

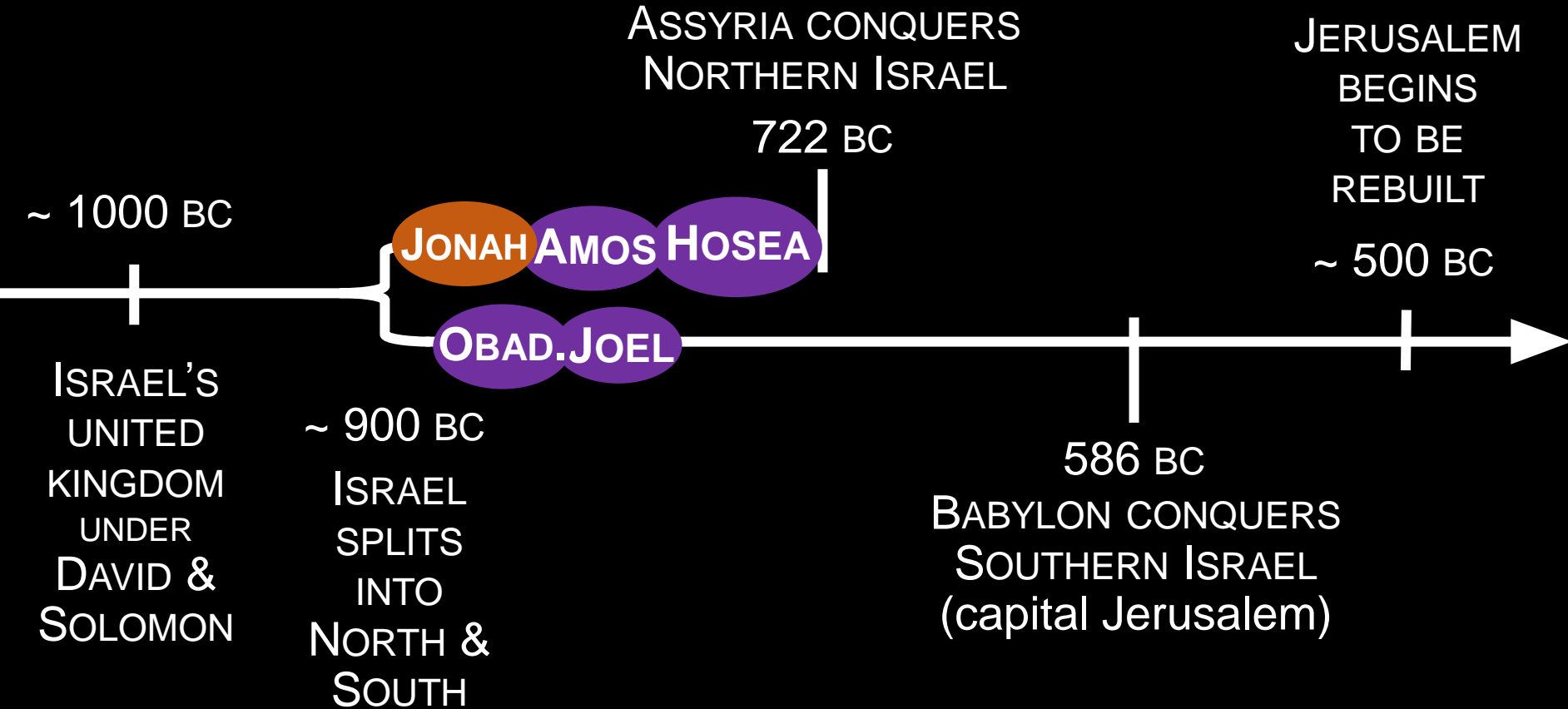
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*(aka The Minor Prophets)*

# Israel's (Very Basic) History



*Scripture Reading*

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JONAH

## THE MAIN POINT OF JONAH

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

“I knew that you are a...compassionate God, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. You are eager to turn back from destroying people.”

— Jonah 4:2 *NLT*

## *What do we learn from Jonah?*

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1. God wants to confront our rebellion (Jonah) and graciously bring us to live in alignment with his will.
2. God wants the wicked world (Nineveh) to repent so he can graciously avert his judgment on them.
3. God's ultimate desire for all of human history is to put on display the wonders of his grace!

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— Jesus in Matthew 12:41

## NEGATIVE COMPARISONS

# *Jesus is Greater than Jonah*

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1. Jonah disobeyed God; Jesus perfectly obeyed God.
2. Jonah calmed the sea by appeasing the sovereign God; Jesus calmed it by speaking as the sovereign God.
3. Jonah wanted the Ninevites to be judged; Jesus wanted the nations to be saved.
4. In his moment of darkest depression, Jonah wanted God to take his life; in his moment of deepest grief, Jesus willingly submitted his life to God.

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In prejudicial pride, Jonah disobeyed God's commission, eventually asking for God to take his life rather than save others.

In unselfish humility, Jesus obeyed God's commission, eventually offering to God his life as a sacrifice in order to save others.



POSITIVE COMPARISONS

*Jesus is Greater than Jonah*

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5. Jonah was commissioned to leave Israel for Nineveh; Jesus, God the Son, to leave heaven for earth.
6. Jonah proclaimed God's coming judgment; so did Jesus. Yet Jesus also took God's judgment on himself.
7. Jonah was "buried" for three days in the fish; Jesus for three days in the tomb.
8. After Jonah "rose," the Ninevites were rescued from judgment; after Jesus rose, people from every nation have been (and will be) rescued from judgment.

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