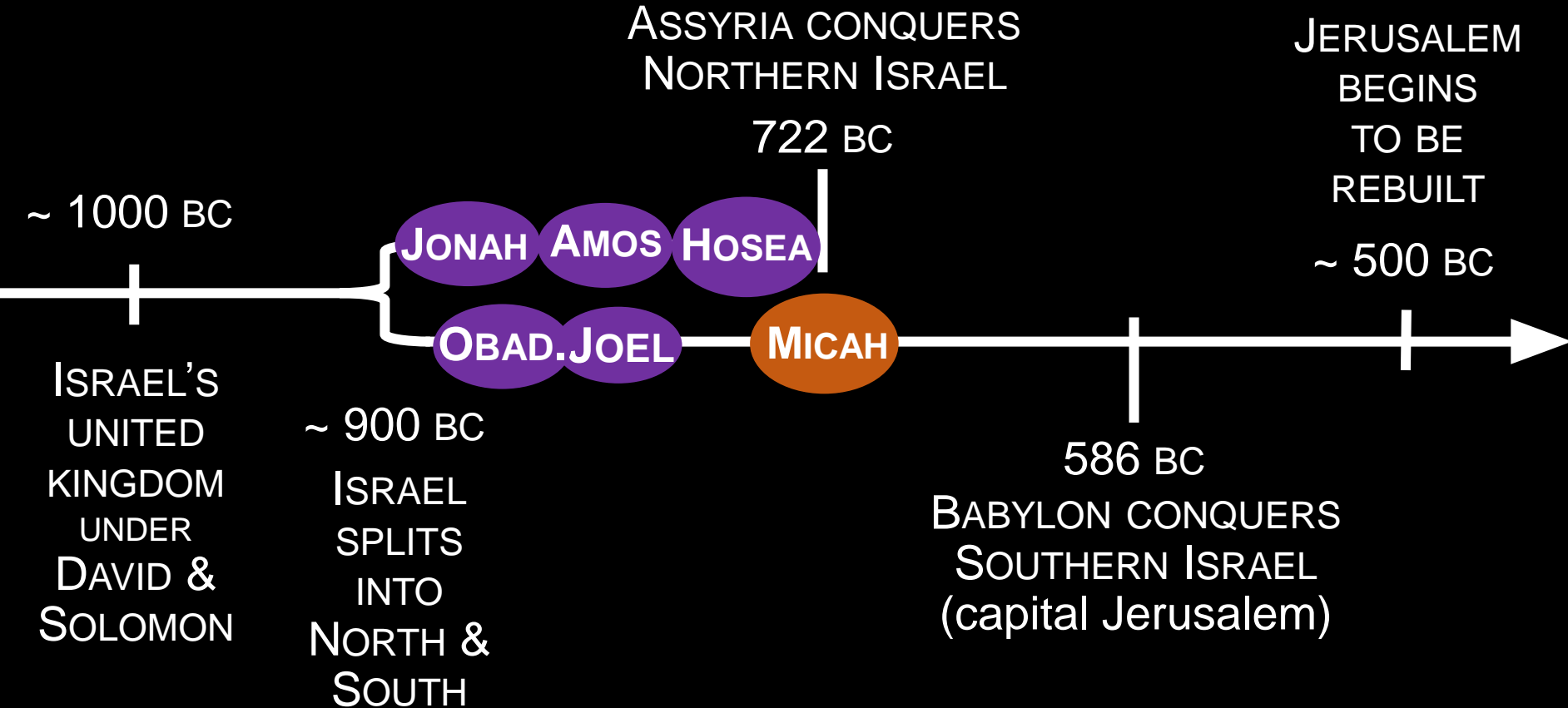


THE BOOK

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TWELVE

(aka The Minor Prophets)

Israel's (Very Basic) History



Scripture Reading

MICAH

1. *Chapters 1–2.* After God judges the nation for disobedience, he will personally save, shepherd, and lead a remnant.
2. *Chapters 3–5.* After God judges the leaders for their disobedience, he will raise up a Shepherd-King from Bethlehem who will bless the world with peace.
3. *Chapters 6–7.* After God judges his people for their failure, he will lead in a monumental comeback for the remnant he forgives.

THE MAIN POINT OF MICAH

God's just judgment will fall on the rebel world,
but he will save a remnant and bless all nations
through his Bethlehem-born King—
all because he delights in
covenant-keeping love.

“Nowhere else in the Bible is God described as rich in anything. The only thing he is called *rich* in is: mercy [Ephesians 2:4]. What does this mean? It means that God is something other than we naturally believe him to be. It means that the Christian life is a lifelong shedding of tepid thoughts of the goodness of God. In his justice, God is exacting; in his mercy, God is overflowing.”

— Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly* (page 172)

1
Regathering

Micah 4:6

2
**Healing
the Lame**

Micah 4:7

3
**Multi-Ethnic
Conversions**

Micah 4:2

4
**Global
Peace**

Micah 4:3-4

- 1. *Around 500 bc*** — Israel returned from Babylon to Jerusalem with foreign support to rebuild the temple, city, and people.
- 2. *Around 5 bc*** — The Shepherd-King was born in Bethlehem. He healed the lame and preached repentance. Many inside and outside Israel turned from their idolatry and experienced peace with God.
- 3. *To the present*** — The church is advancing the gospel of Jesus among the nations, and all who embrace it are forgiven and experience more peace than in any other global community.
- 4. *In the future*** — After Babylon's fall, the redeemed from every nation will be experience no more sin and death—and peace forever.

Concluding Encouragement

1. No matter how tumultuous your present situation, Jesus, the world's Shepherd-King who was born in Bethlehem is our peace (Micah 5:2–5).
2. No matter how deep the darkness in which you're sitting, hope in the God who delights in steadfast love and mercy (Micah 7:8–20).