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*The Book of Hosea*

The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell

It goes beyond the highest star  
And reaches to the lowest hell

The guilty pair  
bowed down with care  
God gave His Son to win

His erring child He reconciled  
And pardoned from his sin

O love of God how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure  
The saints' and angels' song

Could we with ink the ocean fill  
And were the skies  
of parchment made

Were every stalk on earth a quill  
And every man a scribe by trade

To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry

Nor could the scroll  
contain the whole  
Though stretched from sky to sky

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Your love never fails  
It never gives up  
Never runs out on me

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Your love

Higher than the  
mountains that I face

Stronger than the  
power of the grave

Constant in the trial  
and the change

One thing remains

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Your love, Your love,  
Your love will never change.

On and on and on and on it goes  
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul

And I never ever  
have to be afraid

One thing remains

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In death, in life,  
I'm confident and covered  
by the power of Your great love

My debt is paid;  
there's nothing that can separate  
my heart from Your great love

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# Your love

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I love You, Lord,  
Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days  
I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up  
Until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been

so, so good

With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice,  
You have led me through the fire

In darkest nights  
You are close like no other

I've known You as a father

I've known You as a friend

I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been

so, so good

With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now,  
I give You everything

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Oh, I will sing of the  
goodness of God

# Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

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# Overview of Today

Bible Study Basics

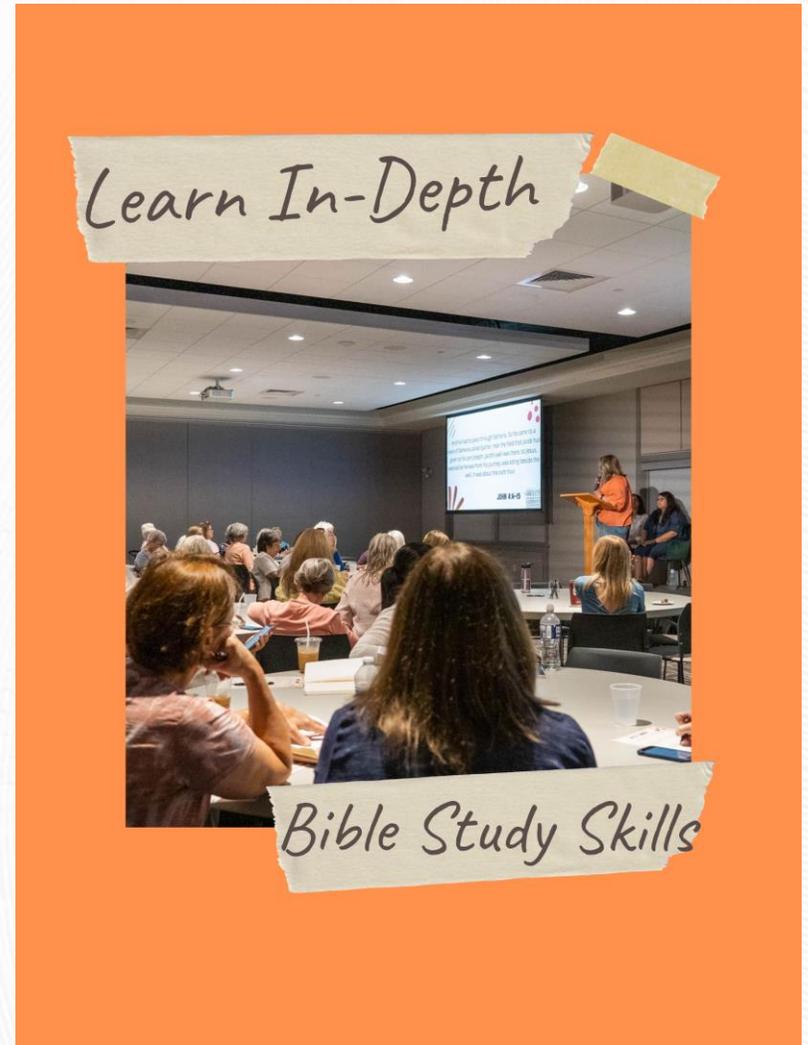
Worship

Introduction to Hosea

Book: Observe, Understand,  
Apply, Group Questions

Things to Look for: Dig Deeper,  
History Corners

Method: Nine Themes



*Experience*



*interactive learning*

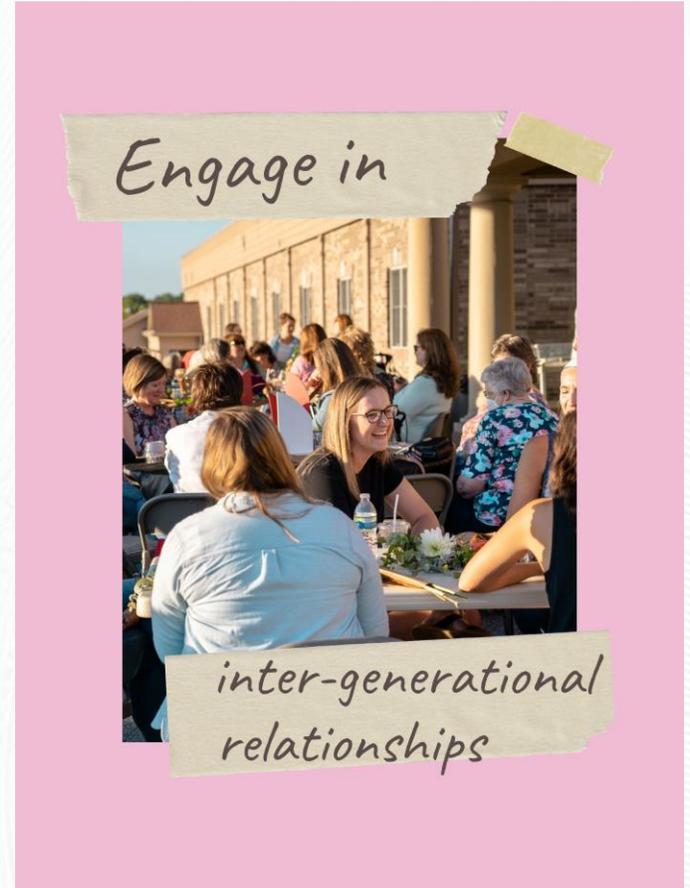
Method: Turn and Talk

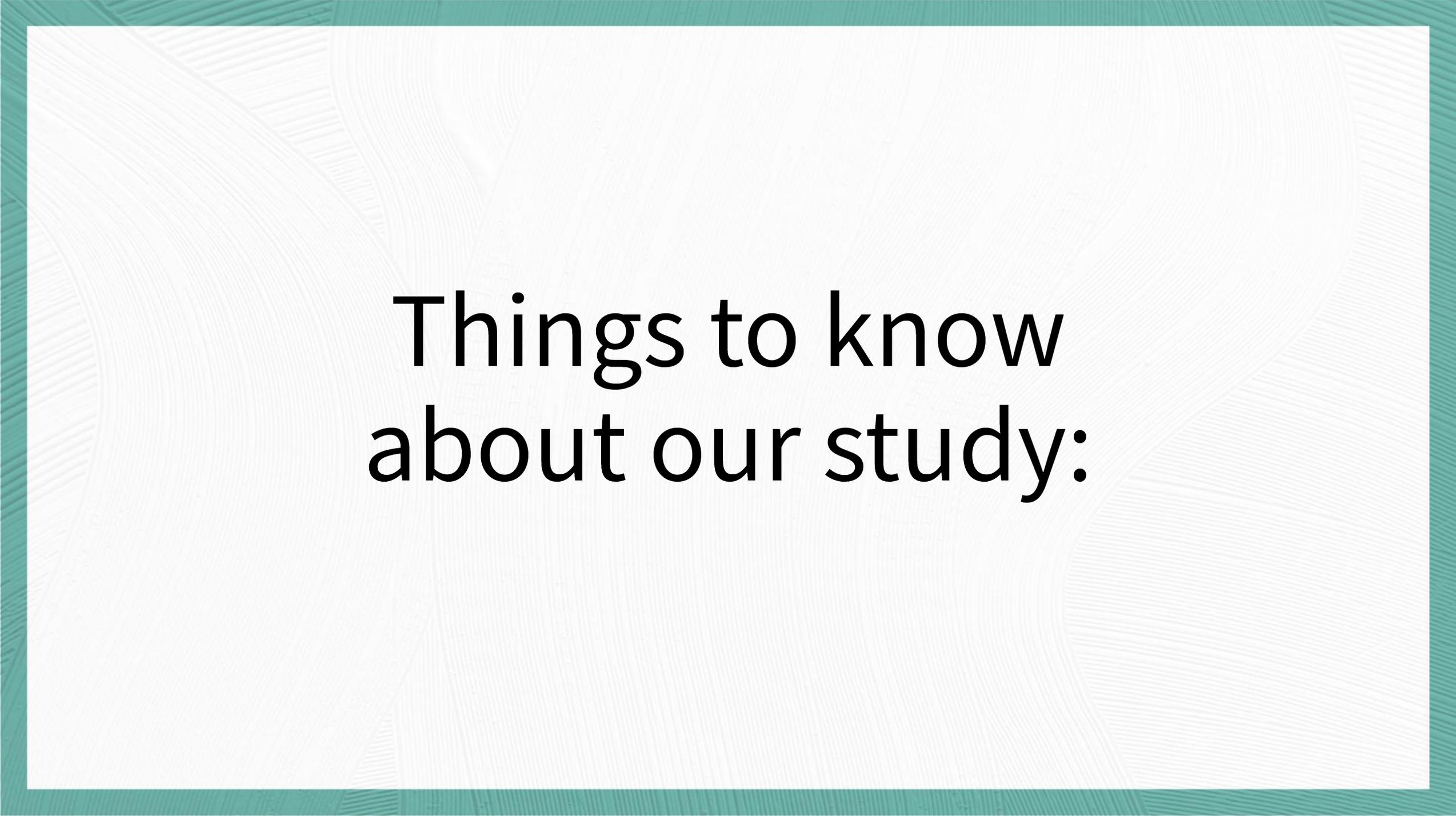
Goal: To study the Bible

Tip: Look for the \* questions

## Method: Groups

What does this mean for us?



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Things to know  
about our study:

# Things to know about our study:

- Things to know
- Group Guidelines
- Calendar
- What you learned
- Playlist
- ESV permissions

# Reminders

- Boxes: Nametags and Decorations
- Attendance
- How to study for next week

# Turn & Talk

Christmas Highlight





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Hosea 14:4 summarizes the program for the entire book: “I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them.”

It is clear that although God’s discipline may have gotten the **attention** of his children, it was **not enough** to cause them to **love** Yahweh again.

It was **Yahweh’s love and healing** that caused them to repent and return to him. In Hosea, God’s lawsuit was completely surrounded by his loyal love.

Bramer, DTS, Hosea, p. 3



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<b>Apostasy</b> <b>(the abandonment of a belief)</b>	<b>Healing</b>
1:1-9	1:10-2:23
3:1-3	3:4-5
4:1-5:15	6:1-3
6:4-11a	6:11b
7:1-11:7	11:8-11
11:13-13:13	13:14
13:15-16	14:1-9



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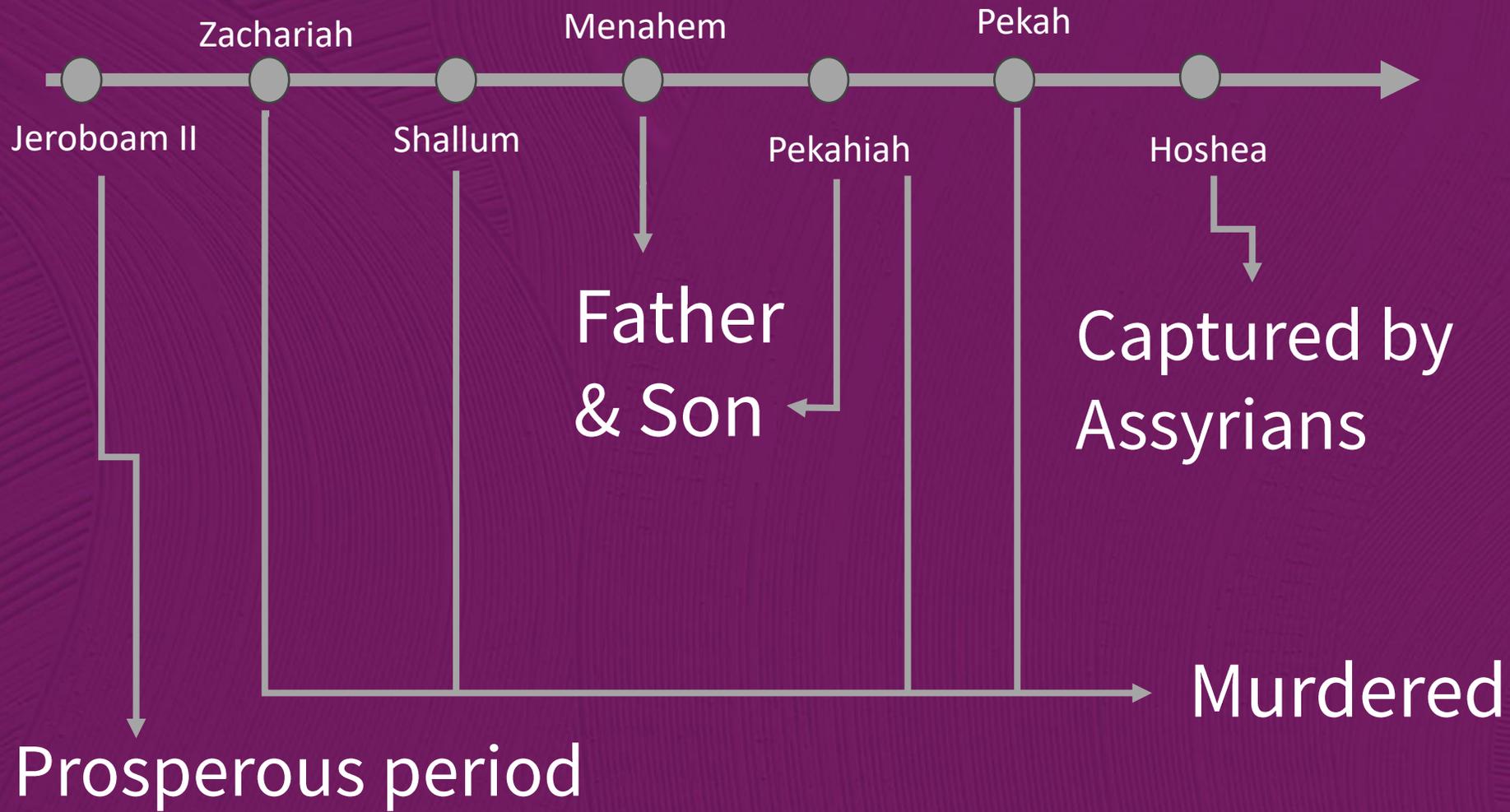
<b>Pre-exilic (930-586 BC)</b>	<b>Exilic (586-538 BC)</b>	<b>Post-exilic (538-430 BC)</b>
Jonah: 760 Amos: 760-753 Hosea: 755-710 Micah: 735-700 Nahum: 663-612 Jeremiah: 627-580 Zephaniah: 622 Habakkuk: 607-605	Daniel: 605 Ezekiel: 593	Haggai: 520 Zechariah: 520 Malachi: 430

Obadiah: ???

Joel: ???

-----Isaiah-----

# Kings of the Northern Kingdom





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*Group Time*