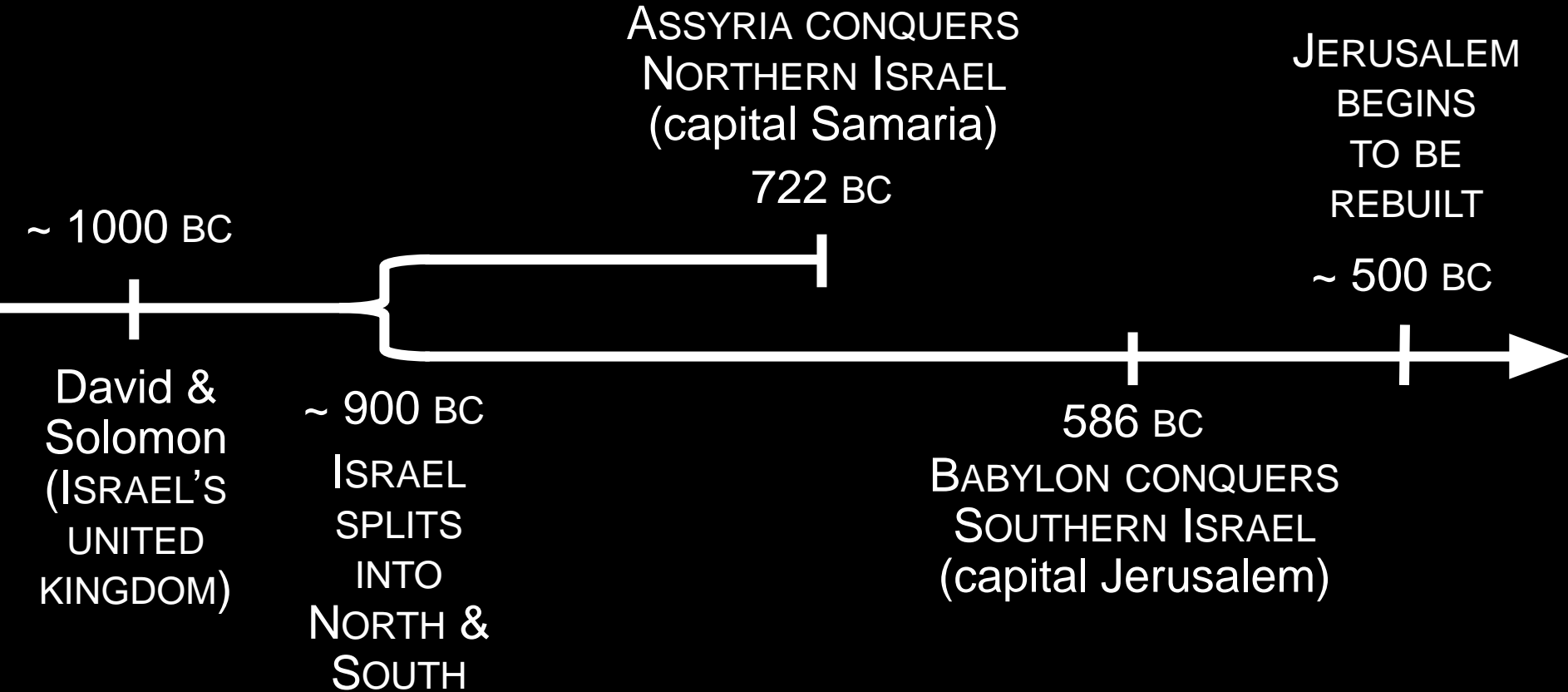


THE BOOK

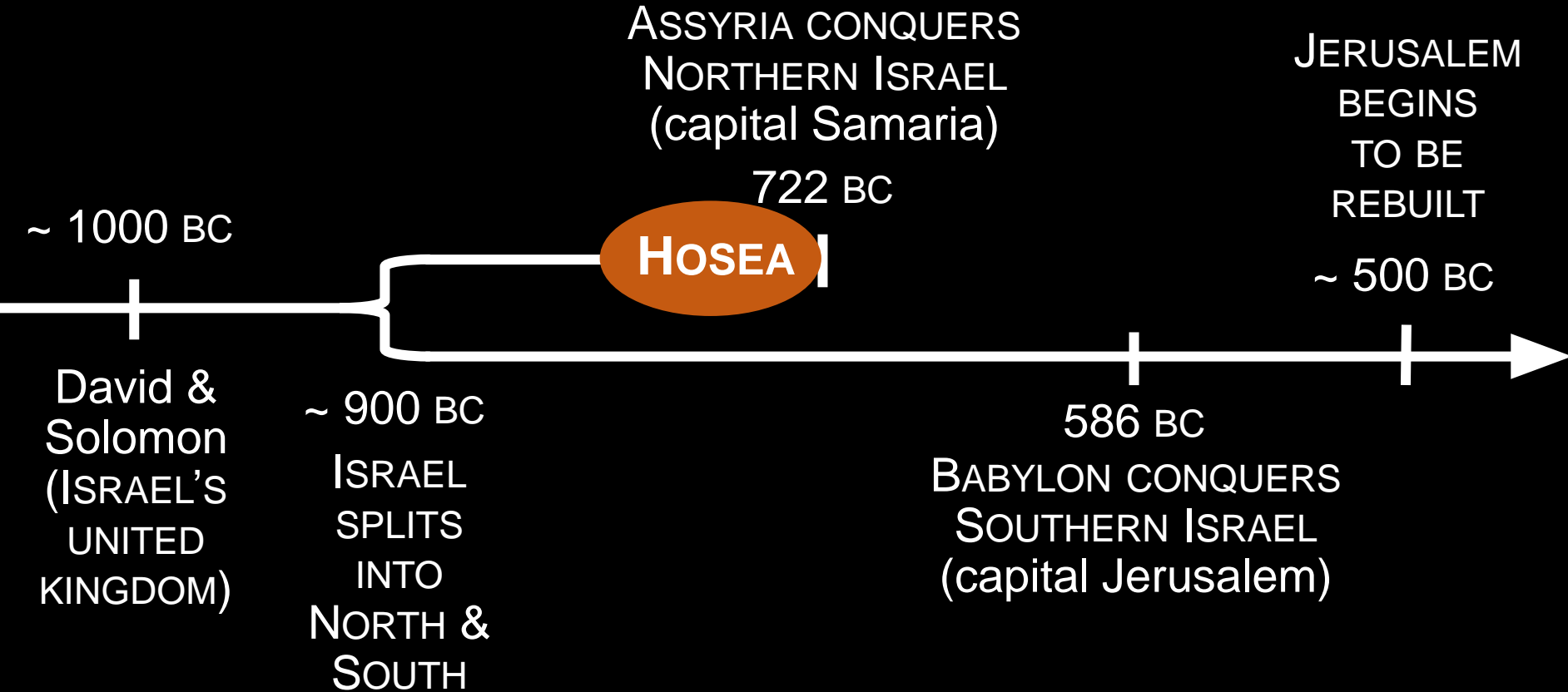
of the
TWELVE

(aka The Minor Prophets)

Israel's (Very Basic) History



Israel's (Very Basic) History



SCRIPTURE READING: HOSEA

- Israel has repeatedly broken their covenant with the Lord (chapters 1-3).
- God's judgment is coming (chapters 4-9).
- God's judgment will be severe but not the final chapter (chapters 10-13).

SCRIPTURE READING: HOSEA

- Israel has repeatedly broken their covenant with the Lord (chapters 1-3).
 - God's judgment is coming (chapters 4-9).
 - God's judgment will be severe but not the final chapter (chapters 10-13).
 - God's judgment should lead to repentance (chapter 14).
-

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.

HOW SIGNIFICANT IS HOSEA?

1. Jealous, covenant-keeping love is at the heart of reality and history.

“The gospel sounds the voice of our Husband who has proven his love for us and who calls for our undivided love in return. The gospel reveals that, as we look out into the universe, ultimate reality is not cold, dark, blank space; ultimate reality is romance. There is a God above with love in his eyes for us and infinite joy to offer us, and he has set himself upon winning our hearts for himself alone. The gospel tells the story of God's pursuing, faithful, wounded, angry, overruling, transforming, triumphant *love*. And it calls us to answer him with a love which cleanses our lives of all spiritual whoredom.”

— Ray Ortlund, *God's Unfaithful Wife*

HOW SIGNIFICANT IS HOSEA?

1. Jealous, covenant-keeping love is at the heart of reality and history.
2. Jealous, covenant-keeping love is at the heart of marriage.

Marriage is covenant relationship in which one man and one woman publicly promise each other their exclusive, lifelong, whole-person love, and thereby establish a new family in the community.

— *based on Genesis 2:24*

HOW SIGNIFICANT IS HOSEA?

1. Jealous, covenant-keeping love is at the heart of reality and history.
2. Jealous, covenant-keeping love is at the heart of marriage.
3. Jealous, covenant-keeping love should be at the heart of your life.

“Go again, love a woman who is...an adultress.”

— *Hosea 3:1*