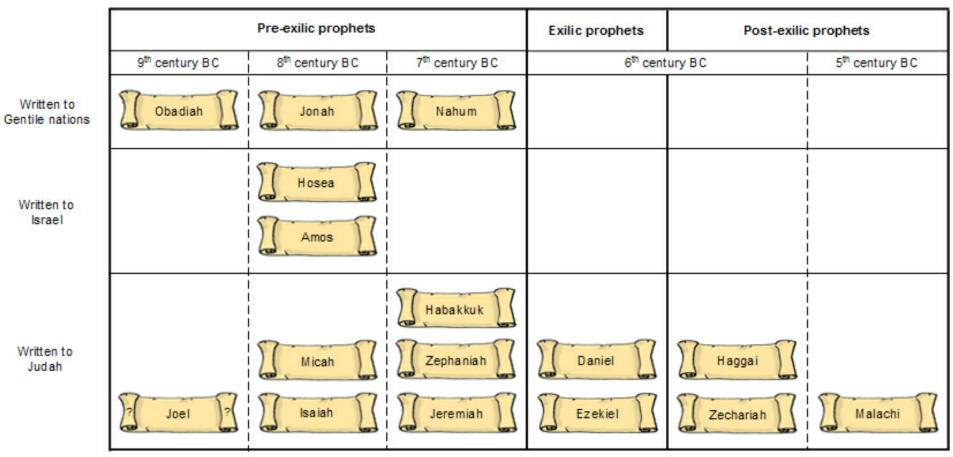
Placing the Prophets



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2:1 Woe to those who devise iniquity,And work out evil on their beds!At morning light they practice it,Because it is in the power of their hand.

2:2 They covet fields and take *them* by violence,Also houses, and seize *them*.So they oppress a man and his house,A man and his inheritance.

2:3 Therefore thus says the LORD:

"Behold, against this family I am devising disaster,

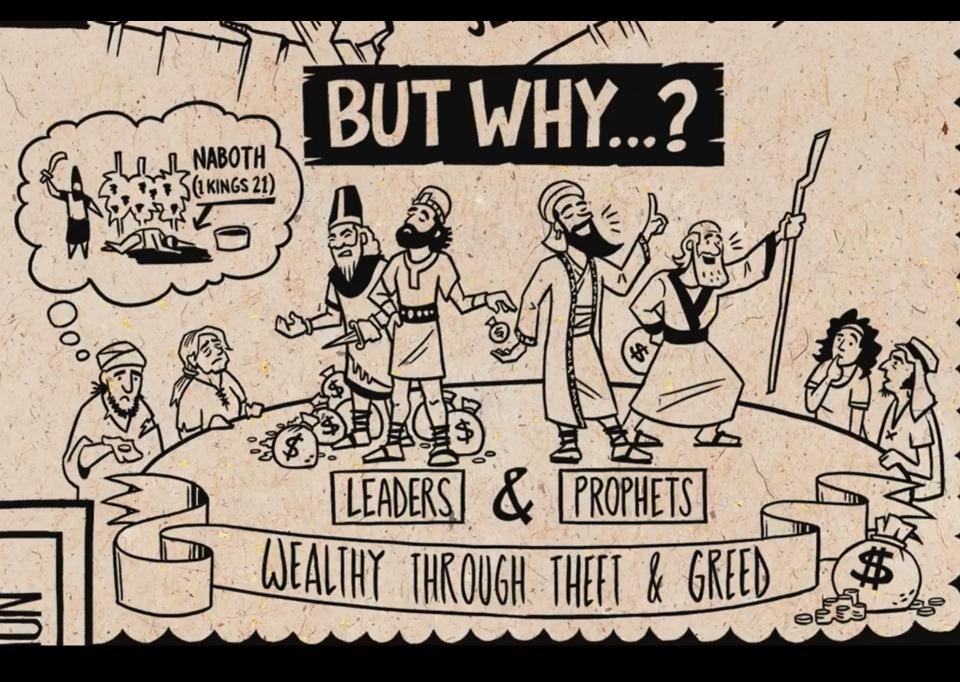
From which you cannot remove your

necks;

Nor shall you walk haughtily,

For this *is* an evil time.

2:9 The women of My people you cast outFrom their pleasant houses;From their childrenYou have taken away My glory forever.



Micah 4:2

Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths."

Micah 4:10

Like a woman in birth pangs. For now you shall go forth from the city, You shall dwell in the field, And to Babylon you shall go. There you shall be delivered; There the LORD will redeem you From the hand of your enemies.

Micah 5

⁴ And He shall stand and feed His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the ends of the earth; ⁵ And this *One* shall be peace.

Micah 6:6-7

With what shall I come before the LORD, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
Ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression,
The fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul?

Micah 6:8

⁸ He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

Isaiah 58

- 'Why have we fasted,' they say, 'and You have not seen?
 Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?'
- "In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, And exploit all your laborers.
 ⁴ Indeed you fast for strife and debate, And to strike with the fist of wickedness.
 You will not fast as *you do* this day, To make your voice heard on high.

Isaiah 58

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh?

Micah 6:10

Are there yet the treasures of wickedness In the house of the wicked, And the short measure *that is* an abomination?



Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?

He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights *in* mercy. ¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities.

You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea. ²⁰ You will give truth to Jacob *And* mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old.

Matthew 23:23

²³ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. ²⁴ Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!