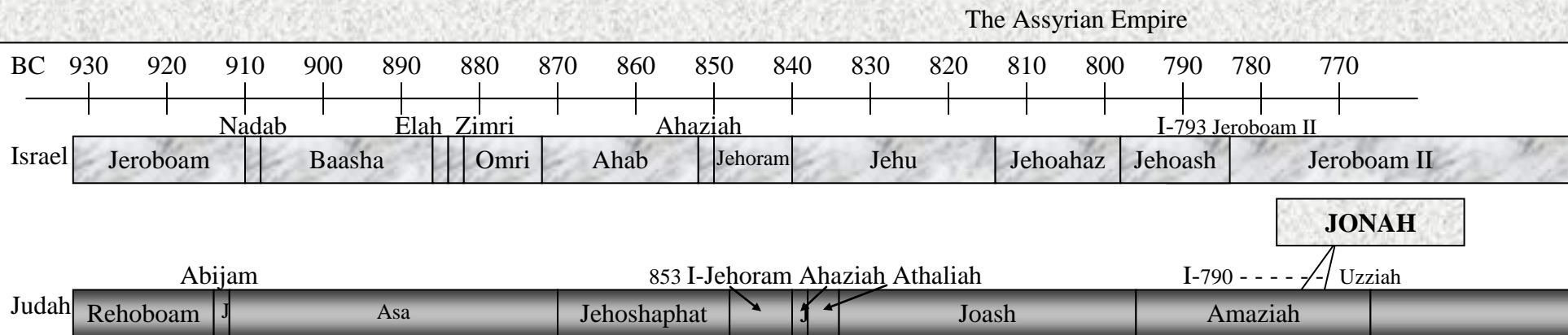


The Writing Prophets



JONAH

OBADIAH

JOEL

Obadiah OBEDomIAH

1:3- "The arrogance of your heart has deceived you,
You who live in the clefts of the rock,"
Given to: Edom; Written for: Judah Date: early preferred
Message: Edom, though secure in the cliffs, will be
completely destroyed for their treatment of Israel. In the
future, all nations will be judged with Israel being exalted.
Purpose: to warn Edom and Judah both.
Themes: God stands by Israel.

Jonah JONinevAH

4:11- "Should I not have compassion on
Ninevah"
Given to: Ninevah; Written for: Israel
Date: reign of Jeroboam II
Message: God cares about all nations.
Purpose: to correct Israel's pride.
Themes: Jonah's rejection of God's view,
God's compassion, response of the
Gentiles.

Joel JOELocust

2:25- "Then I will make up to you for the years
That the swarming locust has eaten,"
Given to: Judah
Date: early preferred
Message: Learn from the locusts, a warning of the
day of the Lord. If you repent, He will make it up
to you. There will be future judgment on all
humanity and blessing on Israel.
Purpose: to warn Judah of future judgment.
Themes: war, locusts, blessing of repentance.

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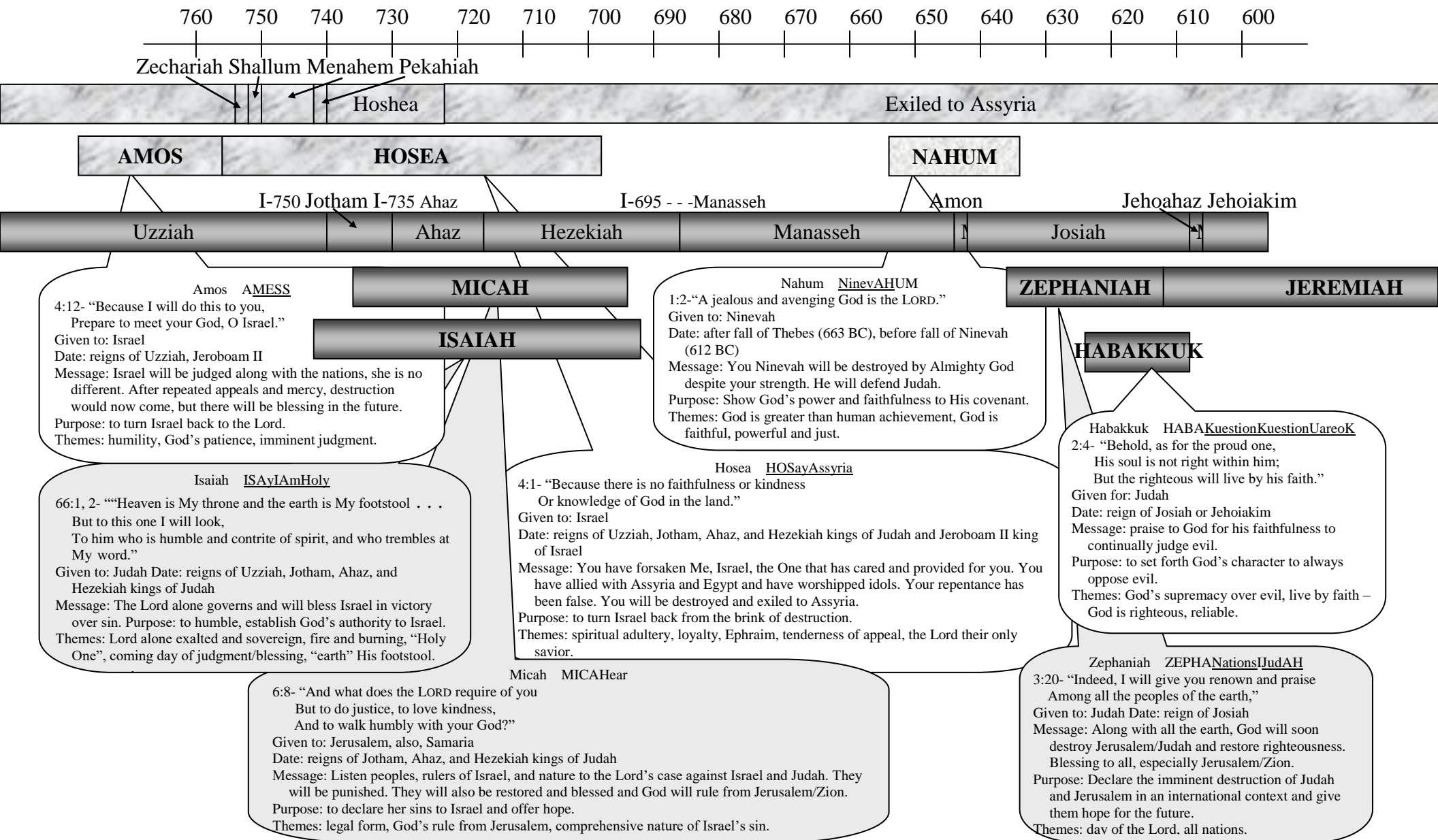
Israel, prophets to Israel

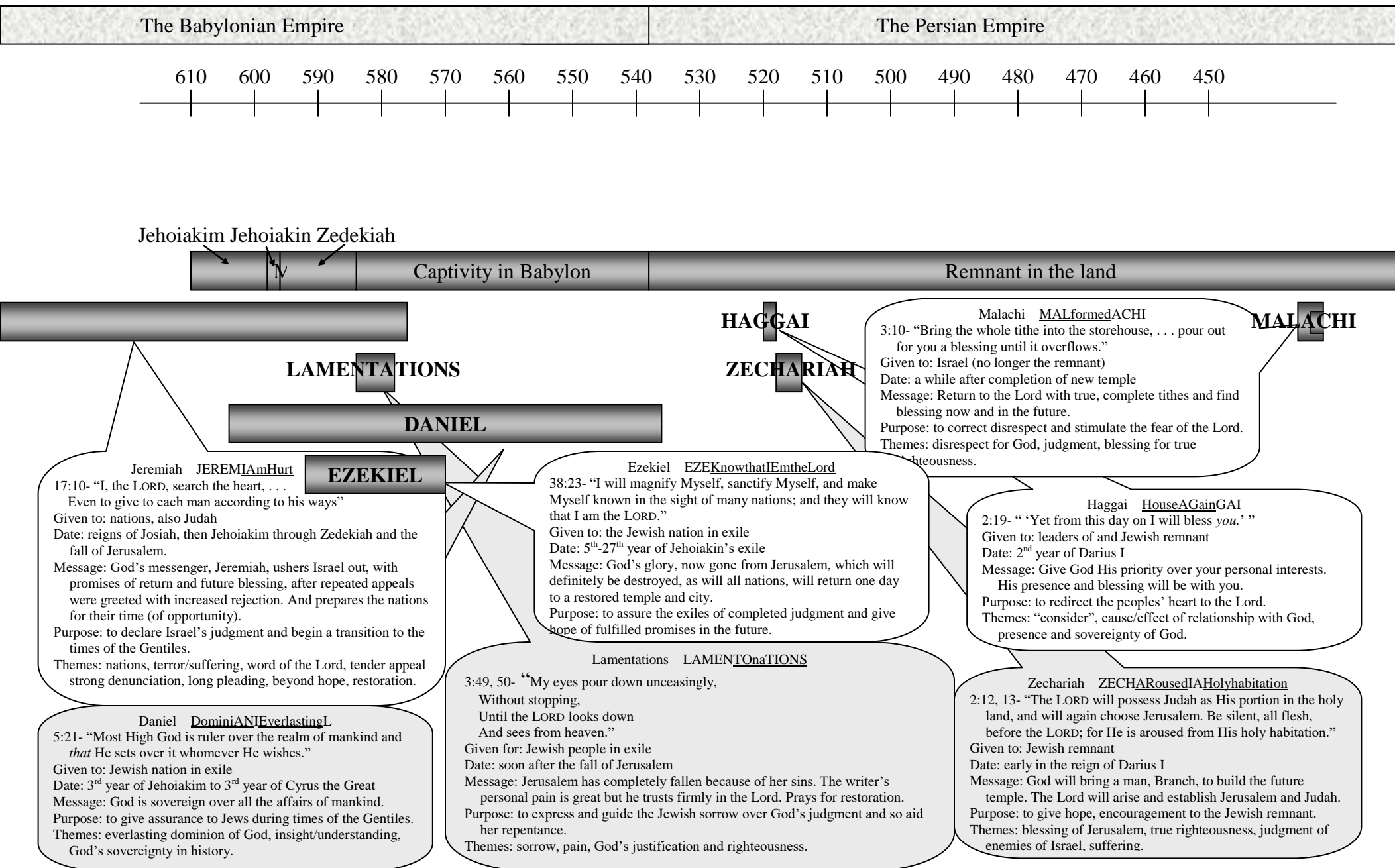


Judah, prophets to Judah



Nations, prophets to the nations





Notes on Writing Prophets Chart

Obadiah- 1:3 Given to: Edom; Written for: Judah Date: early preferred Outline: 1-9 Judgment pronounced 10-14 Reason for judgment 15-21 Future dominance of Israel Message: Edom, though secure in the cliffs, will be completely destroyed for their treatment of Israel. In the future, all nations will be judged with Israel being exalted. Purpose: to warn Edom and Judah both. Themes: God stands by Israel.

Joel- 2:25 Given to: Judah Date: early preferred Outline: 1:1-12 Description of locust plague 13-20 Appeal to repent 2:1-11 Further description of locust plague as demonstration of the day of the Lord 12-17 Appeal to repent 18-27 Blessings possible upon repentance 28-3:21 Future blessing on all righteous and Israel, also judgment on all foes of Israel- “the Lord dwells in Zion” Message: Learn from the locusts, a warning of the day of the Lord. If you repent, He will make it up to you. There will be future judgment on all humanity and blessing on Israel. Purpose: to warn Judah of future judgment. Themes: war, locusts, blessing of repentance.

Amos- 4:12 Given to: Israel Date: reigns of Uzziah, Jeroboam II Outline: 1:1,2 Introduction 3-2:4 Judgments against seven other nations 2:6-4:13 Sins and judgment of Israel 5:1-27 Appeals and judgments 6-9:7 Judgment in various styles 9:8-15 Promise of blessing Message: Israel will be judged along with the nations, she is no different. After repeated appeals and mercy, destruction would now come, but there will be blessing in the future. Purpose: to turn Israel back to the Lord. Themes: humility, God’s patience, imminent judgment.

Hosea- 4:1 Given to: Israel Date: reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah kings of Judah and Jeroboam II king of Israel Outline: 1:1- Introduction 1:2-2:13 Israel’s sin and judgment 14-3:5 Restoration 4:1-19 Charges against Israel chapters 5-7 Israel’s unfaithfulness 8 Judgment 9-14 Alternately appeals, accusations, judgments, some hope Message: You have forsaken Me, Israel, the One that has cared and provided for you. You have allied with Assyria and Egypt and have worshipped idols. Your repentance has been false. You will be destroyed and exiled to Assyria. Purpose: to turn Israel back from the brink of destruction. Themes: spiritual adultery, loyalty, Ephraim, tenderness of appeal, the Lord their only savior.

Jonah- 4:11 Given to: Ninevah; Written for: Israel Date: reign of Jeroboam II Outline: 1:1,2 Introduction 3-16 Jonah flees from God 17-2:10 Jonah saved and repents 3:1-10 Jonah warns Ninevah, they repent 4:1-11 God teaches Jonah Message: God cares about all nations. Purpose: to correct Israel’s pride. Themes: Jonah’s rejection of God’s view, God’s compassion, response of the Gentiles.

Micah- 6:8 Given to: Jerusalem, also, Samaria Date: reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah kings of Judah Outline: 1:1 Introduction 2-2:13 Charges announced before all peoples 3:1-12 Charges announced against religious leaders before political leaders Chapters 4, 5 Future victory and peace for Israel 6:1-7:6 Charges against Israel before nature 7-20 Future compassion, hope Message: Listen peoples, rulers of Israel, and nature to the Lord’s case against Israel and Judah. They will be punished. They will also be restored and blessed and God will rule from Jerusalem/Zion. Purpose: to declare her sins to Israel and offer hope. Themes: legal form, God’s rule from Jerusalem, comprehensive nature of Israel’s sin.

Isaiah- 66:1, 2 Given to: Judah Date: reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah kings of Judah Outline: 1:1 Introduction 2-5:30 Charges/judgment against Judah/Jerusalem 6:1-13 Isaiah commissioned 7:1-12:6 Assyria judges and is judged Chapters 13-23 Nations denounced Chapters 24-35 Judgment and blessing on all the earth Chapters 36-39 Historical of Hezekiah Chapters 40-48 Lord alone the Deliverer of Israel Chapters 49-55 God’s Servant is Israel’s

Deliverer Chapters 56-65 Israel Delivered Message: The Lord alone governs and will bless Israel in victory over sin. Purpose: to humble, establish God's authority to Israel. Themes: Lord alone exalted and sovereign, fire and burning, "Holy One", coming day of judgment/blessing ("in that day" forty times, eighty six in OT), "earth" (104 x's, 693 OT) His footstool.

Nahum- 1:2 Given to: Ninevah Date: after fall of Thebes (663 BC), before fall of Ninevah (612 BC) Outline: 1:1 Introduction 2-11 Sovereign power of the Lord 12-2:2 God's faithfulness to Israel 3-3:7 Description of coming destruction 8-18 Futility of their strength 19 Closing Message: You Ninevah will be destroyed by Almighty God despite your strength. He will defend Judah. Purpose: Show God's power and faithfulness to His covenant. Themes: God is greater than human achievement, God is faithful, powerful and just.

Zephaniah- 3:20 Given to: Judah Date: reign of Josiah Outline: 1:1 Introduction 2-18 Day of the Lord in Jerusalem, Judah and all the earth 2:1-3 Appeal to Judah 4-15 Judgment on nations 3:1-7 Judgment on Jerusalem 8-20 Restoration of Jerusalem/Zion and all the earth Message: Along with all the earth, God will soon destroy Jerusalem/Judah and restore righteousness. Blessing to all, especially Jerusalem/Zion. Purpose: Declare the imminent destruction of Judah and Jerusalem in an international context and give them hope for the future. Themes: day of the Lord, all nations.

Habakkuk- 2:4 Given for: Judah Date: reign of Josiah or Jehoiakim Outline: 1:1 Introduction 2-2:20 Questions about judgment of evil 3:1-15 Praise God for judgment of evil 16-19 Declaration of faith Message: praise to God for his faithfulness to continually judge evil. Purpose: to set forth God's character to always oppose evil. Themes: God's supremacy over evil, live by faith – God is righteous, reliable.

Jeremiah- 17:9, 10 Given to: nations, also Judah Date: reigns of Josiah, then Jehoikim through Zedekiah and the fall of Jerusalem. Outline: Chapter 1 Call of Jeremiah Chapters 2-33 Judgments against Judah/Jerusalem Chapters 34-45 Historical episodes Chapters 46-51 Judgments against nations, especially Babylon (50, 51) Chapter 52 Historical of fall of Jerusalem Message: God's messenger, Jeremiah, ushers Israel out, with promises of return and future blessing, after repeated appeals were greeted with increased rejection. And prepares the nations for their time (of opportunity). Purpose: to declare Israel's judgment and begin a transition to the times of the Gentiles. Themes: nations, terror/suffering, word of the Lord, tender appeal strong denunciation, long pleading, beyond hope, restoration.

Lamentations- 3:49, 50 Given for: Jewish people in exile Date: soon after the fall of Jerusalem Outline: Chapters 1, 2 Description of the fall and the reason for it, confession Chapter 3 Writer's personal experience Chapter 4 More description Chapter 5 Appeal to God for restoration Message: Jerusalem has completely fallen because of her sins. The writer's personal pain is great but he trusts firmly in the Lord. Prays for restoration. Purpose: to express and guide the Jewish sorrow over God's judgment and so aid her repentance. Themes: sorrow, pain, God's justification and righteousness.

Ezekiel- 38:23 Given to: the Jewish nation in exile Date: 5th-27th year of Jehoiakin's exile Outline: Chapters 1-3 Call of Ezekiel, including vision of God's glory Chapters 4-24 Judgment of Jerusalem Chapters 25-32 Judgment of nations, especially Tyre, Egypt Chapters 33-48 Restoration and protection Message: God's glory, now gone from Jerusalem, which will definitely be destroyed, as will all nations, will return one day to a restored temple and city. Purpose: to assure the exiles of completed judgment and give hope of fulfilled promises in the

future. Themes: "know that I am the Lord", Ezekiel as son of man, glory of the Lord, repentance/individual responsibility.

Daniel- 5:21 Given to: Jewish nation in exile Date: 3rd year of Jehoiakim/1st of Nebuchadnezzar to 3rd year of Cyrus the Great Outline: Chapter 1 Daniel/friends tested and delivered Chapters 2, 7 God's sovereignty in world affairs (visions of statue and beasts) Chapters 3, 6 God's sovereignty over affairs of individuals, nature (fire, lions) Chapters 4, 5 God's sovereignty over rulers of nations (humbling of Nebuchadnezzar, removal of Belshazzar) Chapter 8 Daniel's vision of ram and goat (Persia and Greece) Chapter 9 Daniel's prayer of confession, 70 weeks Chapter 10, 11 Prophecy of political events that concern Israel Chapter 12 Prophecy of the end times Message: God is sovereign over all the affairs of mankind. Purpose: to give assurance to Jews during times of the Gentiles. Themes: everlasting dominion of God, insight/understanding, God's sovereignty in history.

Haggai- 2:19 Given to: leaders of and Jewish remnant Date: 2nd year of Darius I Outline: 1:1-15 Rebuilding the temple begins at God's word 2:1-9 God's word encourages 10-19 Change recognized and blessing promised 20-23 Zerubbabel approved Message: Give God His priority over your personal interests. His presence and blessing will be with you. Purpose: to redirect the peoples' heart to the Lord. Themes: "consider", cause/effect of relationship with God, presence and sovereignty of God.

Zechariah- 2:12, 13 Given to: Jewish remnant Date: early in the reign of Darius I Outline: 1:1-6 Repentance urged 7-6:15 Eight part vision of blessing Chapters 7, 8 reminder to be righteous with promised blessing Chapters 9-14 Future glory, blessing, deliverance Message: God will bring a man, Branch, to build the future temple. The Lord will arise and establish Jerusalem and Judah. Purpose: to give hope, encouragement to the Jewish remnant. Themes: blessing of Jerusalem, true righteousness, judgment of enemies of Israel, suffering.

Malachi- 3:10 Given to: Israel (no longer the remnant) Date: a while after completion of new temple Outline: 1:1 Introduction 2-6 God's love/choice of Israel 6-2:9 Priests disregard for temple sacrifices 10-16 Marriage treachery 17-3:15 Blessing promised for justice 3:16-4:6 Coming day of the Lord Message: Return to the Lord with true, complete tithes and find blessing now and in the future. Purpose: to correct disrespect and stimulate the fear of the Lord. Themes: disrespect for God, judgment, blessing for true righteousness.