

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

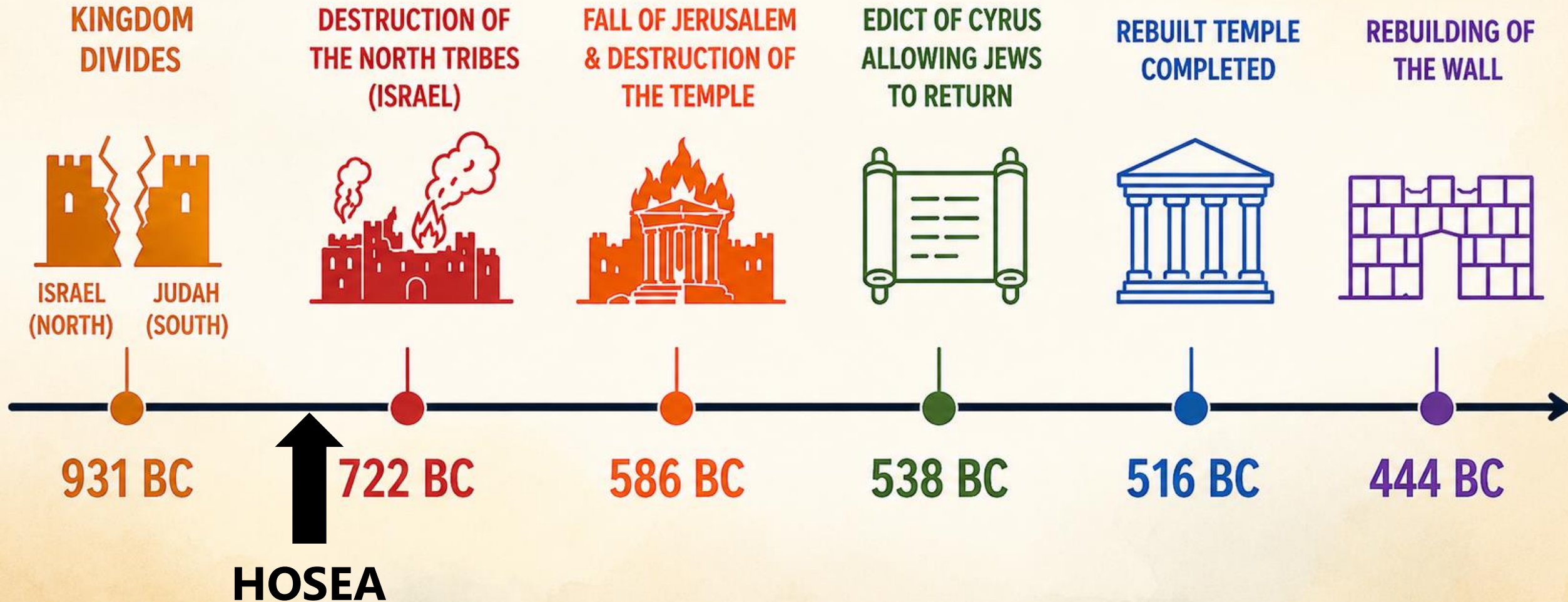
FOR LIVES OF FAITH



“Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, but transgressors stumble in them.”

Hosea 14:9

KEY EVENTS IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY



A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on a rocky outcrop. The house has several windows and a small chimney. The foreground is a sandy beach with wet sand reflecting the sunset. The ocean is visible in the distance, with waves breaking. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The title "Love Betrayed" is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif font in the center-right of the image.

Love Betrayed

“When the LORD first spoke to Hosea, He said this to him: ‘Go and marry a promiscuous wife and have children of promiscuity, for the land is committing blatant acts of promiscuity by abandoning the LORD.’”

Hosea 1:2

Children's Names

Jezreel – Scatter (1:4)

Lo-Ruhamah – No Mercy (1:6)

Lo-Ammi – Not My People (1:8-9)

How Did Israel Get Here?



“Hear the word of the LORD, O children of Israel, for the LORD has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or steadfast love, and no knowledge of God in the land;”

Hosea 4:1 (ESV)

**“The more they increased,
The more they sinned against Me;
I will change their glory into shame.”**

Hosea 4:7

**“For Israel has forgotten His Maker,
and has built temples; Judah also has
multiplied fortified cities; but I will
send fire upon his cities, and it shall
devour his palaces.”**

Hosea 8:14

**“Their heart is divided;
Now they are held guilty.
He will break down their altars;
He will ruin their sacred pillars.”**

Hosea 10:2



The Father's Heart

**“When Israel was a child, I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son.
As they (prophets) called them,
So they went from them;
They sacrificed to the Baals,
And burned incense to carved images.”**

Hosea 11:1-2

“I taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by their arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love, and I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them.”

Hosea 11:3-4

**“My people are bent on backsliding
from Me. Though they call to the
Most High, none at all exalt Him.”**

Hosea 11:7

**“How can I give you up, Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I set you like Zeboiim?
My heart churns within Me;
My sympathy is stirred.”**

Hosea 11:8

**“I will not execute the fierceness of
My anger; I will not again destroy
Ephraim. For I am God, and not man,
the Holy One in your midst; and I
will not come with terror.”**

Hosea 11:9

**“Then the LORD said to me (Hosea),
'Go again, love a woman who is loved
by a lover and is committing adultery,
just like the love of the LORD for the
children of Israel, who look to other
gods and love the raisin cakes of the
pagans.'”**

Hosea 3:1

A coastal scene at sunset. On the left, a white, two-story house with a dark roof sits on wooden stilts atop a rocky cliff. The house has several windows and a chimney. The foreground is a sandy beach with wet sand reflecting the sunset. The ocean is visible in the distance, with waves breaking. The sky is filled with dark, dramatic clouds, and a bright orange and yellow glow from the setting sun is visible on the horizon. The text "Come Back Home" is overlaid in a large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

Come Back Home

**“O Israel, return to the LORD your God,
For you have stumbled because of your
iniquity; take words with you, and
return to the LORD. Say to Him,
‘Take away all iniquity; receive us
graciously, for we will offer the
sacrifices of our lips.’”**

Hosea 14:1-2

HOSEA 14:8

I am like a
green cypress



YOUR FRUIT
IS FOUND IN

Me.



LIFE



FRUITFULNESS



ROOTED IN HIM



Children's Names Reversed

Jezreel – Sow/Replant (1:10)

Ruhamah – Mercy (2:1)

Ammi – My People (2:1)

**“Little children, keep yourselves
from idols. Amen.”**

1 John 5:21

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