

A SYNOPSIS OF
SACRED
SCRIPTURE

LAW

PROPHETS

WRITINGS

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

*Former
Prophets*

Joshua
Judges
1-2 Samuel
1-2 Kings

*Latter
Prophets*

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
The Twelve

*Pre-
Exilic
Writings*

Psalms
Job
Proverbs
Ruth
Song of Songs
Ecclesiastes

*Post-
Exilic
Writings*

Lamentations
Esther
Daniel
Ezra-Nehemiah
1-2 Chronicles

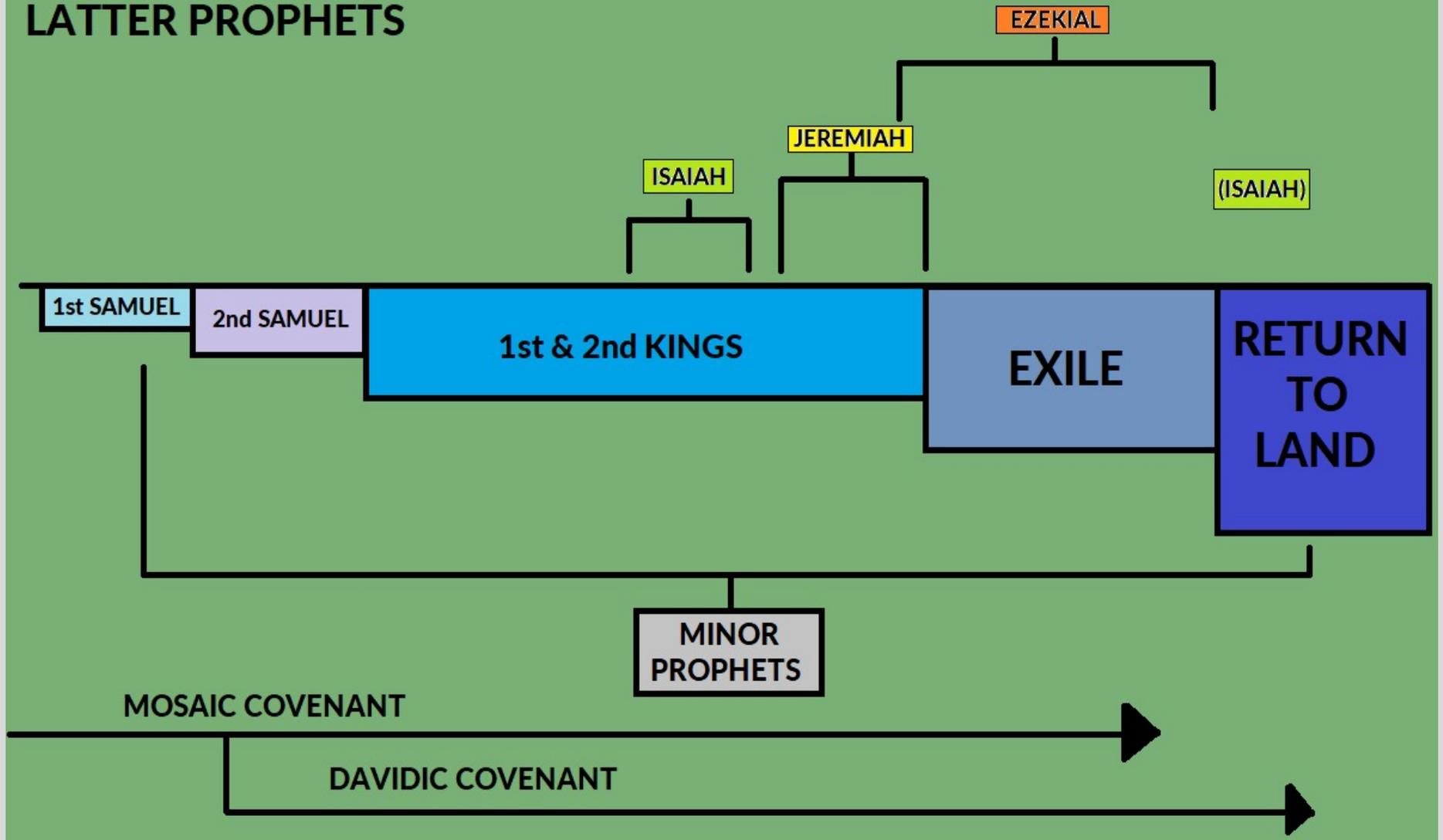
RECAP

- **God Establishes His people in the land**
- **Israel will not keep their covenant with God**
- **Israel spirals out of control, and begs for a king**
- **God establishes temporary kings over Israel, and promises a perfect king who will reign forever from David's line**
- **Under the leadership of these kings, Israel is still hardened towards God, and ends up being exiled to Assyria and Babylon**

LATTER PROPHETS

- **WARNING**
- **ACCUSATIONS OF COVENANT BREAKING**
(PROPHETIC ROLE)
- **HOPE**
- **GRACE FOR THE SAKE OF GOD'S GLORY**
- **A BETTER CITY AND KING**

LATTER PROPHETS



ISAIAH

- **WHO:** The prophet Isaiah, kings of Judah, and the surrounding nations
- **WHAT:** Isaiah warning the kings of Judah to repent before exile comes, and prophetic encouragement for the end of the exile to come
- **WHERE:** Isaiah was a prophet to the southern kingdom, Judah
- **WHEN:** About 100 years before the exile, (The prophetic encouragement may have been written later)
- **WHY:** To show God's holiness, and justice, but also His grace and plan of a future for His people, and all nations

ISAIAH

- **Isaiah 1-39:** Isaiah's commission; warning against Judah for exile mixed with grace; Oracles against the nations
- **Isaiah 40-55:** Hope spoken to those in exile: Comfort!; Servant of YHWH
- **Isaiah 56-66:** Hold fast to YHWH's covenant to prepare for coming glory

ISAIAH 6

- **Holy, Holy, Holy...**
- **Woe is... Isaiah?**
- **Send me!**
- **Blind them, lest they see, hear, understand, return, and be healed... (Would (CAN) God really do this?)**
- **How long Lord?**
- **The holy stump (hope)...**

ISAIAH

- **Isaiah 43:18-22**

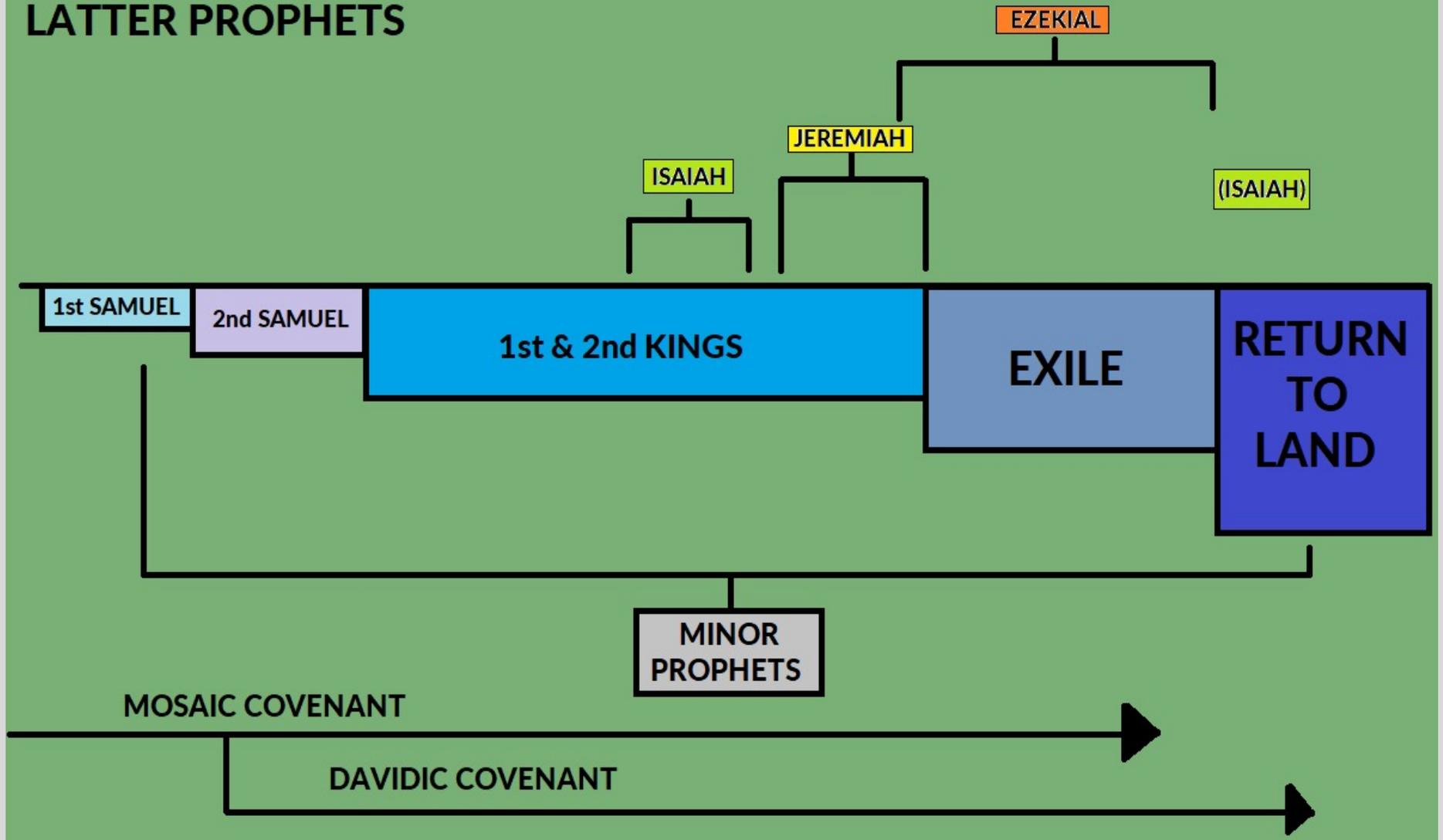
- **Isaiah 49:6**

- **Isaiah 53:10**

JEREMIAH

- **WHO:** The prophet Jeremiah, kings of Judah, and Babylon
- **WHAT:** A collection of writings by Jeremiah, aligned to accuse God's people of covenant breaking, and warn of captivity to Babylon
- **WHERE:** The southern kingdom Judah, Babylon
- **WHEN:** The last few decades leading up to the exile
- **WHY:** To vindicate God in His judgment of His people, and surrounding nations to give hope of a new covenant

LATTER PROPHETS



JEREMIAH

- **Jeremiah 1-24:** Accusations against Israel; Warnings of judgment coming
- **Jeremiah 25-45:** Judgment mixed with hope for Israel (***Jeremiah 30-33: New Covenant***)
- **Jeremiah 46-51:** Judgment mixed with hope for the nations
- **Jeremiah 52:** Judgment fulfilled; Destruction of Jerusalem; exile; hope...

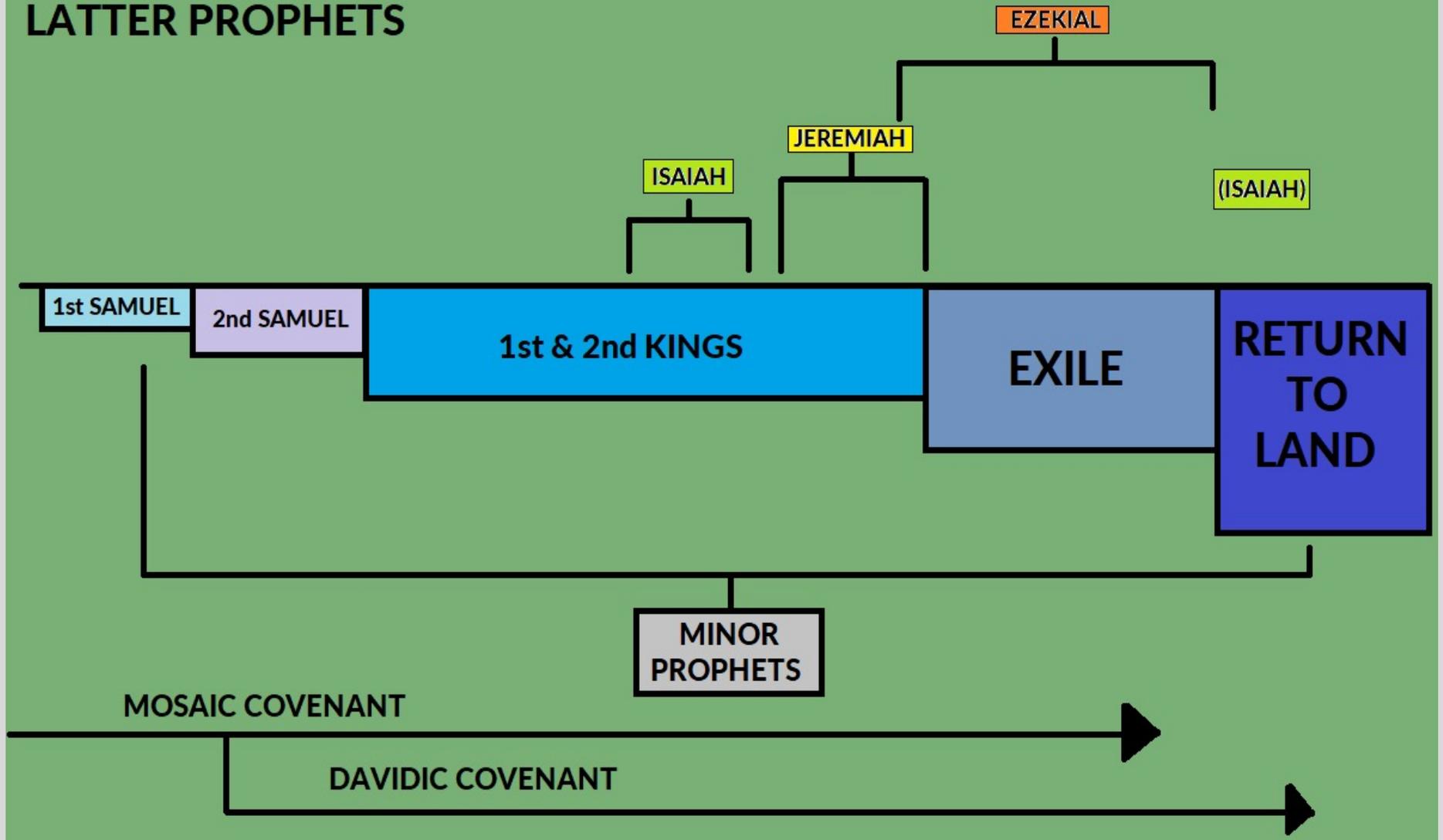
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- **Jeremiah 7:21-23:** Is this a contradiction? *Didn't* God command them concerning offerings? What is this telling Israel about their religious hypocrisy?
- **Jeremiah 31:31-34:** Break into **groups** and answer the following:
 - How is this covenant *better* than the Mosaic covenant?
 - What does it mean that nobody will have to be taught to know the LORD?
 - What is the main point this passage is telling us?

JEREMIAH

- **Jeremiah 50-51:** The prophecy of judgment and destruction of Babylon
- Why is God punishing Babylon when *He* is the one who decided to use them to judge Israel? They only did what He enabled them to do against Israel...
- **Jeremiah 52:** The fall of Jerusalem; Ends the same way as second kings; hope...

LATTER PROPHETS



EZEKIEL

- **WHO:** The prophet Ezekiel, Babylonian captors, God's people Israel
- **WHAT:** Ezekiel is in exile in Babylon, when God calls him to begin prophesying against Israel and the surrounding nations, but also leaves messages of hope
- **WHERE:** Mostly Babylon
- **WHEN:** Very shortly before the total exile, and into the exile
- **WHY:** To show God's judgment on wickedness, and also give hope for a future where the spirit of God is poured out, and His presence fills the earth

EZEKIEL

- **Ezekiel 1-11:** God commissions Ezekiel to accuse Israel of breaking her covenant, and use strange public acts to warn of judgment
- **Ezekiel 12-32:** Ezekiel prophesies judgment on Israel, and the surrounding nations
- **Ezekiel 33:** Ezekiel receives word of the total destruction and siege of Jerusalem. Total exile has begun.
- **Ezekiel 34-37:** Hope for Israel
 - Vision of dry bones
- **Ezekiel 38-48:** Hope for the nations and all creation

EZEKIEL

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- From Jeremiah?

EZEKIEL

- **One kingdom, one king (Ezekiel 37)**

EZEKIEL 40-48: THE NEW CITY AND TEMPLE

- New temple described in detail to be perfect
- Hasn't been built yet?
- Is the temple the people of God? (The Spirit lives in us)
- Rivers coming from temple that get deeper and deeper bless the whole creation (Ezekiel 47:9;12)

"THE TWELVE"

- **WHO:** The twelve minor prophets who God spoke through
- **WHAT:** God speaking through these prophets to both the northern, and southern kingdoms, to give warning and hope
- **WHERE:** Israel
- **WHEN:** Over a large period of Israel's history all the way from events during 2nd Kings (800 BC) to the end of the Old Testament (400 BC)
- **WHY:** These prophets function as a unit to teach a story through repetition of sin, judgment, mercy, restoration, and eager expectation for a Messiah

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Egypt

Assyria

Babylon

Persia

N. & S. Kingdoms

Judah Alone

Exile

Post-Exile

△ Solomon dies

△ Israel falls

△ Judah falls

△ Captives return

**Major
Prophets**

Isaiah

Jeremiah/Lam.

Daniel

Ezekiel

**Minor
Prophets**

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Haggai

Malachi

Joel

Amos

Hosea

Zephaniah

Habakkuk

Zechariah

**Other
Prophets
& OT Books**

Elijah

Elisha

Esther

Ezra

Nehemiah

HOSEA

- **Pre-exile**
- **God calls Hosea to marry a prostitute, representing how Israel has been unfaithful to Him. Hosea keeps buying his wife back from the market, just as God always brings His people back, even when there is a price He must pay to do so. This book speaks against Israel's "fooling around" with other gods, and sin.**

JOEL

- **Post-exile**
- **Joel announces that God's judgment is coming, calling it "the day of the LORD"**
- **Warns that relent from judgment will only come after *genuine* repentance**
- **Day of the LORD will work out for salvation**
- **God's Spirit will fill His people "In those days I will pour out my Spirit, and your young men shall dream dreams...."**

AMOS

- **Pre-exile**
- **Collection of Amos's visions and sermons; accusations against Israel**
- **Calls Israel to worship through installing justice, and treating refugees fairly**
- **Warns about the day of the LORD**
- **People from all nations will come to David's kingdom**

OBADIAH

- **Post-exile**
- **Shortest book in the whole Old Testament**
- **Prophecies against Edom (a nation near Israel who oppressed her during exile)**
- **Prophecies the "day of the LORD" as a day of judgment and salvation**

JONAH

- **Pre-exile**
- **Less the “words of a prophet”, but instead the story of the prophet Jonah**
- **God calls Jonah to preach repentance to Nineveh, a Gentile nation**
- **Shows God’s heart for *all* nations**

MICAH

- **Pre-exile**
- **Micah warns about the Assyrian siege and exile of the Northern kingdom Israel**
- **Warning mixed with hope**
- **New king will come and rule over God's people**
- **God will keep faithful to His covenant with Abraham to use Israel**

NAHUM

- **Pre-exile**
- **Prophecy against Nineveh (Oppressors of Israel)**
- **Also a prophecy against Assyria**
- **Uses these as examples to show God will judge unjust nations, and oppressors**

HABAKKUK

- **Pre-exile**
- **Habakkuk is not only a prophecy *against* anybody, but shows Habakkuk's heart of lament**
- **Habakkuk struggles with faith due to the constant failure of Israel**
- **Prophecies fall of Babylon after they are done judging Israel**
- **"The righteous shall live by faith"**

ZEPHANIAH

- **Pre-exile**
- **During the final decades of the Southern kingdom**
- **God's wrath will consume all nations including Israel,
leaving a purified faithful remnant**
- **A day of judgment and restoration**

HAGGAI

- **Post Exile**
- **Jerusalem being rebuilt after exile**
- **Israel *still* rebellious and selfish when they return**
- **Repent and build a new temple (which disappoints)**
- **Gives Israel a choice to obey if they want God to honor temple and Israel's future**

MALACHI

- **Post Exile**
- **Last book of Old Testament**
- **Shows that the exile has not changed Israel's heart**
- **God still loves His people**
- **"The great day of the LORD"...**
- **Malachi 4:5-6; Luke 1:16-17**
- **How is Luke using Malachi 4?**

MALACHI

- **Inaugurating the “day of the LORD”**