

Micah Class Schedule

11/17/2024!	Micah 2:1-11	The sins of Judah part 1
11/24/2024!	Micah 2:1-11	The sins of Judah part 2
12/1/2024		No Class - Thanksgiving
12/8/2024	Micah 2:12-13	A prediction of future regathering and leadership
12/15/2024!	Micah 3:1-12	Condemnation of Israel's leaders part 1
12/22/2024!	Micah 3:1-12	Condemnation of Israel's leaders part 2
12/29/2024	Micah 4:1-8	Blessing for Israel - exaltation of Zion
1/5/2025	Micah 4:9-5:1	Blessing for Israel - might of Zion
1/12/2025	Micah 5:2-5a	King of Zion
1/19/2025!	Micah 5:5b-9	The peace and vindication of Zion
1/26/2025!	Micah 5:10-15	The purification of Zion

Micah - Chapter 2:1-11
The Sins of Judah - Part 1

Holly Hills Bible Church - Nov 17, 2024

Micah 2:1-6

¹ Woe to those who scheme iniquity, Who work out evil on their beds! When morning comes, they do it, For it is in the power of their hands.

² They covet fields and then seize *them*, And houses, and take *them* away. They rob a man and his house, A man and his inheritance.

³ Therefore thus says the LORD, "Behold, I am planning against this family a calamity From which you cannot remove your necks; And you will not walk haughtily, For it will be an evil time.

⁴ "On that day they will take up against you a taunt And utter a bitter lamentation *and* say, 'We are completely destroyed! He exchanges the portion of my people; How He removes it from me! To the apostate He apportions our fields.'

⁵ "Therefore you will have no one stretching a measuring line For you by lot in the assembly of the

Micah 2:7-11

⁷ "Is it being said, O house of Jacob: 'Is the Spirit of the LORD impatient? Are these His doings?' Do not My words do good To the one walking uprightly?

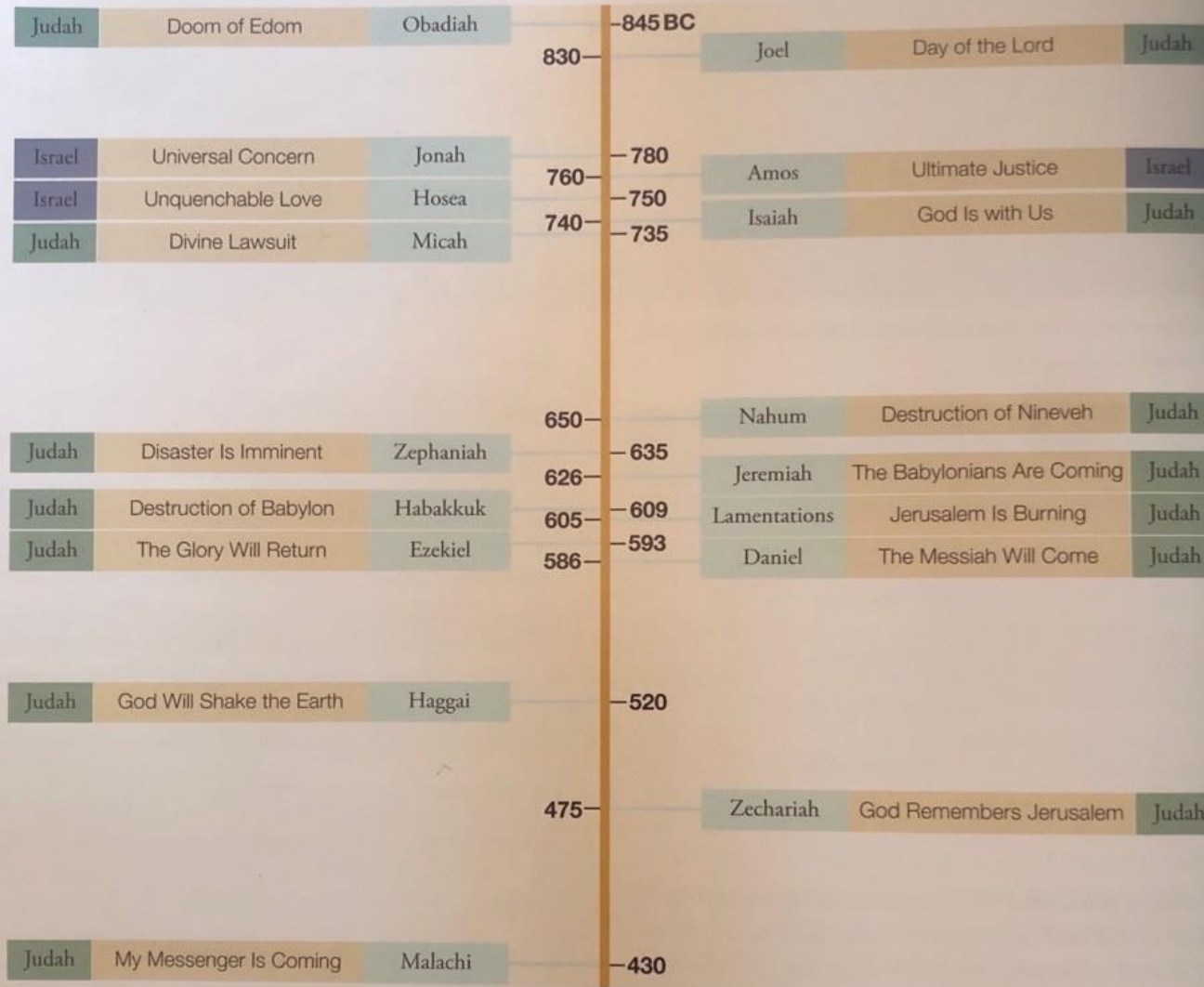
⁸ "Recently My people have arisen as an enemy— You strip the robe off the garment From unsuspecting passers-by, *From* those returned from war.

⁹ "The women of My people you evict, Each one from her pleasant house. From her children you take My splendor forever.

¹⁰ "Arise and go, For this is no place of rest Because of the uncleanness that brings on destruction, A painful destruction.

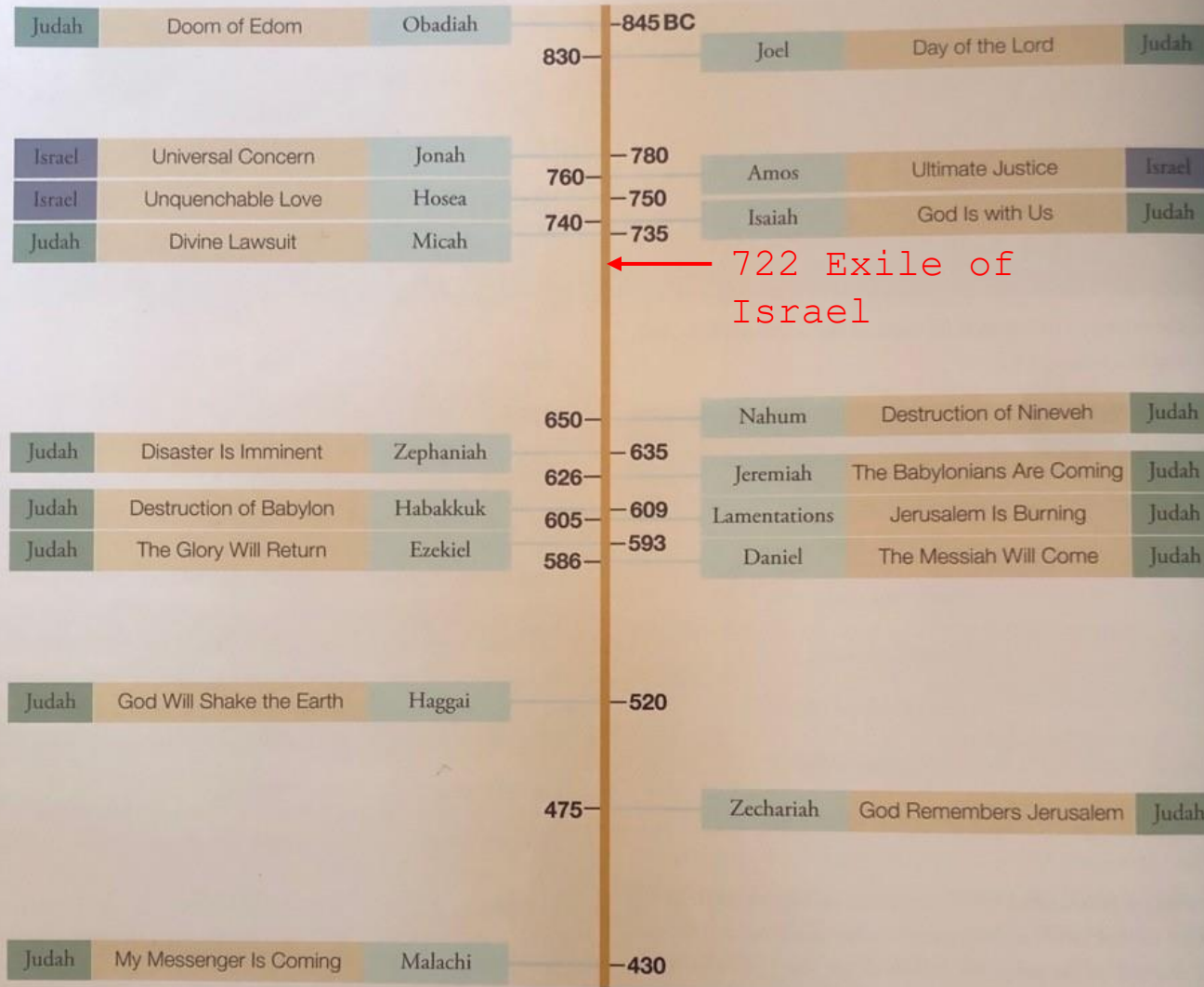
¹¹ "If a man walking after wind and falsehood Had told lies *and said*, 'I will speak out to you concerning wine and liquor,' He would be spokesman to this people.

The Old Testament Prophets



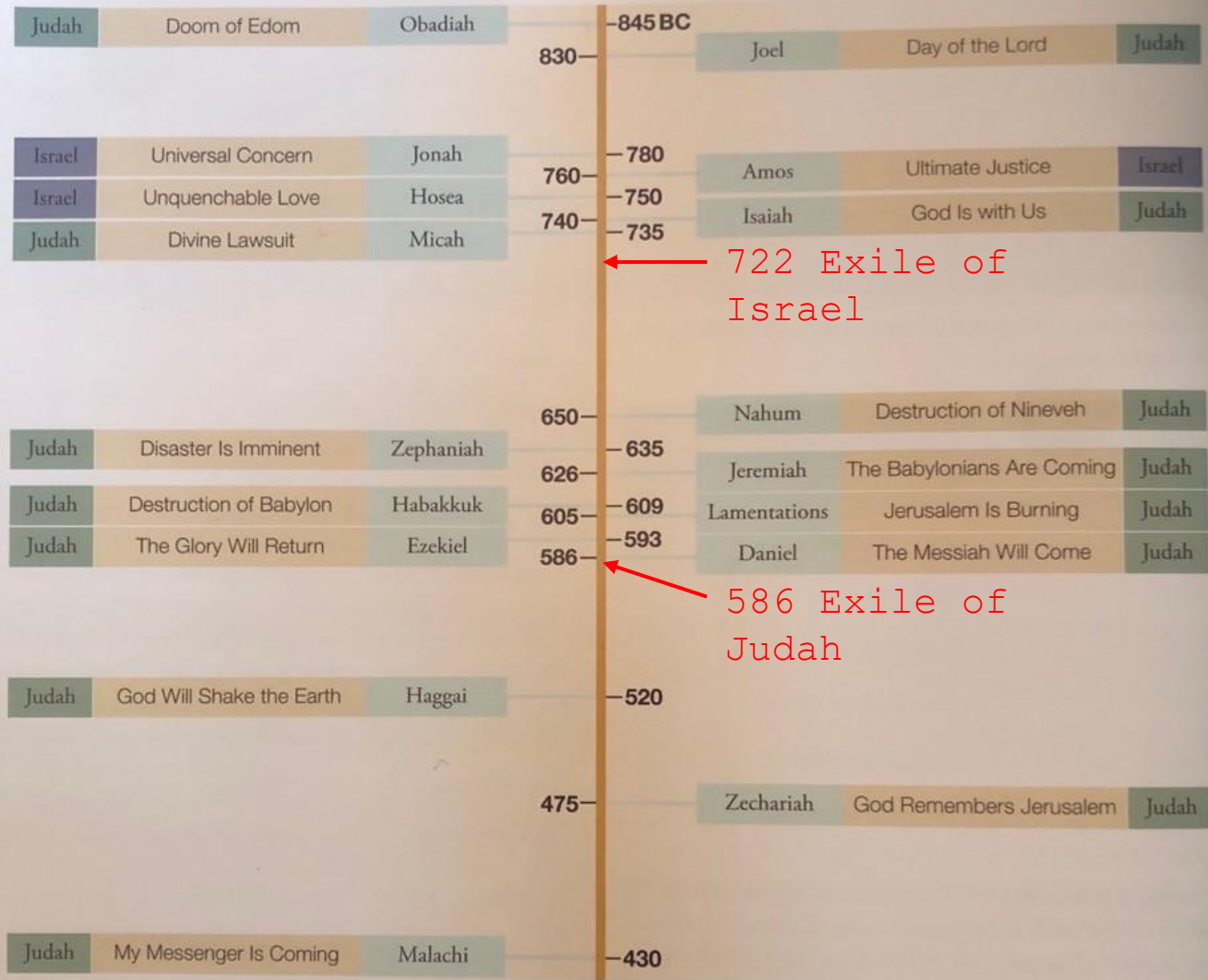
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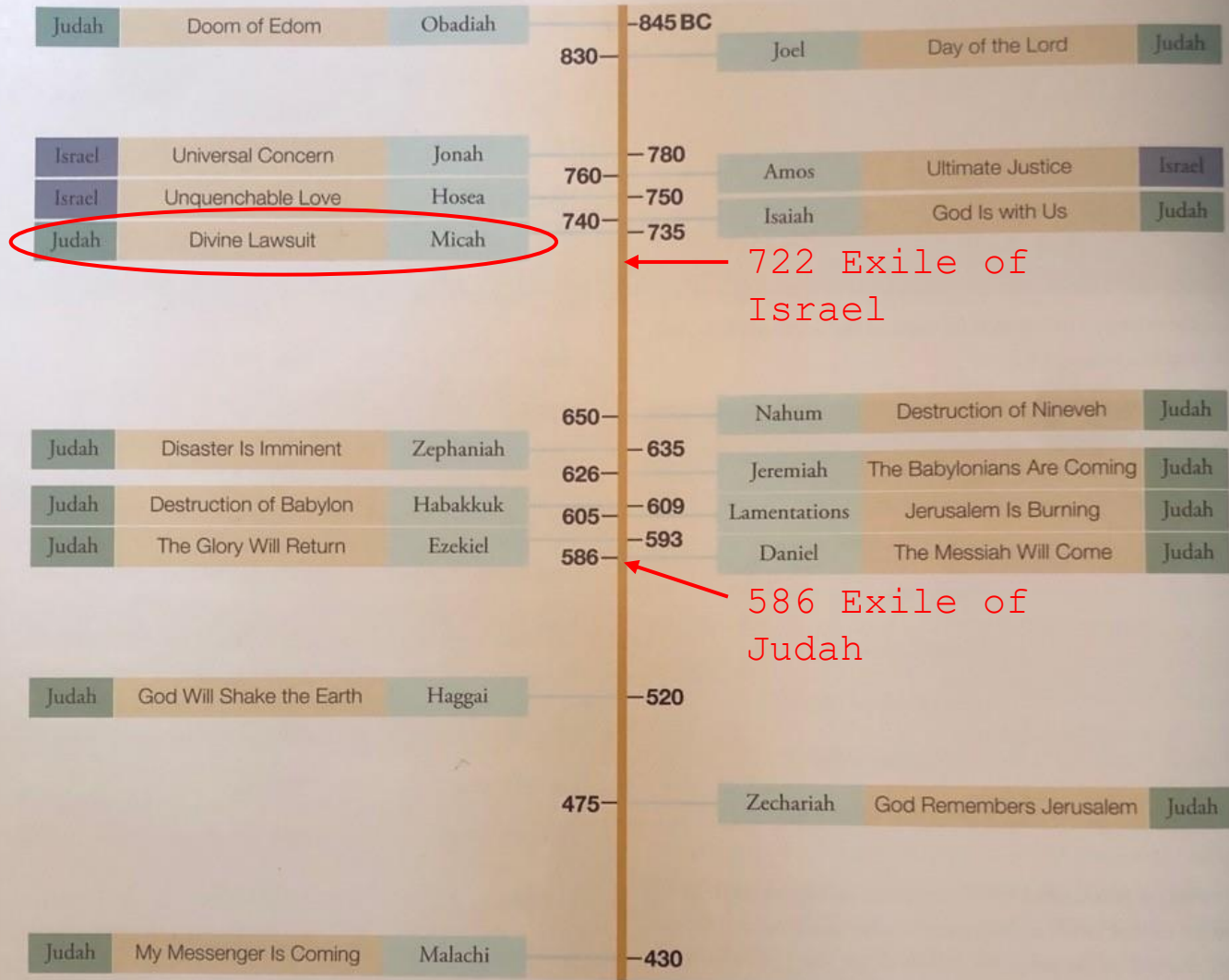
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The Northern and Southern Kingdoms

- Israel is the name that God gave to Jacob. (Gen 32:28)
- The Israelites went down to Egypt as a family. But the Lord called Israel out of Egypt as a nation. (Deut. 4:34)
- "Jacob" and "Israel" = The patriarch Jacob OR The entire Nation
- BUT... under Solomon's son Rehoboam, the Kingdom of Israel was split into Northern and Southern kingdoms.
- The Northern Kingdom retained the name "Israel."
- "Jacob" and "Israel" = The patriarch Jacob, The entire Nation OR the Northern Kingdom.
- **How do we know which one?** (Context, context, context!)

The Northern and Southern Kingdoms

- What about the Southern Kingdom?
- It was called Judah.

- Israel = the Northern Kingdom
- Judah = the Southern Kingdom
- BUT there's more...
- Ephraim & Samaria = the Northern Kingdom
- Jerusalem (Zion) = the Southern Kingdom

The Northern and Southern Kingdoms

- Northern Kingdom = Israel, Jacob, Ephraim, Samaria

- Southern Kingdom = Judah, Jerusalem (Zion)

Name	Primary Meaning	Other Uses
Israel or Jacob	The patriarch Jacob	The whole nation of Israel The Northern Kingdom
Judah	The individual son of Jacob	The tribe of Judah The Southern Kingdom
Ephraim	The individual son of Joseph	The tribe of Ephraim The Northern Kingdom
Samaria	Capital of the Northern Kingdom	To represent the entire Northern Kingdom
Jerusalem	Capital of the Southern Kingdom	To represent the entire Southern Kingdom
Zion	The Temple Mount	To represent Jerusalem

Who is Micah's Audience?

Micah is predicting the shameful treatment of King Zedekiah at the time of the Babylonian invasion of the Southern Kingdom of Judah. -

Charles Feinberg

Micah uses the term "Israel" to refer to the Southern Kingdom.

Why would Micah do this?

At this point God is **done** with the Northern Kingdom. Their destruction and exile is guaranteed.

The language signifies that the only thing left of Israel is the Southern Kingdom.

"In those days the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel, and they will come together from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers as an inheritance."

Jer 3:18

God's Covenant Program with Israel

Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28

Blessings for obedience, but cursings for disobedience.

- Stage 1 = 15-17
- Stage 2 = 18-20
- Stage 3 = 21-22
- Stage 4 = 23-26
- Stage 5 = 27-39 EXILE!

After exile, comes final restoration!!

Understanding Micah

The prophets primarily remind Israel of what was *already* foretold in God's covenants with Israel.

God's covenants with Israel are legal in nature.

Micah is acting like a prosecuting attorney on God's behalf.

His job is to show Judah exactly how they have violated God's law.