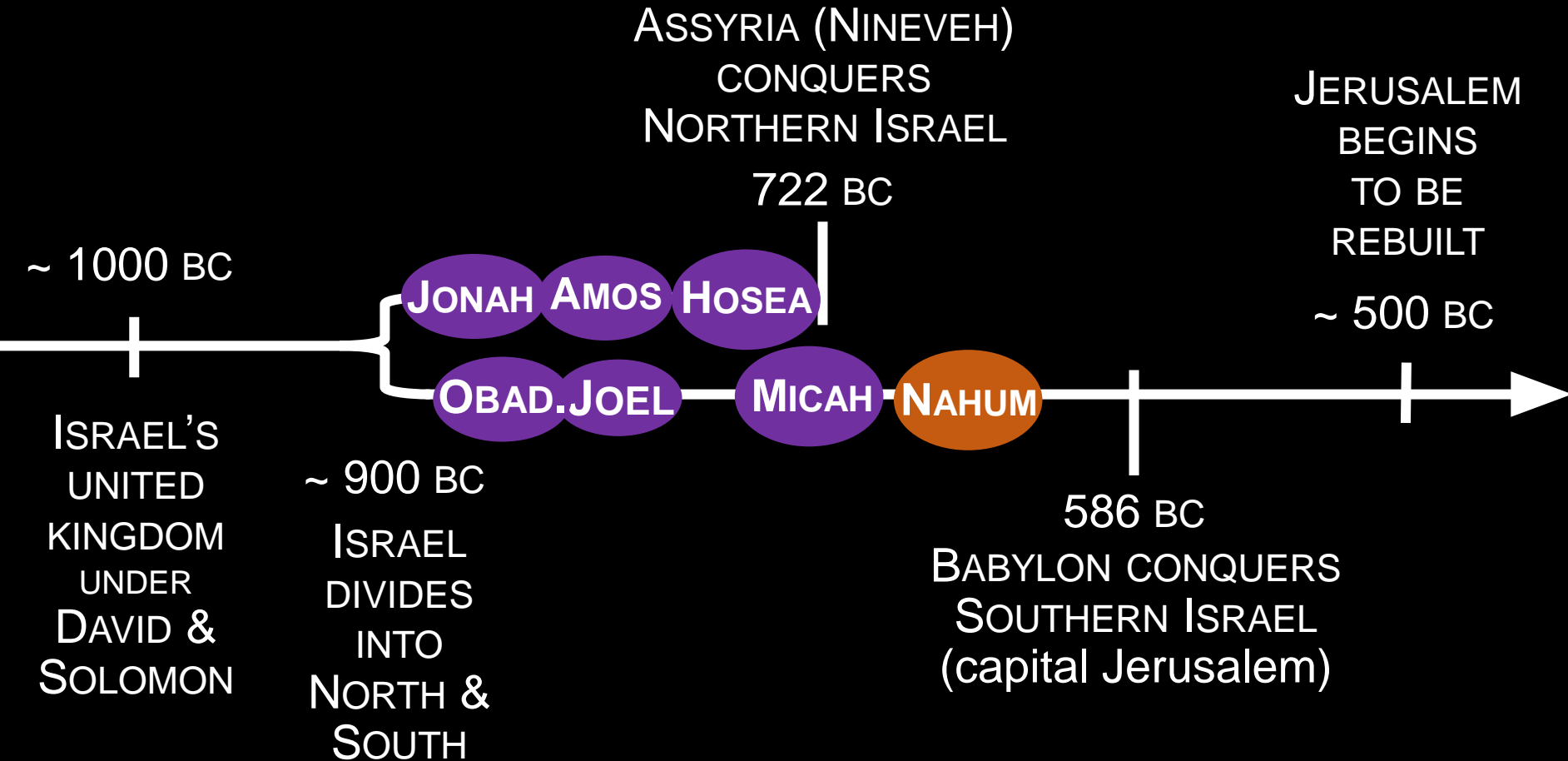


THE BOOK

of the
TWELVE

(aka The Minor Prophets)

Israel's (Very Basic) History



NINEVEH & GOD'S WORD



800

Around 800 bc
Jonah preached
to Nineveh.

722

In 722 bc
Nineveh
decimated
Northern
Israel as
God said.

650

Around 650 bc
Nahum speaks
his message
regarding
Nineveh.

612

In 612 bc
Babylon
decimated
Nineveh
as God
said.

Scripture Reading

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“His [King Jesus’s] eyes are a flame of fire....From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations....He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.”

— *Revelation 19:12–15*

“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’”

— *Romans 12:19 (quoting Deuteronomy 32:35)*

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How can God be good to the guilty?

Nahum 1:2 vs. Nahum 1:7

“Upon him [Jesus] was the chastisement that brought us peace...and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

— *Isaiah 53:5–6*

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The Lord warns punishment to those who rebel
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