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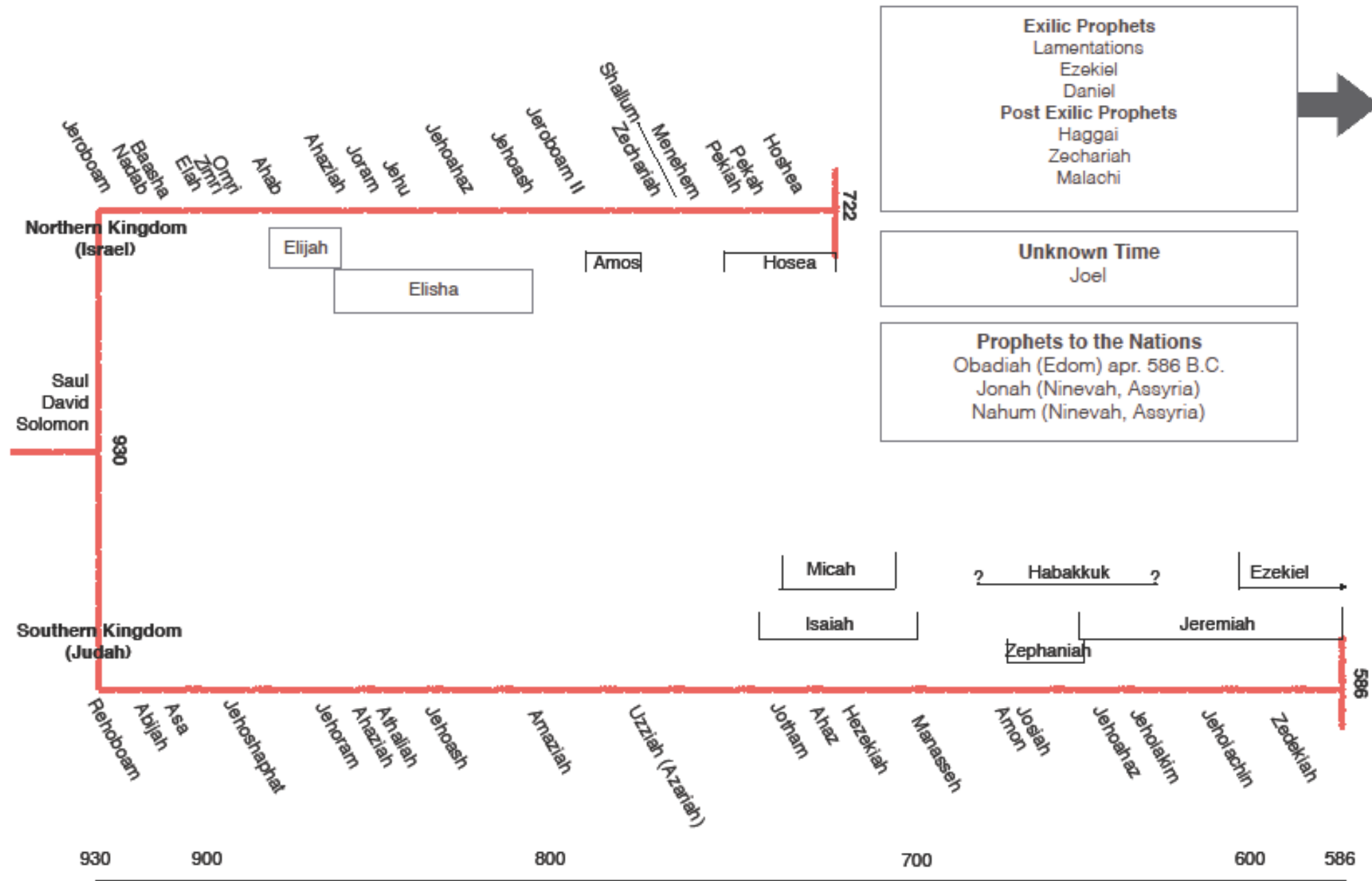
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Prophet: Hosea

Apr Date: 725 B.C.

Recipient: Israel

Message: God's unceasing love for the nation is pictured in Hosea's marriage relationship with an unfaithful wife of prostitution.

Prophet: Joel

Apr Date: 835 B.C.

Recipient: Judah

Message: Joel compares the future day of the Lord to a locust plague. He prophesies about the judgment of God and the future restoration of Judah.

Prophet: Amos

Apr Date: 760 B.C.

Recipient: Israel

Message: God's righteous judgment on His disobedient and idolatrous people. He focuses heavily on the social injustice of Israel; the rich and powerful were oppressing the poor.

Prophet: Obadiah

Apr. Date: 845 B.C. (Generally unknown and debated)

Recipient: Edom

Message: God was going to judge the people of Edom for their pride and their poor treatment of the people of Israel, their brother.

Prophet: Jonah

Apr Date: 760 B.C.

Recipient: Nineveh

Message: This story focuses more on the prophet than the prophecy. Jonah's story teaches us that God loves the Gentile nations, and wishes that even they would repent.

Prophet: Micah

Apr Date: 735-700 B.C.

Recipient: Judah and Israel

Message: The northern kingdom of Israel fell during the prophesy of Micah, and he also prophesied against the sin of the southern kingdom, Judah, especially their bad rulers and prophets. He spoke of a future time when God would establish the mountain of the Lord, rescue Zion, and bring a royal ruler out of Bethlehem.

Prophet: Nahum

Apr Date: 650 B.C.

Recipient: Nineveh

Message: After the prophecy of Jonah, about 100 years before, the people of Nineveh repented. Since then, they have turned back to their wicked ways. Nahum goes to Nineveh and prophesies of God's judgment which is coming for the nation of Assyria. This judgment would be fulfilled when the Babylonian Empire came from the east conquering all the land.

Prophet: Habakkuk

Apr Date: 700-600 B.C. (generally unknown)

Recipient: Judah

Message: Like Jonah, Habakkuk does not focus on the prophecy but on the struggles of the prophet. Habakkuk wrestles with God's interactions with the world. He wonders why the Lord is letting social injustice go unpunished in Jerusalem. But, when God answers that He will punish it with Babylon, he wonders how God can use such a wicked nation to judge Jerusalem. Habakkuk gives us a template for prayer when we struggle with God's goodness.

Prophet: Zephaniah

Apr Date: 640-621 B.C.

Recipient: Judah

Message: Similar to Joel, much of Zephaniah's prophecy is focused on the coming day of the Lord. He says that God will sweep away everything, Judah's enemies and the wicked in Judah. However, his prophecy ends in hope with the conversion of the Gentile nations and the future restoration of Judah and Jerusalem.

Prophet: Haggai

Apr Date: 537 B.C.

Recipient: Returned exiles of Judah

Message: Haggai encourages the people to stop rebuilding their own houses and their lives in their old land, and instead to reconstruct the temple of the Lord so that God would bless them and dwell with them again.

Prophet: Zechariah

Apr Date: 537 B.C.

Recipient: Returned exiles of Judah

Message: Through the use of visions filled with symbolism, Zechariah teaches the returned exiles that God is not finished with them, but He still loves them and desires to have a restored relationship with them. He reassures the people of the Messianic hope of God's abiding presence with man.

Prophet: Malachi

Apr Date: 432-431 B.C.

Recipient: Returned exiles of Judah

Message: The people of Judah had a hope that by rebuilding the temple, they would usher in the Messianic age when their savior would come. This didn't happen how they thought, but Malachi prophecies that they should still be looking forward to the Messianic age. He prophecies of the coming Messiah and one who would come before the Messiah to prepare the way for Him.