

The Prophets of the Old Testament

We want more than sound bites
from Jeremiah, which is how
most use it, for they know
little of its history.

So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

Nehemiah 8:8

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a
workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.

II Timothy 2:15

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- The Old Testament ends with 17 books we call *The Prophets*.
- They confuse and intimidate most Christians due to ignorance.
- Do you know them by name? ... in order? ... do your children?
- They are 26% of your Bible ... (17 out of a total of 66 books).
- They are 21% of your Bible ... (250 out of a total 1189 chapters).

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto
them that put their trust in him.

Proverbs 30:5

And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written,
That man shall not live by bread alone, but by
every word of God.

Luke 4:4

Do these two verses about every word of God apply to the last 17 books of the Old Testament?

Prophet = Divine Messenger

Prophet = Ambassador of Heaven

Prophet = Revealer of God

Prophet = Man of God

Prophet = Warning Watchman

Prophet = Barking Watchdog

Therefore, they speak on behalf of God, often in the first person for God, as Jeremiah 2:2, about 150 times stated in the book.

Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying,
Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the
kindness of thy youth, the love of thine
espousals, when thou wentest after me in the
wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

Jeremiah 2:2

They Warned Repeatedly of God's Judgment

- God is fair and merciful – He sent warnings over and over again.
- But Israel rarely listened; they rejected message and messenger.
- So God justly and righteously afflicted them with horrible pain.
- Eventually He gave them up as captive slaves into foreign lands.
- He brought back Jews from Babylon for His Name ... His Son ... you!

These Men Wrote Books for Your Profit

- God sent these special men with special messages to His church.
- You should learn them and love them for their particular value.
- They were not politically correct – they blasted sin like no others.
- They have some of the Bible's most dramatic, graphic language.
- Their praise of God and promises of good are second to none.

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Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

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Hosea

Joel

Amos

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Jonah

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Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

Haggai

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Malachi

Major vs. Minor does not mean anything about value of a book, but rather the size of the books.

God chose Jewish scribes to keep
the Old Testament: they call
the minors *The Twelve*.

The books are in time order ...
within the two categories ...
also distinguishing them.

For example, Jeremiah and Nahum are contemporaries, the second and seventh in their list.

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The time of each prophet shows
that most (9) minor prophets
were well before Daniel.

The Spirit used *former* prophets
by Zechariah (1:4; 7:7,12) for
those before and after
Jerusalem's fall.

This label – *former prophets* – is
important when deciphering
Matthew 27:9.

Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by
Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the
thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that
was valued, whom they of the children of
Israel did value;

Matthew 27:9

These words about the price
Judas got for Jesus are not
found at all in Jeremiah!

They are found in Zechariah,
who referred to the preaching of
the *former prophets* three times!

The main tool of this study is a timeline to reconcile kings and events of Judah, Israel, and their enemies with the 16 prophets.

A Corrected Timeline of the O.T. Prophets

- We mainly use Martin Anstey (1913) and Philip Mauro (1859-1952).
- They trusted the Bible over outside sources like pagan Ptolemy.
- They made the Bible fit the Bible with laborious efforts and zeal.
- They put Cyrus where God put him, unlike other chronologers.
- Study Bible dates make the Persian Empire 82 years too long.

Ptolemy's error of 82 years has been incorporated into all other Bible chronologies forcing the rejection of Cyrus as God's man.

They corrupt Daniel 9:24-27 and
his prophecy of 70 weeks and
then they neglect the value
of Cyrus in Isaiah 44-45.

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

Daniel 9:25

That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Isaiah 44:28

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,

II Chronicles 36:22

Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

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Ezra 1:1

2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3 Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem....

Ezra 1:2-3

We Reject with Disdain:

1. Any start date other than Cyrus.
2. Any 483-year event but baptism.
3. Any gap of any kind/length at all.
4. Any mid-70th event but Calvary.
5. Any male subject but Jesus Christ.

We thank God for tying the OT to the NT ... the history of Israel and the 17 prophets, even Jeremiah, to Jesus ... by 70 weeks of Daniel.

Timeline of 70 Weeks



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457 BC

33 AD

408 BC

26 AD



Timeline of 7 Weeks

Decree of Cyrus to
Rebuild Jerusalem

Jerusalem the City
Finally Finished



“Troublous Times”

Zerubbabel ... Ezra ... Haggai ... Zechariah ... Nehemiah

Timeline of 62 Weeks

Jerusalem the City
Finally Finished

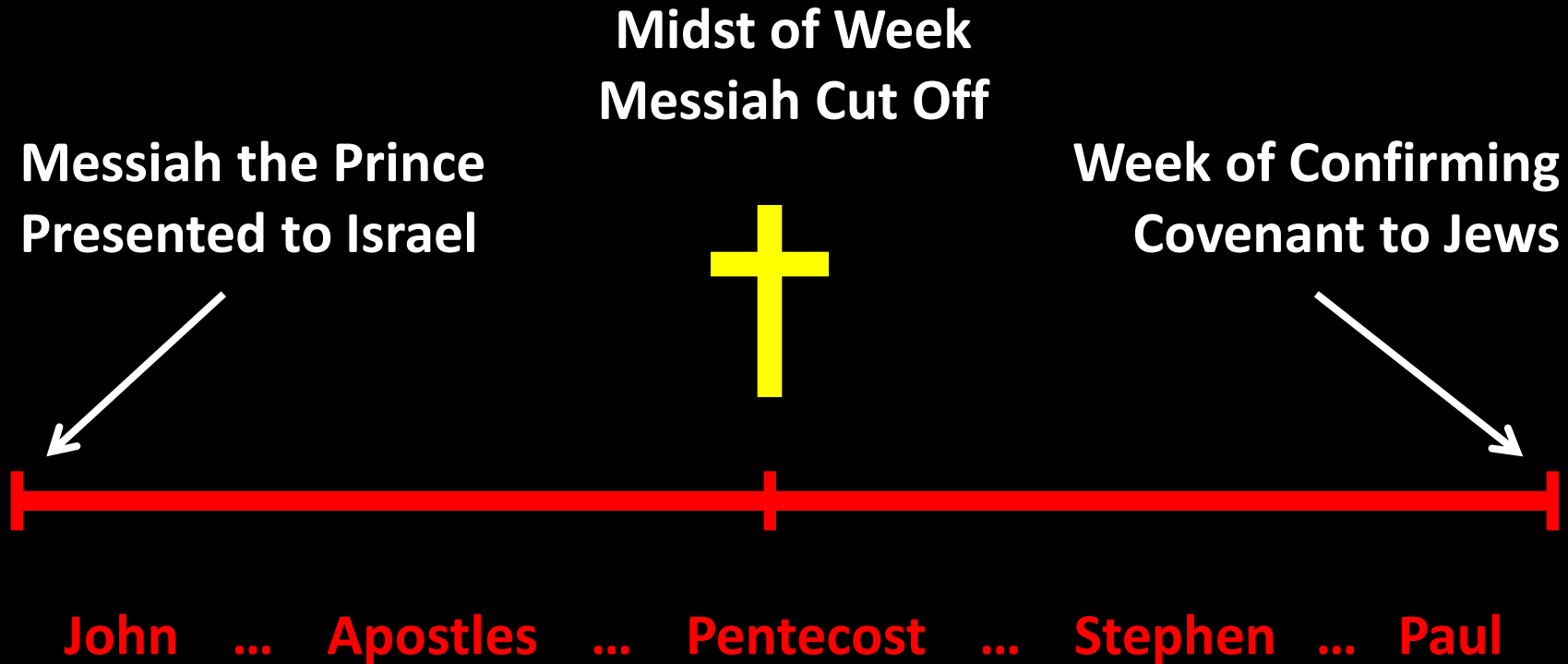
Messiah the Prince
Presented to Israel



Jesus born in 5 BC

Malachi ... Alexander ... Antiochus ... Maccabees ... Augustus ... Herod

Timeline of 70th Week



Pastor, have you got off track
bringing up Daniel's 70-weeks
with Jeremiah on our minds?

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans;

2 In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.

Daniel 9:1-2

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.

Jeremiah 25:11-12

We also thank God for tying the chronology of Judah's kings and prophets to the chronology of the kings of Babylon.

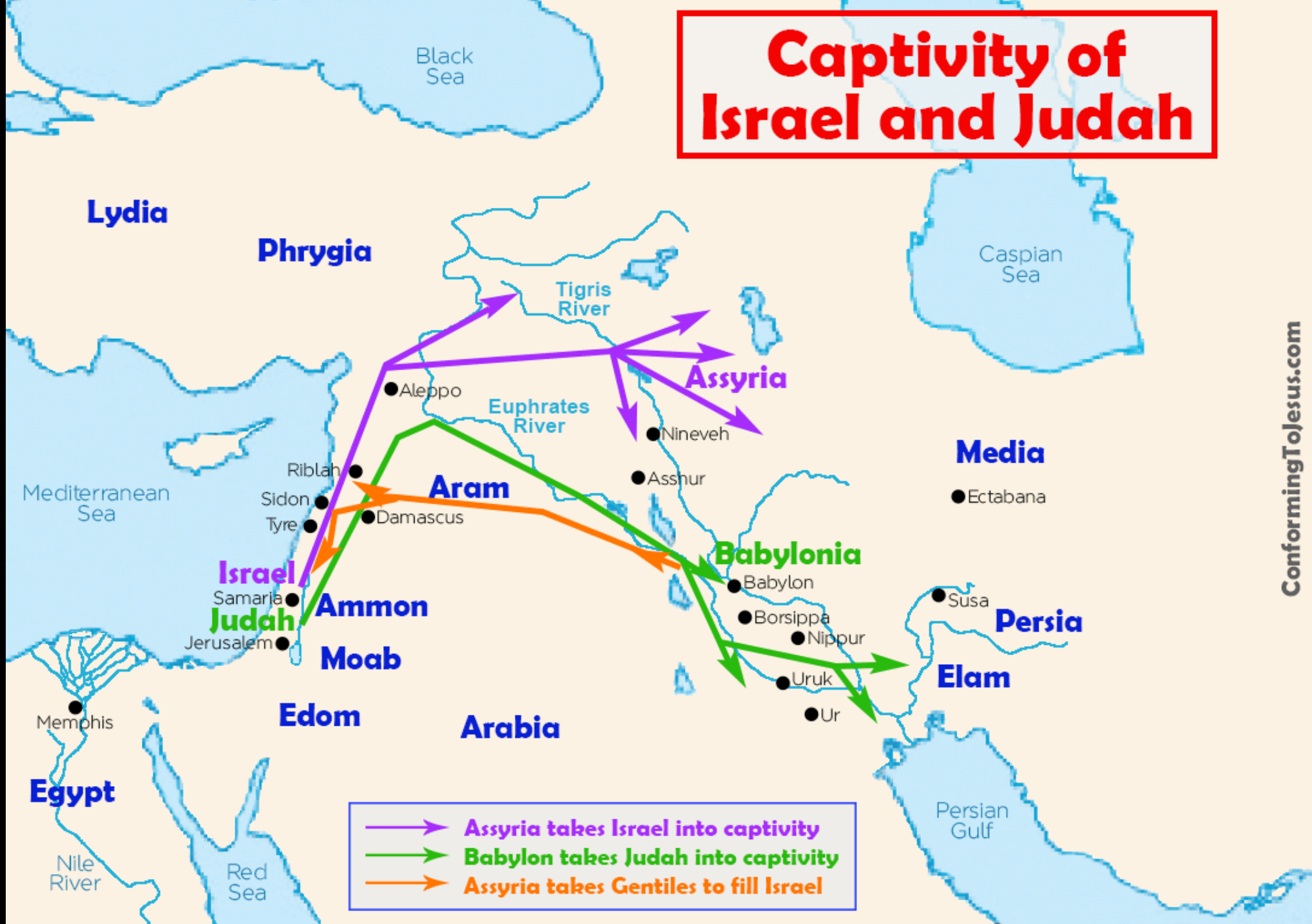
The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;

Jeremiah 25:1

Knowing maps of nations at that time will help understand Jeremiah and his prophecies using names and directions.



Captivity of Israel and Judah



Let's use a timeline to tie
Jeremiah and prophets to major
O.T. events and the greater
N.T. events of Messiah.

Principle Dates, Kings, and Events of the Old Testament Prophets

1. For us to fully appreciate the book of Isaiah in its historical context and by contemporary prophets, this study is needed.
2. The Old Testament concludes with 17 prophetic books by 16 prophets, containing 250 chapters or 21% of the Bible.
3. Most Bible readers have little understanding of the historical context and relationship of these prophets to each other.
4. They may know a few verses in Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel and/or the books of Jonah and Malachi and little more.
5. Prophet = divine messenger = revealer of God and His will = man of God = warning watchman = barking watchdog.
6. The 17 prophetic books were divided by the Jews and thus the placement in your Bible into Major and Minor prophets.
7. The five Major Prophets are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel – five books written by four prophets.
8. The twelve Minor Prophets are the last twelve books of the Old Testament – twelve books written by twelve prophets.
9. The common, simple distinction of Major and Minor refers only to their size, not of inspiration or importance at all.
10. The Major Prophets have 183 chapters, and the Minor Prophets have 67 chapters, totaling 250, close to the N.T. 260.
11. The Jews set the prophets into two categories, and God preserved these groups, with each group in its own time order.
12. Thus, the prophets Isaiah and Hosea are precise contemporaries (Is 1:1; Hos 1:1), though one Major and one Minor.
13. The Holy Spirit by Zechariah identified *former* prophets based on Jerusalem's capture (Zech 1:4; 7:7,12; II Chron 24:19-20; 36:15-16; Neh 9:26-38; Isaiah 30:8-14; Jer 6:9-19; 13:17-19; 25:1-11; 44:1-6; Matt 27:9 cp Zech 11:12-13).
14. In the chronological table following, we trust the work of Martin Anstey (chronology published 1913) and Philip Mauro (1859-1952). To them we add J.A. Moorman (currently living) but not Floyd Nolen Jones (currently living).
15. Most chronologers, study Bibles, and pastors trust the pagan astrologist Ptolemy over the inspired prophets Daniel and Isaiah, but some good men exposed Ptolemy's errors e.g. Ernest L. Martin (1998) and Robert R. Newton (1977).
16. Due to lack of records, six centuries after the Persian Empire Ptolemy estimated it to be 82 years longer than it was.
17. Ptolemy's error, extending Persia's Empire, forces interpreters to reject Cyrus's decree to start the 70-weeks prophecy, though John Calvin and Matthew Henry in their commentaries on the whole Bible knew the decree of Cyrus to be it.
18. We reject with disdain any starting point other than Cyrus, any 69th week event other than our Lord's baptism, and any mid-70th week event other than our Lord's death. Of course, Dispensationalists flunk all three measures of integrity.
19. Significant events prompted the first wave of prophets – Assyria (Nineveh) taking Israel – Assyria besieging Jerusalem and being destroyed by God's angel – Assyria pounding all the nations around Judah – and the rise of mighty Babylon.
20. Significant events prompted a second wave of prophets – fall of Assyria and destruction of Nineveh – Babylon taking captives and destroying Jerusalem – 70 years captivity of Daniel and others in Babylon – restored to the land by Cyrus.
21. Significant events prompted a third wave of prophets – difficulties and enemies getting the city and temple rebuilt as recorded in Ezra and Nehemiah – national wickedness again rebuked by Malachi as the O.T. closes around 400 B.C.

| Bible Date | Judah King | Israel King | Bible Event | Foreign King | Major Prophet | Minor Prophet |
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| 529 B.C. | Jehoahaz | | | | Jeremiah | |
| 529 B.C. | Jehoiakim | | | | Jeremiah | |
| 526 B.C. | | | To Babylon (70) | Nebuchadnezzar | Jeremiah; Daniel | |
| 518 B.C. | Jehoiachin | | | | Jeremiah; Daniel | |
| 518 B.C. | Zedekiah | | | | Jeremiah; Ezekiel; Daniel | |
| 507 B.C. | | | End of Judah | | Jeremiah; Lam; Ezekiel; Daniel | |
| 457 B.C. | Zerubbabel | | From Babylon (70) | Cyrus | Daniel | |
| 442 B.C. | | | | Darius | | Haggai; Zechariah |
| 423 B.C. | Nehemiah | | | | | |
| 408 B.C. | | | Temple/City Rebuilt | | | Malachi |
| 331 B.C. | | | | Alexander | | |
| 30 B.C. | | | | Augustus | | |
| 5 B.C. | | | Jesus Born | | Angelic Announcements | |
| 26 A.D. | | | Jesus Baptized | | John the Baptist & Jesus | |
| 30 A.D. | | | Jesus Crucified | | Apostles of Jesus | |
| 70 A.D. | | | Jerusalem Destroyed | | Sure Word of Prophecy | |

Notes for Table Above

A.D. = dating for years by Dionysius Exiguus in 525 to replace AM; used by all after England's Bede in 731; it is 4 or more years late for Jesus' birth.

Ahaz = a terrible king of Judah; Hezekiah's father; he closed the temple, built altars to idols, burned his children; Judah was judged by Israel and Syria.

Alexander = the great, of Greece; referred to in six Bible chapters (Dan 2,7,8,10,11; Ezek 26); ended Persian empire, merciful to Jews; taught 8/4/10.

Amos = prophet to Israel the ten tribes; early while Jeroboam II lived (Am 1:1); herdsman/ fruit-gatherer; foretold Acts 15 conversions; cursed Amaziah.

Augustus = Octavian, adopted by Julius Caesar, defeated the Greeks (Ptolemies) of Marc Antony and Cleopatra; first emperor of Rome; see Luke 2:1.

Bible Date = true B.C. dates by Philip Mauro and Martin Anstey correcting Ptolemy's 82-year error that corrupts all other O.T. Bible dating systems.

Cyrus = of Persia took Babylon with Darius the Mede; Isaiah wrote of him by name 150+ years before his birth; he issued decree to rebuild Jerusalem.

Daniel = major prophet by size (357/197/211); first captives in Babylon; great prophecies of the world; Jesus pushed (Matt 24:15); taught 6/4/14, etc.

Darius = the Persian Empire had several; the one listed is Darius Hystaspes, who in the Bible is Darius the Persian, Ahasuerus (Esther), and Artaxerxes.

Ezekiel = major prophet in Babylon; prophesied before Daniel, thus his position (Ezek 1:1-2; Dan 7:1, etc.); graphic spiritual adultery; last ten obscure.

Earthquake = was referenced by Amos in his opening (Amos 1:1), which made it early in the reign of Uzziah while Jeroboam II lived (Zech 14:5).

Foreign King = the Bible names a few kings of foreign nations; those included are well known; they are Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian, Greek, Roman.

Habakkuk = prophet before fall of Jerusalem (Hab 1:5-11; Zep 1:1); exchange with God about His sovereign power; ends gloriously; taught 6/17/07.

Haggai = prophet of third wave to rebuild (Ezra 4:24; 5:1-2; 6:14-15); Darius the Persian is Ahasuerus; practical lessons; glory of Jesus; taught 7/15/15.

Hezekiah = a great king; at 25 started revival; greatly blessed; faced Sennacherib; fatal illness; failed with ambassadors; son Manasseh; taught 4/4/18.

Hosea = prophet to Israel – the ten tribes (Hos 1:4-5; 14:1-8). He may have been first to prophesy. He married an adulteress to illustrate Israel's sins.

Interregnum = interval without successor to throne; notice one for 22 years between Jeroboam II and Zachariah; common in nations and in the Bible.

Isaiah = major prophet to Judah and Jerusalem; in N.T. Esaias. Little known, but his ministry was under Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (Is 1:1).

Israel King = the kings of the ten tribes after Rehoboam caused a civil war; Jeroboam I son of Nebat gave them two golden calves for religious identity.

Jeroboam II = the second Jeroboam ruling Israel; this one was son of Joash king of Israel; the other Jeroboam was son of Nebat, Rehoboam's nemesis.

Jeremiah = major prophet of second wave (Jer 1:1-3); more verses than Isaiah; historical about Judah and Babylon; political intrigue; 70-year prophecy.

Joel = prophet to Judah (Joel 1:9,13-14); before Amos; ravaging locusts, repentance for mercy, foretold Pentecost, 70 A.D., and vengeance on enemies.

Jonah = prophet to Nineveh; early (II Kgs 14:25); rebellious, hateful prophet; practical mercy only; God destroyed city later. Taught 9/9/18 & 3/25/12.

Jotham = a good king, but not great, for 16 years; the record states he did not sin like his father Uzziah to presume on the priests; people were corrupt.

Judah King = the Davidic ruler after the nation split due to Rehoboam's folly, only Benjamin stayed with Judah; the other ten tribes are called Israel.

Major Prophet = a distinction started by the Jewish scribes and kept in our English Bibles – the five largest prophets are put first among the prophets.

Malachi = last of third wave, then 400 years silence; recovered Jews sinned again; compare Nehemiah 13; foretold John, Jesus, 70 A.D.; taught 2/9/14.

Micah = prophet of the latter part of Isaiah and Hosea's ministries (Mic 1:1); last of first wave; to both Israel and Judah; named Bethlehem for Jesus.

Minor Prophet = a distinction started by Jewish scribes and kept in our English Bibles – the twelve smallest prophets are put last among the prophets.

Lamentations = major prophet; epilogue to Jeremiah, after fall of Jerusalem (Lam 1:1-8); he detailed the horror due to Judah's sins and God's rights.

Nahum = prophet foretold detailed fall of Nineveh (Nah 1:1; 2:8; 3:7); first chapter glorious terms; ruins of Nineveh found about 1850; taught 7/15/07.

Obadiah = prophet against Edom; shortest O.T. book; early by position/content (Is 34:5-8; 63:1-6; Joel 3:19; Amos 1:11; II Chr 28:17); taught 3/13/05.

Uzziah = a good king, but not great one, for 52 years; prospered by God's blessings, but he proudly presumed on the office of priest; he died a leper.

Zachariah = prophet of third wave to rebuild (Ezra 4:24; 5:1-2; 6:14-15); Darius the Persian is Ahasuerus; obscure visions; many prophecies of N.T.

Zephaniah = prophet about 25 years before fall of Jerusalem (Zep 1:1); great-great-grandson of Hezekiah; he foretold ruin of neighbors; taught 1/22/06.

For Further Study

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| 518 B.C. | Zedekiah | | | | Jeremiah; Ezekiel; Daniel | |
| 507 B.C. | | | End of Judah | | Jeremiah; Lam; Ezekiel; Daniel | |
| 457 B.C. | Zerubbabel | | From Babylon (70) | Cyrus | Daniel | |
| 442 B.C. | | | | Darius | | Haggai; Zechariah |
| 423 B.C. | Nehemiah | | | | | |
| 408 B.C. | | | Temple/City Rebuilt | | | Malachi |
| 331 B.C. | | | | Alexander | | |
| 30 B.C. | | | | Augustus | | |
| 5 B.C. | | | Jesus Born | | Angelic Announcements | |
| 26 A.D. | | | Jesus Baptized | | John the Baptist & Jesus | |
| 30 A.D. | | | Jesus Crucified | | Apostles of Jesus | |
| 70 A.D. | | | Jerusalem Destroyed | | Sure Word of Prophecy | |

Did you see four waves of prophets, if you will allow your pastor to give you yet another helpful measure?

Four Waves of Prophets:

1. Isaiah-Micah before fall of Israel.
2. Jer-Zep before fall of Jerusalem.
3. Hag-Mal after back from Babylon.
4. Angels-Revelation last prophecies.

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is a fantastic place to sit down,
put your feet up, and feast on
the words of the living God.



ISAIAH

- The largest book (bigger than twelve minors) with 66 chapters.
- It has 39 chapters of mostly warnings + 27 of mostly blessings.
- It is favorite of the 17 of most with glorious language throughout.
- Do you have a favorite in each decade? ... 6? ... 26? ... 40? ... 53?
- You are mentioned many times in this prophecy ... *Hallelujah!*

JEREMIAH

- The largest book by verses (1364/1292 verses) with 52 chapters.
- He is second wave and very historical about Judah and Babylon.
- It includes much political intrigue of final days of the kingdom.
- It includes God's mercy to Jeremiah through Nebuchadnezzar.
- It has the 70-year prophecy Daniel found and added 70-weeks!

LAMENTATIONS

- The shortest major (epilogue for Jeremiah) with only 5 chapters.
- It is what its title declares – Jeremiah lamenting Jerusalem’s ruin.
- He details the horrible overthrow and the present circumstances.
- He blames the true culprits – not the Babylonians but sinful Jews.
- Learn what God can and will do to His own – when they disobey.

EZEKIEL

- The most difficult of the major prophets with 48 long chapters.
- Ezekiel was among the captives, thus had a unique perspective.
- Though distressing in Babylon, Ezekiel has Messianic promises.
- Ezekiel blasts hypocritical religion as graphic spiritual adultery.
- His last ten chapters or so are difficult and metaphorical of us.

DANIEL

- Daniel is a major prophet by many more verses than the minors.
- Daniel has six chapters of stories and six chapters of prophecies.
- He was in the first captives taken to start the 70-years captivity.
- His prophecies are precious from Babylon to 70 A.D. desolation.
- He saw world history of 2500 years in advance right down to us.

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HOSEA

- The longest of the minors with 14 chapters along with Zechariah.
- He prophesied very early at the same time as Isaiah's ministry.
- He ministered to Israel – the ten tribes – as Isaiah was in Judah.
- He prophesied Israel's ruin but held out hope of future recovery.
- He illustrated God's judgment and love by marrying a whore!

JOEL

- A true minor in size, Joel has only three chapters of his ministry.
- He was early with Isaiah and Hosea by placement and Amos 1:1.
- He warned of Judah's judgment by locusts and then a recovery.
- He prophesied a great recovery and the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- His third chapter includes vengeance on all the Jews' enemies.

AMOS

- Amos has nine chapters about Israel along with Isaiah and Hosea.
- He was a simple herdsman and fruit-gatherer, but a man of God.
- He starts by blasting all nations that partook in afflicting Israel.
- He lists Israel's various sins and God's efforts they have rejected.
- He is opposed by a priest (Amaziah) but foretold his judgment.

OBADIAH

- This is the shortest book in the Old Testament – only 21 verses.
- What a name! Obadiah! *Servant of the LORD!* Read and rejoice!
- He blasts Edom – the neighbor descendants of the hated Esau.
- He lists Edom's sins, loving Judah's chastening. Learn for Jeremy.
- He promises God's vengeance on them. Learn vengeance is His!

JONAH

- This book reveals God's ordinary kindness and a wild prophet.
- When God calls you to do a thing, do not run away to Tarshish.
- Jonah was an early prophet (II Kgs 14:25), but not only to Israel.
- The great city of Nineveh was capital of Assyria. See also Nahum.
- God's practical mercy is that. He crushed Nineveh 160 years later.

MICAH

- Micah is last of early prophets (Isaiah, Hosea) with 7 chapters.
- His ministry is dated very similarly to Isaiah and Hosea (Mic 1:1).
- He preached to both Judah and Israel, an unusual dual ministry.
- He promised judgment on both but a remnant would be saved.
- Micah foretold the village where Jesus was born – Bethlehem.

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NAHUM

- Nahum is second wave with his three chapters against Nineveh.
- Nineveh was capital of Assyria – a terrible enemy of both nations.
- His opening chapter is a glorious blast about God's vengeance.
- The ruins of this great city were not found until the last 150 yrs.
- Nahum detailed total destruction by a Babylonian confederation.

HABAKKUK

- Habakkuk has three chapters asking God about His judgment.
- He summarizes Isaiah and Jeremiah about Judah and Babylon.
- He saw Judah's sin, but did not understand God using Chaldeans
- God responded by blasting Babylon for their sins and their ruin.
- Habakkuk prays and sings of his trust in God's sovereign ways.

ZEPHANIAH

- Zephaniah, great-great grandson of Hezekiah, wrote 3 chapters.
- He preached against Judah about 25 yrs. before Nebuchadnezzar.
- He warned and threatened them to repent before destruction.
- He foretold the ruin of neighboring nations to get Judah's heart.
- As we see many times, he concluded with hope for the future.

Haggai

- One of three prophets of the third wave; he wrote 2 chapters.
- God sent him and Zechariah to help rebuilding (Ezra 5:1; 6:14).
- He told the Jews to consider their finances due to their priorities.
- He said the second temple would be more glorious by Messiah.
- He warned them that good conduct does not cover bad conduct.

Zechariah

- One of three prophets of the third wave; he wrote 14 chapters.
- God sent him and Haggai to help the rebuilding (Ezra 5:1; 6:14).
- A much larger book than Haggai, it has many prophecies of Jesus.
- He has a number of obscure visions of events in Israel's future.
- Do you remember the recent explanation of fasts = feasts? Here!

Malachi

- The last prophet of the third wave and O.T. then 400 yrs. silence.
- Ezra and Nehemiah purified the people, but they backslid again.
- Backslid in faith, worship, priests, marriages, evil, giving, etc., etc.
- Malachi has two prophecies of John the Baptist before our Lord.
- This prophet and the O.T. ends with a threatened curse of 70 A.D.

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Despise not prophesyings.

I Thessalonians 5:20

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

II Peter 1:19

For Further Study

**** Chronology Table and Notes of O.T. Prophets ****

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Check many links for further study at the end of this document.

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