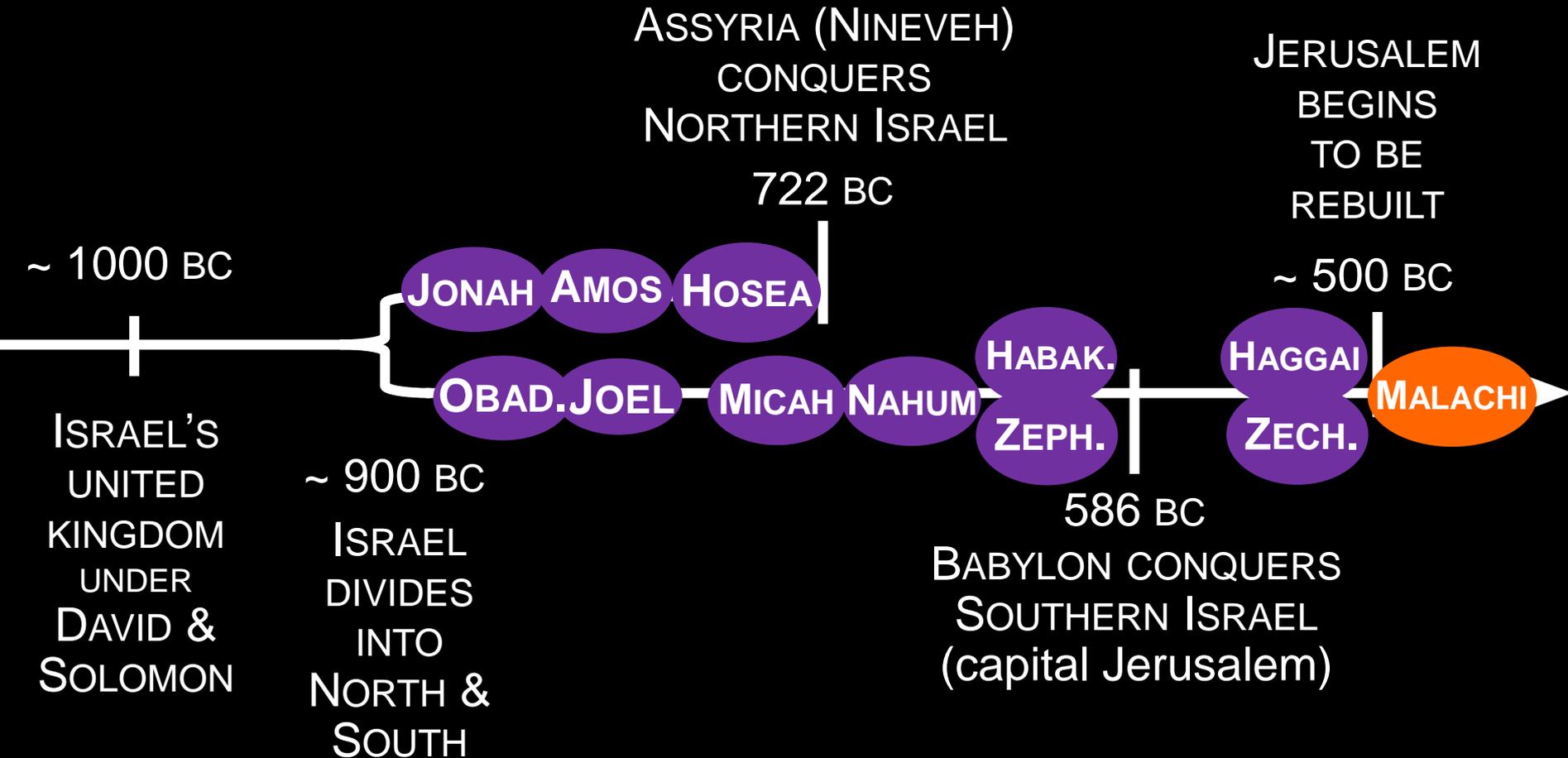


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Israel's (Very Basic) History



Scripture Reading

MALACHI

THROUGH MALACHI, GOD RESPONDS TO EIGHT ACCUSATIONS FROM HIS PEOPLE

1. God, how have you loved us? (1:2)
2. God, how are we dishonoring you? (1:6)
3. God, how are we doing what's wrong? (1:7)
4. God, why don't you accept our worship? (2:14)
5. God, how are we exhausting you? (2:17)
6. God, how can we return to you? (3:7)
7. God, how are we stealing from you? (3:8)
8. God, how have we slandered you? (3:13)

12. MALACHI

God is Our Faithful Lover

God is the faithful lover of his perpetually unfaithful people. Though they deserve the curse for their selfishness and arrogant accusations, he remains committed to purifying and forever blessing all who return to him.

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1. HOSEA

God is Our Jealous Husband

God severely judges our unfaithfulness, but he remains faithful. Through Jesus who took our judgment on himself, we can be reconciled to God and given hearts of faithful devotion.

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2. JOEL

God is the Vindicator Who Can Restore

History will climax with God's judgment of all nations. Until then, every devastation on earth is a small foretaste and wake-up call to which we should respond with repentance and total life commitment to God.

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3. AMOS

God is the Mighty Judge—Orion's Maker

The Lord's just judgment will fall on those who live selfishly and hypocritically—unless they turn and submit to his chosen Davidic King.

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4. OBADIAH

God is Earth's Coming King

Although the enemies of God's people seem to be winning now, they won't always. God will eventually rule on Earth.

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5. JONAH

God is the Fountainhead of Grace

God desires to relent from executing his judgment on those who repent—no matter who they are or what they've done.

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6. MICAH

God is Mercy's Source

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.

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7. NAHUM

God is the Fierce Fortress

The Lord warns punishment to those who rebel and assures comfort to those who take refuge in him.

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8. HABAKKUK

God is the Foundation of Our Faith

Even though injustice is everywhere now,
God will eventually bring justice on Earth.

Right now, he calls everyone to live
with faith, waiting with joy till he
fulfills his promises.

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9. ZEPHANIAH

God is the Savior Who Sings

What the Lord did to overthrow Judah is a preview of what he will do to the entire world for its rebellion. Those who humbly repent will be shielded from God's wrath and experience celebration after sadness.

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10. HAGGAI

God is the Giver of Strength

All who live for themselves and neglect God will face dissatisfaction now and judgment forever, while those who reconsider their priorities and submit to Jesus will be blessed with God's presence now and his honor forever.

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11. ZECHARIAH

God is the Pierced Victor

God promises total cleansing from sin, total transformation of life, total rescue from enemies, and total remaking of creation—
all through Israel's King and Lord, Jesus!

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