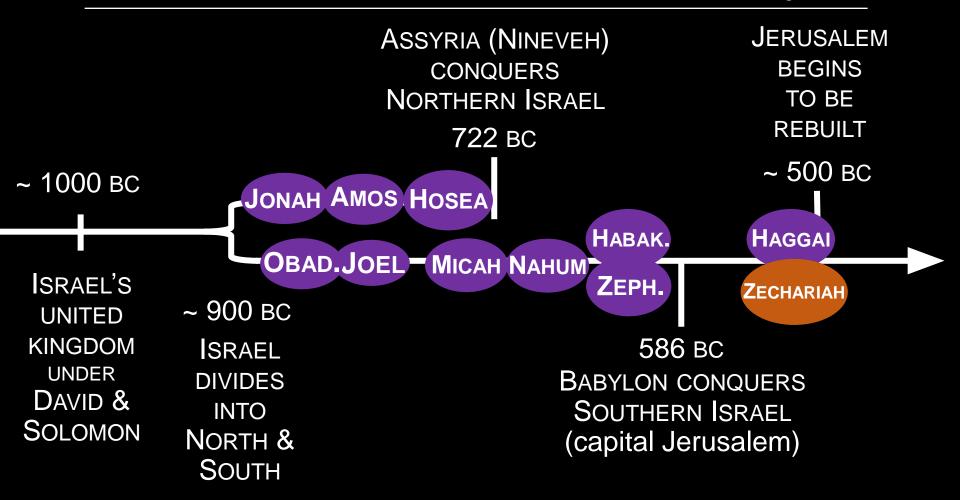


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#### Eight Visions in One Night (Zechariah 1–6)

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  - 2. Four horns are crushed by four blacksmiths (1:18–21). *God will judge the nations who hurt his people.* 
    - 3. A surveyor is told that Jerusalem will be rebuilt (chap. 2). *God will forever dwell among his multi-ethnic people.* 
      - 4. The filthy priest is given a change of clothes (chap. 3). *God will cleanse his people's filth in a single day.*
      - 5. The candles will never stop burning (chap. 4). *God's plan can never be stopped*.
    - 6. A flying scroll records curses for lawbreakers (5:1–4). *God will judge rebellious Jews.*
  - 7. A basket of evil gets taken to Babylon for judgment (5:5–11). *God will judge Babylon who afflicts his people.*
- 8. Four charioteers carry God's justice into the world (6:1–8). *God will bring judgment to "the four winds of heaven."*

#### THE MAIN POINT OF ZECHARIAH 1–6

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