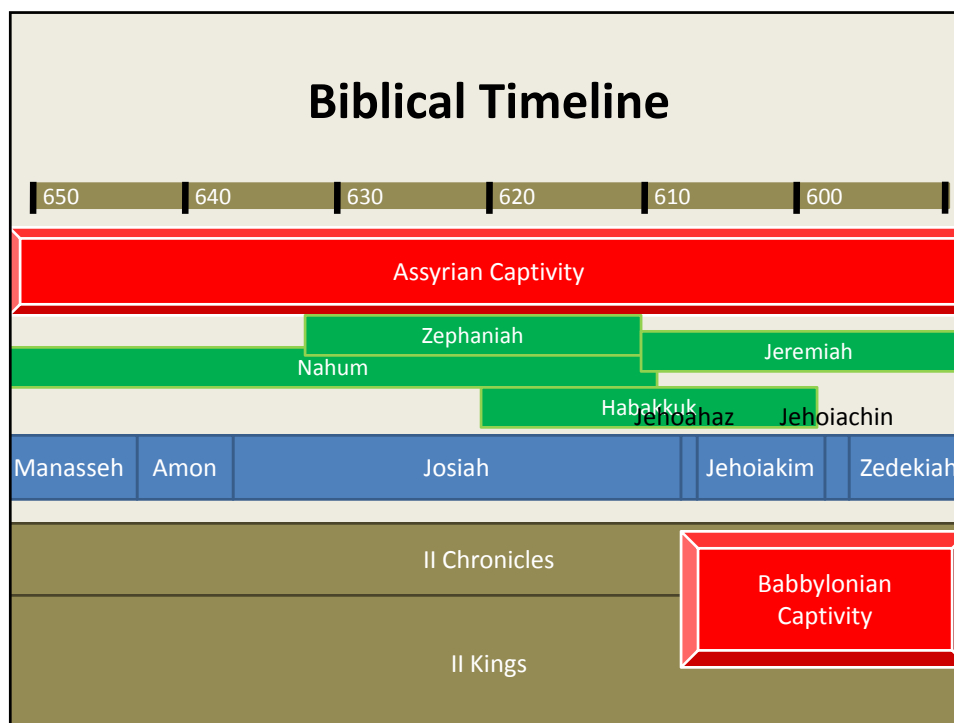
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## The Twelve (Prophets)

### THE MINOR PROPHETS BY THEME

BOOK	THEME
Hosea	Contrasts God's love for an adulterous people Israel must repent in light of coming judgment
Joel	
Amos	Israel must repent in light of coming judgment
Obadiah	Great judgment will include all nations
Jonah	Lack of compassion; destruction v salvation
Micah	God will give Jerusalem up to Babylon
Nahum	Assyria will be judged soon
Habakkuk	God uses even the greatly wicked are tools against sinful
Zephaniah	The day of Yahweh's wrath is near
Haggai	More to come .....
Zechariah	
Malachi	



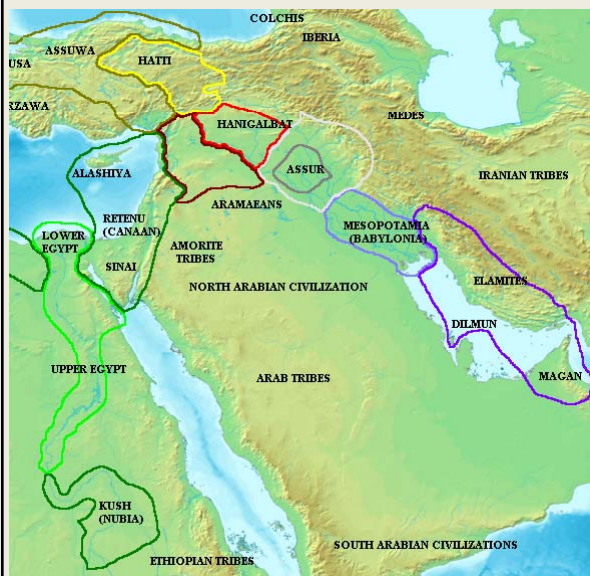
## The Book of Jeremiah – General

- The Book of Jeremiah (שֵׁפֶר יִרְמְיָהוּ) *Sefer Yirmeyahu*
- “Established by Jehovah”
- Author: Jeremiah
- Date:
  - Southern Kingdom
  - Josiah, Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah
  - Nebuchadnezzar
- Covers: 625-585
- Theme: Warning

## The Book of Jeremiah – Structure

- a Oracles against Judah; invasion and disaster from the north (1-12)
- b Judah's exile and suffering predicted (13-20)
- c Dated messages of judgment about specific kings/groups (21-29)
- d CENTER: Messages of future hope (30-33)
- c' Dated messages of judgment about specific kings/groups (34-35)
- b' Judah's fall and exile (36-45)
- a' Oracles against the nations; invasions & disasters from north (46-51)

## The Book of Jeremiah – Context



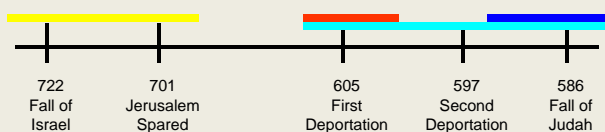
### Events

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|-----|-----------------------|
| 639 | Josiah reigns         |
| 626 | Call of Jeremiah      |
| 612 | Fall of Ninevah       |
| 609 | Josiah dies           |
|     | Jehoahaz reigns       |
|     | Jehoiakim reigns      |
| 605 | Carchemish            |
|     | First exile           |
| 597 | Jehoiakim rebels      |
|     | Jehoiakim dies        |
|     | Jehoiachin reigns     |
|     | Second exile          |
|     | Jehoiachin imprisoned |
|     | Zedekiah reigns       |
| 586 | Zedekiah rebels       |
|     | Jerusalem destroyed   |

## The Book of Jeremiah – Context



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## The Book of Lamentations – General

- How (איכה) *Eikha*
- “Grieving”
- Author: Jeremiah
- Date:
  - Southern Kingdom
  - Nebuchadnezzar
- Covers: 585-580
- Theme: Disconsolate

## **The Book of Lamentations – Structure**

- Chapter 1: Destruction of Zion
- Chapter 2: Yahweh as the destroyer
- Chapter 3: Complaint and hope
- Chapter 4: Results of the destruction
- Chapter 5: Prayer: How long?

## **The Book of Lamentations – Structure (cont.)**

- Chapter 1: 3 lines/stanza, 1<sup>st</sup> line acrostic
- Chapter 2: 3 lines/stanza, 1<sup>st</sup> line acrostic
- Chapter 3: 3 lines/stanza, all lines acrostic
- Chapter 4: 2 lines/stanza, 1<sup>st</sup> line acrostic
- Chapter 5: 1 lines/stanza, no acrostic pattern!

## The Book of Jeremiah – And Jesus

- Matt 16:13-14: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.
- Similar historical settings – Jerusalem about to fall
- Both foretold temple’s destruction
- Both wept over Jerusalem
- Both condemned commercialism of temple worship
- Both accused of political treason
- Both tenderhearted, knew loneliness
- Both enjoyed unusual fellowship with God

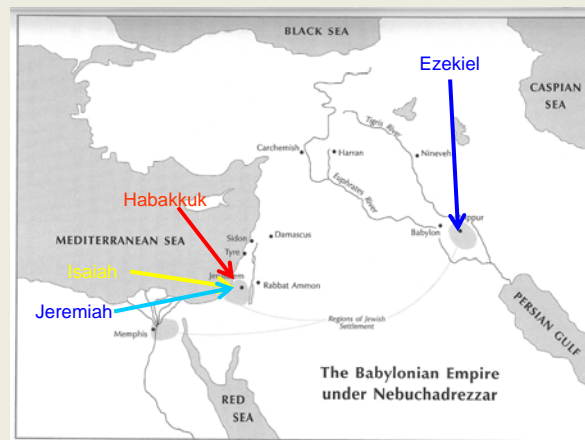
## The Book of Ezekiel – General

- The Book of Ezekiel (שֵׁפֶר יְהוֹקֵחַל) *Sefer Ezekiel*
- “Strength of God”
- Author: Ezekiel
- Date:
  - Southern Kingdom
  - Zedekiah
- Covers: 593-570
- Theme: Glory

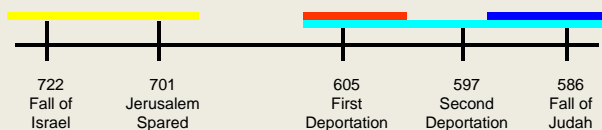
## The Book of Ezekiel – Structure

- Ezekiel's call (1-3)
- Judgment against Israel (4-24)
- Judgment against the nations (25-32)
- Restoration of Israel (33-48)
  - Future Restoration in the Land (33-39)
  - Future Restoration of the Temple (40-48)

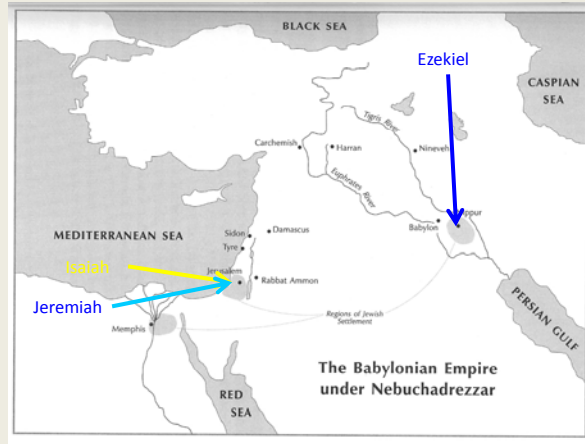
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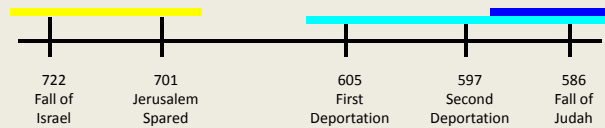


## Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel



Hos 1:6b-7  
Isa 38:6  
Isa 39:6  
  
BEFORE 586  
Jer 21:8-10  
  
AFTER 586  
Jer 42:10-19  
Ezek 11:16-17  
Ezek 15:6

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## Old Testament Survey

### End Session Nineteen

### Question Time!

## The Twelve

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Prophet	~ Dates (BC)	Subject
Hosea	755 – 710	Northern Kingdom, God's love
Joel	850?	Southern Kingdom, God's day
Amos	760	Northern Kingdom, God's righteousness
Obadiah	850?	Edom, God's kingdom
Jonah	760	Assyria, God's compassion
Micah	735 – 700	Southern Kingdom, God's deliverance
Nahum	663 – 612	Assyria, God's vengeance
Habakkuk	609	Southern Kingdom, God's righteousness
Zephaniah	640 – 610	Southern Kingdom, God's day
Haggai	520	Returned Remnant, God's house
Zechariah	520 – 480	Returned Remnant, God's restoration
Malachi	450 – 430	Returned Remnant, God's messenger

## The Twelve ...as One

In [Isaiah's] days the sun went backward, and he lengthened the life of the king. By the spirit of might he saw the last things, and comforted those who mourned in Zion. He revealed what was to occur to the end of time, and the hidden things before they came to pass. . . .

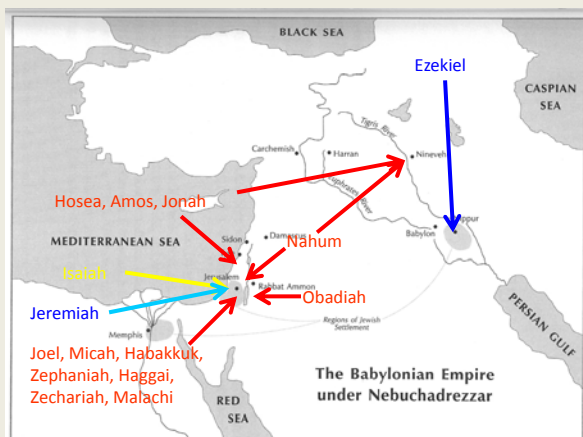
[Babylon] made [Jerusalem's] streets desolate, according to the word of Jeremiah. For they had afflicted him; yet he had been consecrated in the womb as prophet, to pluck up and afflict and destroy, and likewise to build and to plant. It was Ezekiel who saw the vision of glory which God showed him above the chariot of the cherubim. For God remembered his enemies with storm, and did good to those who directed their ways aright. May the bones of the twelve prophets revive from where they lie, for they comforted the people of Jacob and delivered them with confident hope.

(Sirach 48:23-25; 49:4c-10 @ ca. 190 BC)

## 24 Books of the Hebrew Canon

1 Genesis	12 Ezra/Nehemiah	24 The Twelve
2 Exodus	13 Esther	
3 Leviticus	14 Job	
4 Numbers	15 Psalms	
5 Deuteronomy	16 Proverbs	
6 Joshua	17 Ecclesiastes	
7 Judges	18 Song of Solomon	
8 Ruth	19 Isaiah	
9 Samuel	20 Jeremiah	
10 Kings	21 Lamentations	
11 Chronicles	22 Ezekiel	
	23 Daniel	

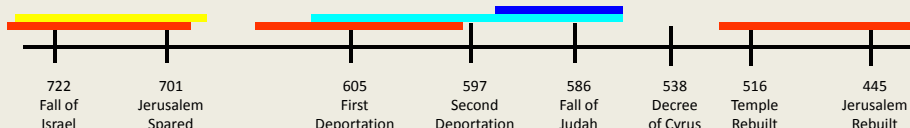
## Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Twelve



Micah 5:2-4

Malachi 4:4-5

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## Canonical Review – Zoomed Out

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|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1) Torah           | Document God's Choosing of Israel and Preserve their "Constitution"                                |
| 2) Former Prophets | Document God's repeated acts of mercy and demonstrate His justice in bringing the covenant curses. |
| 3) Latter Prophets | Demonstrate God's justice in bringing the covenant curses and provide hope for the future.         |
| 4) Writings        | Encourage and instruct the waiting remnant until the day of restoration.                           |
| 5) New Testament   | Document God's Choosing those in the church and Preserve their "Constitution"                      |