Review

17. What 2 prophets primarily prophesied to the Northern Kingdom? What is the date range for their writings?

Amos, Hosea, 760-725 B.C.

18. What prophet was contemporary with Isaiah and prophesied primarily to Judah from 735-700 B.C?

Micah.

19. What prophet prophesied during the reign of Josiah?

Zephaniah.

20. What prophet prophesied after Josiah but before the invasion of the Babylonians?

Habakkuk.

21. What 2 prophets urged the returned exiles to finish building the temple?

Haggai, Zechariah.

22. What prophet prophesied during the 445 to 432 B.C., the latest of all the minor prophets?

Malachi.

Contemporary Prophets.

| Hosea | Amos | Isaiah | Micah |
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| Joel | | | |
| Amos | Hosea | Isaiah | Micah |
| Obadiah | | | |
| Jonah | | | |
| Micah | Hosea | Amos | Isaiah |
| Nahum | Habakkuk | Zephaniah | Jeremiah |
| Habakkuk | Jeremiah | Nahum | Zephaniah |
| Zephaniah | Jeremiah | Habakkuk | Nahum |
| Haggai | Zechariah | | |
| Zechariah | Haggai | | |
| Malachi | | | |
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The Audience.

| | Primary | Secondary | Scriptures |
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| Hosea | Israel | Judah | 1:4, 7 |
| Joel | Judah | | 1:2, 2:1 |
| Amos | Israel | | 1:1 |
| Obadiah | Edom | | 1:1 |
| Jonah | Nineveh | | 1:2 |
| Micah | Judah | Israel | 1:1 |
| Nahum | Nineveh | | 1:1 |
| Habakkuk | Judah | | 1:6, 2:20 |
| Zephaniah | Judah | | 1:1, 4 |
| Haggai | Returned Exiles of Judah | | 1:1-2 |
| Zechariah | Returned Exiles of Judah | | 1:1 |
| Malachi | Returned Exiles of Judah | | 1:1 |

The Times of the Writing. Hosea

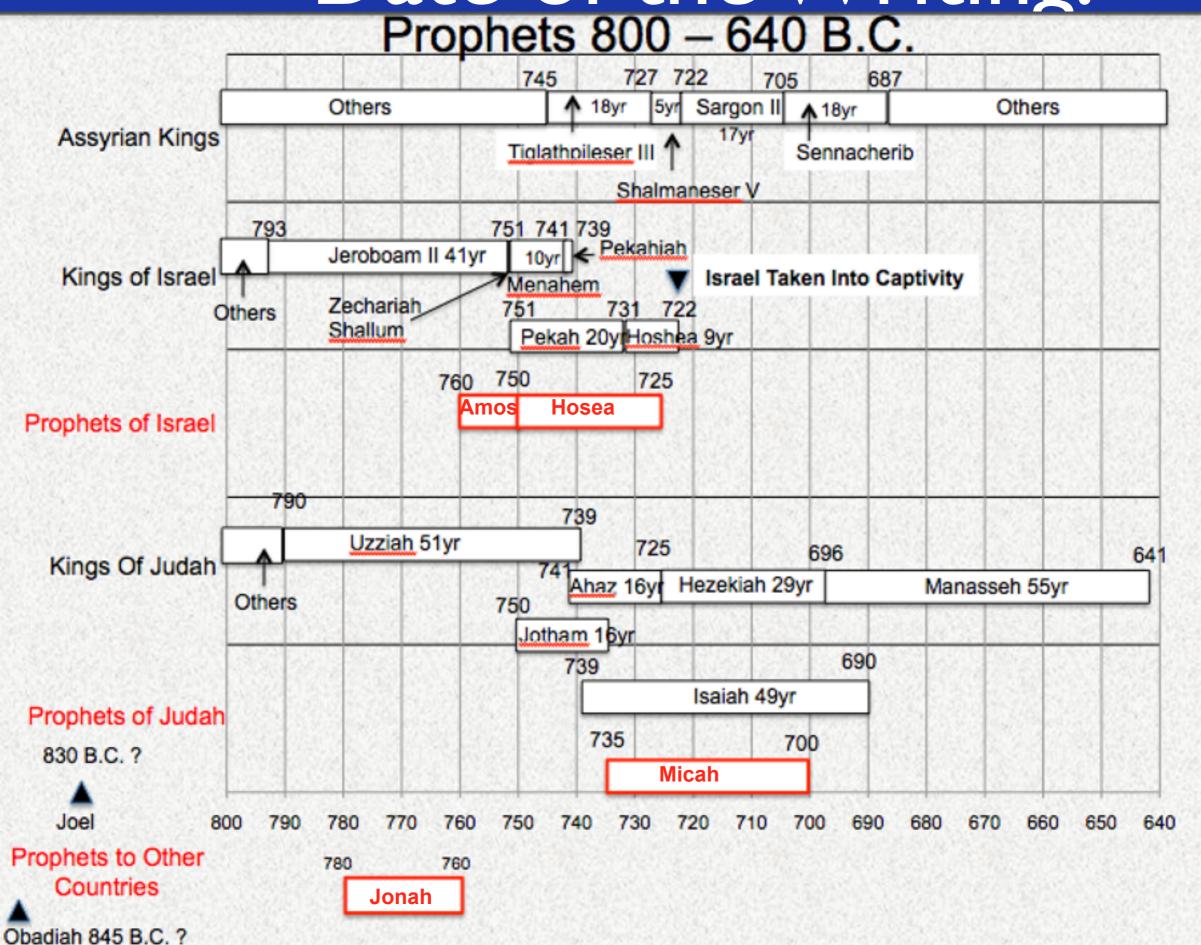
- 2:13: "AND I WILL PUNISH HER FOR THE DAYS OF THE BAALS WHEN SHE USED TO OFFER SACRIFICES TO THEM".
- *4:2: There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing, and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed ".

The Times of the Writing.

Hosea

- 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge".
- 10:1: "ISRAEL IS A LUXURIANT VINE; HE PRODUCES FRUIT FOR HIMSELF. THE MORE HIS FRUIT, THE MORE ALTARS HE MADE; THE RICHER HIS LAND, THE BETTER HE MADE THE SACRED PILLARS".

Date of the Writing.



The Times of the Writing. Amos

- 2 Ki. 14:25, 28: "He (Jereboam II)

 RESTORED THE BORDER OF ISRAEL FROM THE

 ENTRANCE OF HAMATH AS FAR AS THE SEA OF THE

 ARABAH ... 28 ... HE FOUGHT AND HOW HE

 RECOVERED FOR ISRAEL, DAMASCUS AND

 HAMATH, WHICH HAD BELONGED TO JUDAH ...".
- 2:12: "12 "BUT YOU MADE THE NAZIRITES DRINK WINE, AND YOU COMMANDED THE PROPHETS SAYING, 'YOU SHALL NOT PROPHESY!"

The Times of the Writing. Amos

- 4:1-3: "4:1 Hear this word, you cows of Bashan who are on the mountain of Samaria, Who oppress the poor, who crush the needy ..."
- 5:10-12: "IO THEY HATE HIM WHO REPROVES IN THE GATE, AND THEY ABHOR HIM WHO SPEAKS WITH INTEGRITY. 11 THEREFORE, BECAUSE YOU IMPOSE HEAVY RENT ON THE POOR ...12 FOR I KNOW YOUR TRANSCRESSIONS ARE MANY AND YOUR SINS ARE GREAT YOU WHO DISTRESS THE RIGHTEOUS AND ACCEPT BRIBES, AND TURN ASIDE THE POOR IN THE GATE".

The Times of the Writing.

• Joel 1:4, 6-7: "4 What the gnawing locust has LEFT, THE SWARMING LOCUST HAS EATEN; AND WHAT THE SWARMING LOCUST HAS LEFT, THE CREEPING LOCUST HAS EATEN; AND WHAT THE CREEPING LOCUST HAS LEFT, THE STRIPPING LOCUST HAS EATEN. 6 FOR A NATION HAS INVADED MY LAND, MIGHTY AND WITHOUT NUMBER; ITS TEETH ARE THE TEETH OF A LION, AND IT HAS THE FANGS OF A LIONESS. 7 IT HAS MADE MY VINE A WASTE, AND MY FIG TREE SPLINTERS. IT HAS STRIPPED THEM BARE AND CAST THEM AWAY; THEIR BRANCHES HAVE BECOME

The Times of the Writing. Obadiah

- The hatred Edom held for their blood brothers, Israel, goes back to the time when their father Esau was born, Gen. 25:22–34.
- THE EDOMITES DWELT IN MT. SEIR AT THE SOUTH END OF THE DEAD SEA. THIS TERRITORY IS ALSO REFERRED TO AS IDUMEA. THEY CONSTANTLY SHOWED INDIGNATION AGAINST ISRAEL, EVEN REFUSING SIMPLE PASSAGE THROUGH THEIR LAND WHEN ISRAEL FIRST CAME FROM EGYPTIAN CAPTIVITY. NUM. 20:14-21.

The Times of the Writing. Obadiah

- The pride of Edom and the perpetual hatred for God's people brought the wrath of the Lord against this land. Even in later years Edom stood ready to rejoice over every setback endured by Israel and Judah, never helping but always gloating.
- Mal. 1:2-3: "2 ... declares the LORD ... 3 but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation, and appointed his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness."

The Times of the Writing. Jonah

• JONAH LIVED DURING THE REIGN OF JEROBOAM II, KING OF NORTH ISRAEL. JEROBOAM FOUND THE KINGDOM WEAK. UNDER JEROBOAM, THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO REVIVE THEIR FORMER STRENGTH. HE CAPTURED HAMATH AND Damascus and restored to Israel all the territory STRETCHING SOUTHWARD FROM HAMATH TO THE DEAD SEA. IN ASSYRIA, ON THE CONTRARY, THE PREVAILING CONDITIONS WERE JUST THE OPPOSITE EVERYTHING WAS MOST DISCOURAGING, ASSYRIA WAS LOSING GROUND. IN OTHER WORDS, ISRAEL WAS IN THE ASCENDANCY, ASSYRIA WAS ON THE DECLINE.

The Times of the Writing. Micah

- MICAH 2:1-2: "2:1 WOE TO THOSE WHO SCHEME INIQUITY, WHO WORK OUT EVIL ON THEIR BEDS! WHEN MORNING COMES, THEY DO IT, FOR IT IS IN THE POWER OF THEIR HANDS. 2 THEY COVET FIELDS AND THEN SEIZE THEM...".
- 3:1-3: "And I said, "Hear now, Heads of Jacob And Rulers of the House of Israel. Is it not for you to know Justice? 2 "You who hate good and love evil".

The Times of the Writing. Micah

- 6:11-12: "Can I justify wicked scales And a bag of deceptive weights? 12 "For the rich men of the city are full of violence, Her residents speak lies, And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth".
- 7:2-3: "2 The Godly Person has Perished from the Land, And there is no upright Person among Men. All of them lie in wait for bloodshed; Each of them hunts the other with a net. 3 Concerning evil, both hands do it well. The prince asks, also the Judge, for a bribe, ...".

The Times of the Writing. Micah

- 2Ch. 28:1-4: "Ahaz ... did not do right in the sight of the LORD ... he also made molten images for the Baals. ..., he burned incense in the valley of Ben-hinnom, and burned his sons in fire".
- Isa. 36:1: "...in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.".

Lessons.

• God Loves all Nations. Three prophets out of the 12 prophesied to other countries other than Israel.