

Book of Micah

Holly Hills Bible Church

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Historical Background . .

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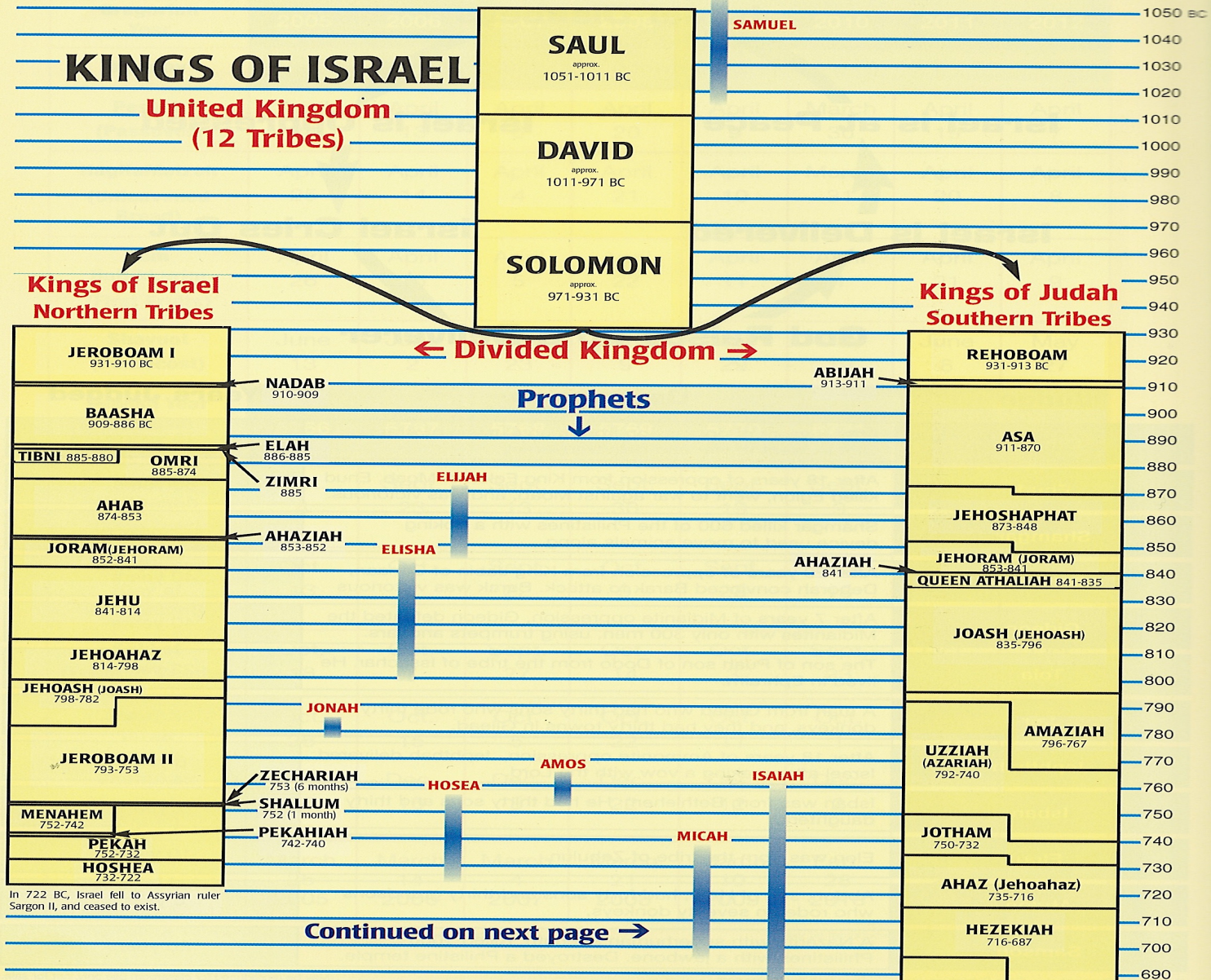
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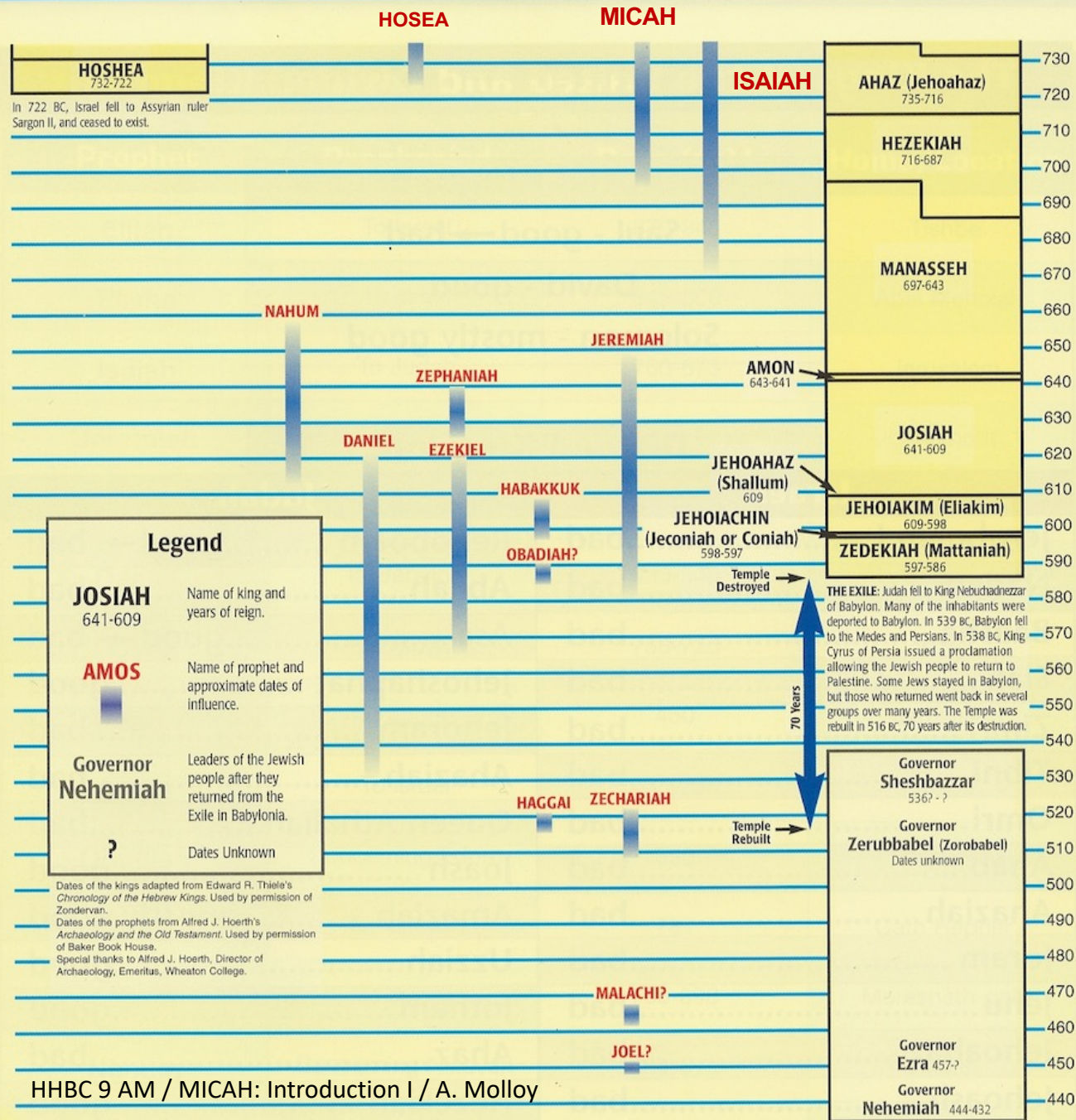
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1. One of 12 'minor' prophets. Minor in volume only
2. Scrolled together to keep the smaller prophecies together (Isaiah, Exekiel, Jeremiah same scroll)
3. Birth / Hometown: Moresheth-gath (approx. 25 mi. SW of Jerusalem)
4. Younger contemporary of Isaiah, a Judean. Also contemporary of: Hosea and Amos
5. Isaiah's prophecies occurred: **“during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.”** Micah's is: **“in the days of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.”** [Isa 1:1; Mic 1:1]
6. Prophetic dates: MICAH: 738 to 698 [40 years] B.C. **v.** ISAIAH: 760 – 673 [87 years?]
7. MISSION: to communicate God's word to Judah (the Southern Kingdom); approx. 190 years after Solomon's 2 sons split the nation of Israel into two: Judah & Benjamin tribes vs. the Ten others.
8. **Veracity of Micah:** quoted by Jeremiah (26:18-19): *‘Jerusalem will become ruins.. Zion will be plowed as a field’* and Christ Himself (Mat. 10: 34, 35-36): quoting Mic 7:6's **“For son treats father contemptuously, Daughter rises up against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man's enemies are the men of his own household.”**
9. **THREE POINT DIVISION:** in Micah [1:2 / 3:1 / 6:1] beginning with “Hear ye” in each division; each is: (a) Rebuke of sin, (b) Announcement of judgment, (c) Promise of future blessing

King & Prophets





THE EXILE: Judah fell to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Many of the inhabitants were deported to Babylon. In 539 BC, Babylon fell to the Medes and Persians. In 538 BC, King Cyrus of Persia issued a proclamation allowing the Jewish people to return to Palestine. Some Jews stayed in Babylon, but those who returned went back in several groups over many years. The Temple was rebuilt in 516 BC, 70 years after its destruction.



United Kingdom: 12 Tribes

SAUL

DAVID

SOLOMON

1,000 BC

930 BC

Kings of **Israel** Northern Tribes

Kings of **Judah**: Southern Tribes: Judah & Benjamin

JEROBOAM

REHOBOAM

Baasha

Omri

ELIJAH

Ahab

ELISHA

Jehoram

Prophets to Israel/
Northern Kingdom

Prophets to Judah/
southern Kingdom

Jehu

Jehoahaz

Jehoash

793 BC

JONAH

AMOS

ISAIAH

Uzziah

Jeroboam II

748 BC

HOSEA

MICAH

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Prophets to Israel/ Northern Kingdom

Prophets to Judah/ southern Kingdom

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Jeroboam II
753 BC

HOSEA
AMOS
COUNTERPARTS TO MICAH ON NORTHERN SIDE

END OF NORTHERN KINGDOM:
TO ASSYRIAN CAPTIVITY UNDER SARGON II



722 BC

MICAH
CA. 750-686
701 BC
FALL OF LACISH, JUDAH TO SENNACHARIB OF NINEVAH, ASSYRIA

ISAIAH
CA. 742-680

Uzziah

Jotham

Ahaz

Hezekiah CA. 715-696

Manasseh

Amon

Josiah

Jehoahaz

Jehoiakim

Jehoiachin

Zedekiah

JOEL
CA. 650-600

ZEPHANIAH
630-600

HABAKKUK
620-600

606-605 BC

1ST PARTIAL CAPTIVITY TO: BABYLON

OBADIAH

JEREMIAH
EZEKIEL

DANIEL

586 BC

FINAL CAPTIVITY TO: BABYLON (DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM)

The Two Kingdoms

Kingdom of Israel

Kingdom of Judah



ISRAEL. יִשְׂרָאֵל.

- ★ National capital
- ⦿ District (meḥoz) centre
- City, town
- ✈ Airport
- International boundary
- - - Boundary of former Palestine Mandate
- - - Armistice Demarcation Line
- · - · District (meḥoz) boundary
- Main road
- Secondary road
- - - Railroad
- Oil pipeline



Moresheth gath:
Hometown of Micah

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Cities of the Prophecy of MICAH

Lachish: 1st town
in Judea to
introduce idolatry

Shaphir
Gath
Jerusalem
Lachish
Adullam
Zaanan

Maroth - unknown probably in the Philistine plain : *lit. 'bitter town'*
Achzib - between Mareshah and Adullam : *lit. 'lie'*
Mareshah
Moresheth –i.e. Mareshah Gath where Micah lived



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Cities in Micah 1

Prophets

Prophet	Prophesied	Date (bc) *	Home/Location
Elijah	To Israel	870-845	Tishbe
Elisha	To Israel	845-800	Abel Meholah
Isaiah	To Judah	760-673	Jerusalem
Jeremiah	To Judah	650-582	Anathoth
Ezekiel	To Exiles in Babylonia	620-570	Babylon
Daniel	In Babylon	620-540	Babylon
Hosea	To Israel	758-725	Israel
Joel	To Judah	450	Jerusalem
Amos	To Israel	765-754	Tekoa
Obadiah	Concerning Edom	590	Jerusalem
Jonah	To Nineveh	781	Gath Hepher
Micah	To Judah	738-698	Moresheh-gath
Nahum	Concerning Nineveh	658-615	Elkosh
Habakkuk	To Judah	608-598	Unknown
Zephaniah	To Judah	640-626	Unknown
Haggai	To Judah	520	Jerusalem
Zechariah	To Judah	522-509	Jerusalem
Malachi	To Judah	465	Jerusalem

The Majors:

The Minors:

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9. (a) More on the Three-Section Division:

I. “ **‘Hear, O peoples, all of you; Listen, O earth and all it contains,’**” [1:2]

Addressing: ‘**all**’ **people**’ (No. kingdom, So. Kingdom, Jerusalem, Samaria)

Theme: ‘*Judgment will come*’ (John A. Martin)

II. “ **‘Hear now, heads of Jacob And rulers of the house of Israel.’**” [3:1]

Addressing: ‘**Heads**’ of Jacob, ‘**Rulers**’ of the house of Israel (Ten Tribes, north) and to false prophets in 3:5.

Theme: Martin: ‘*Blessing Will Follow Judgment (chaps. 3–5)*’

III. **‘Hear now what the LORD is saying, “Arise, plead your case before the mountains, And let the hills hear your voice. [6:1]**

Addressing: ‘**my people**’ in general (6:2,3);

Theme: *the controversy between God and his erring people, contrasting the fitness of and justice of God’s requirements and the ingratitude and superstition of the nation of Israel* (Feinberg). Martin: ‘*An Indictment of Sin and a Promise of Blessing (chaps. 6–7)*’