



## CHAPTER 1 & 2

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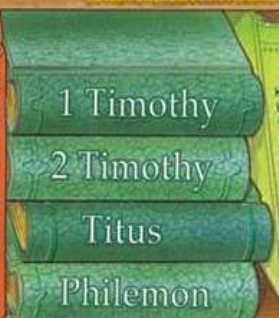
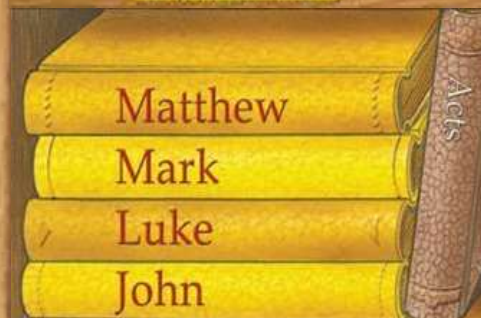
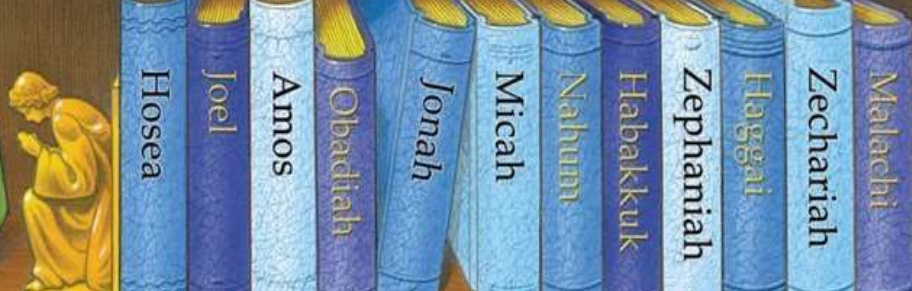
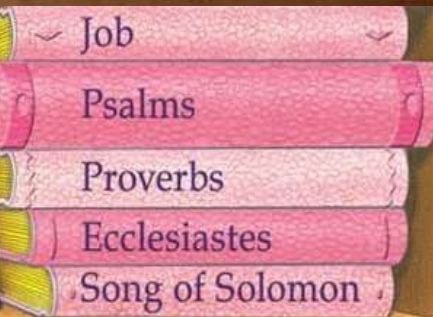
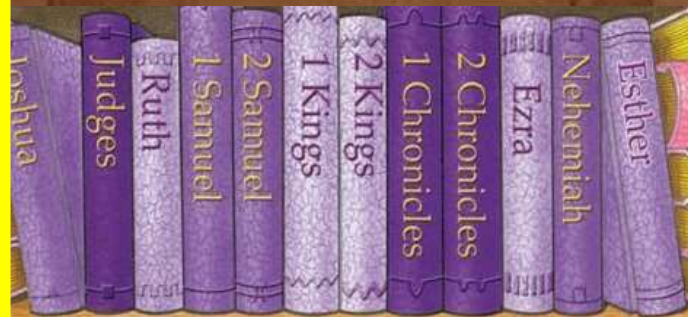
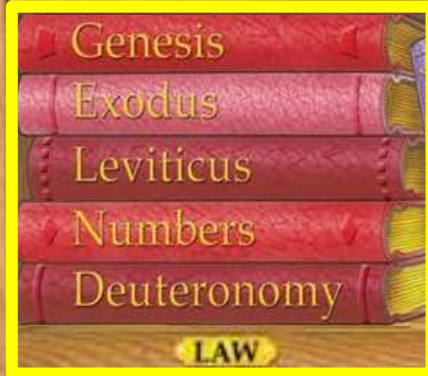
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# PROPHETS

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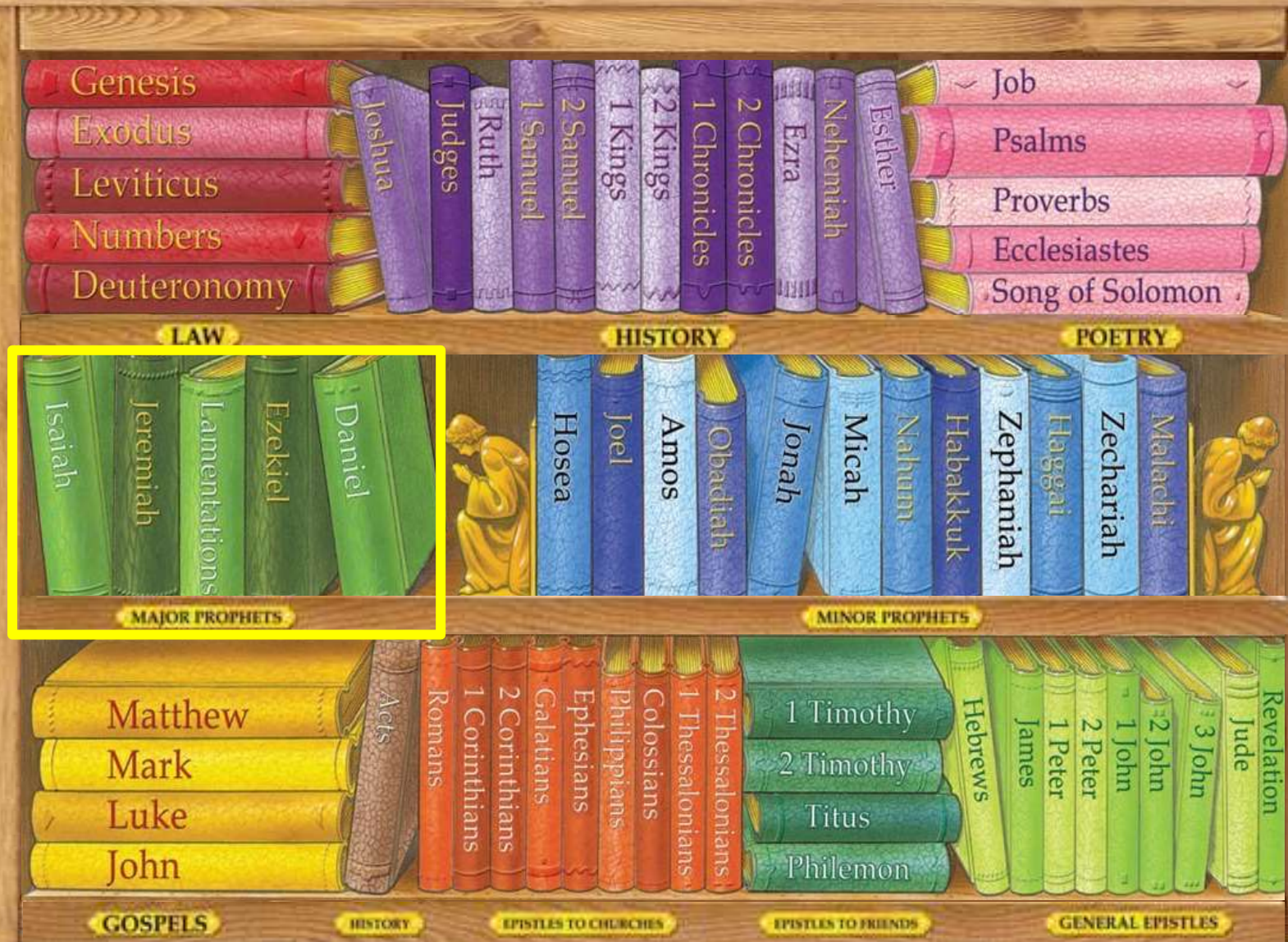
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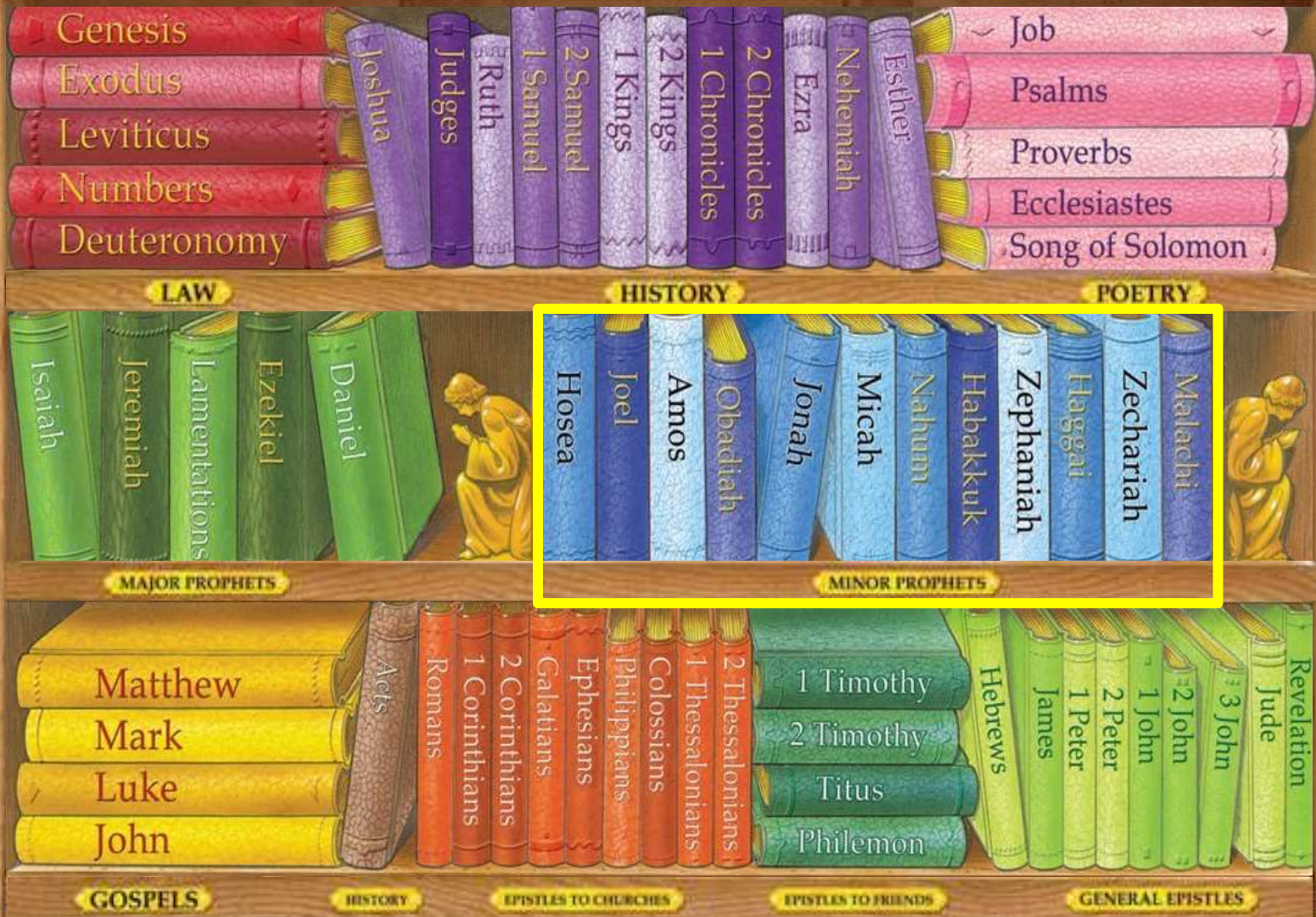


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# The Minor Prophets



- Hosea
  - The Lord loves Israel despite her sin
- Joel
  - Judgment precedes Israel's future revival
- Amos
  - God is just and must judge sin
- Obadiah
  - Sure retribution must overtake merciless pride
- Jonah
  - Divine grace is universal
- Micah
  - Bethlehem born Messiah will deliver

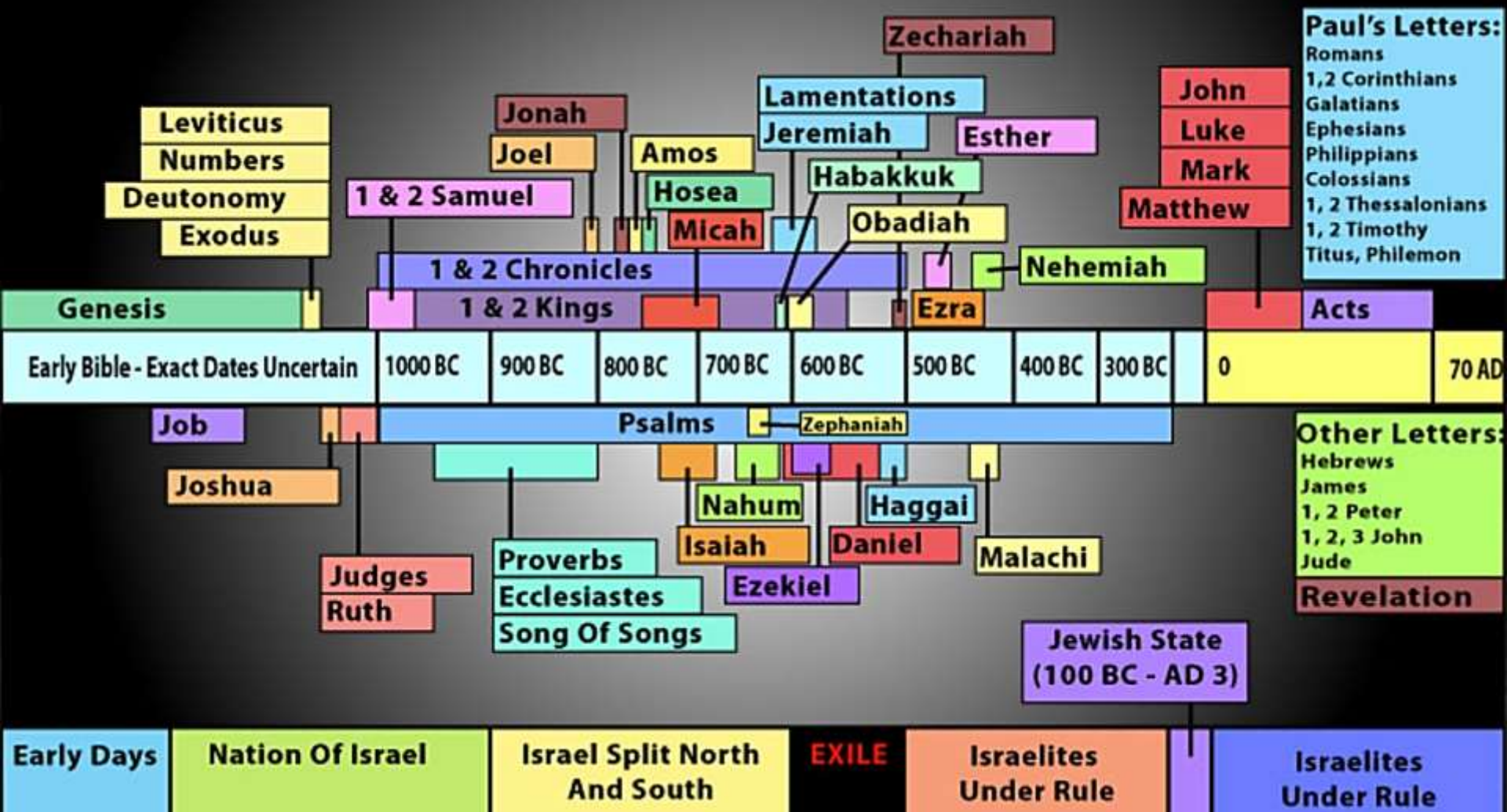


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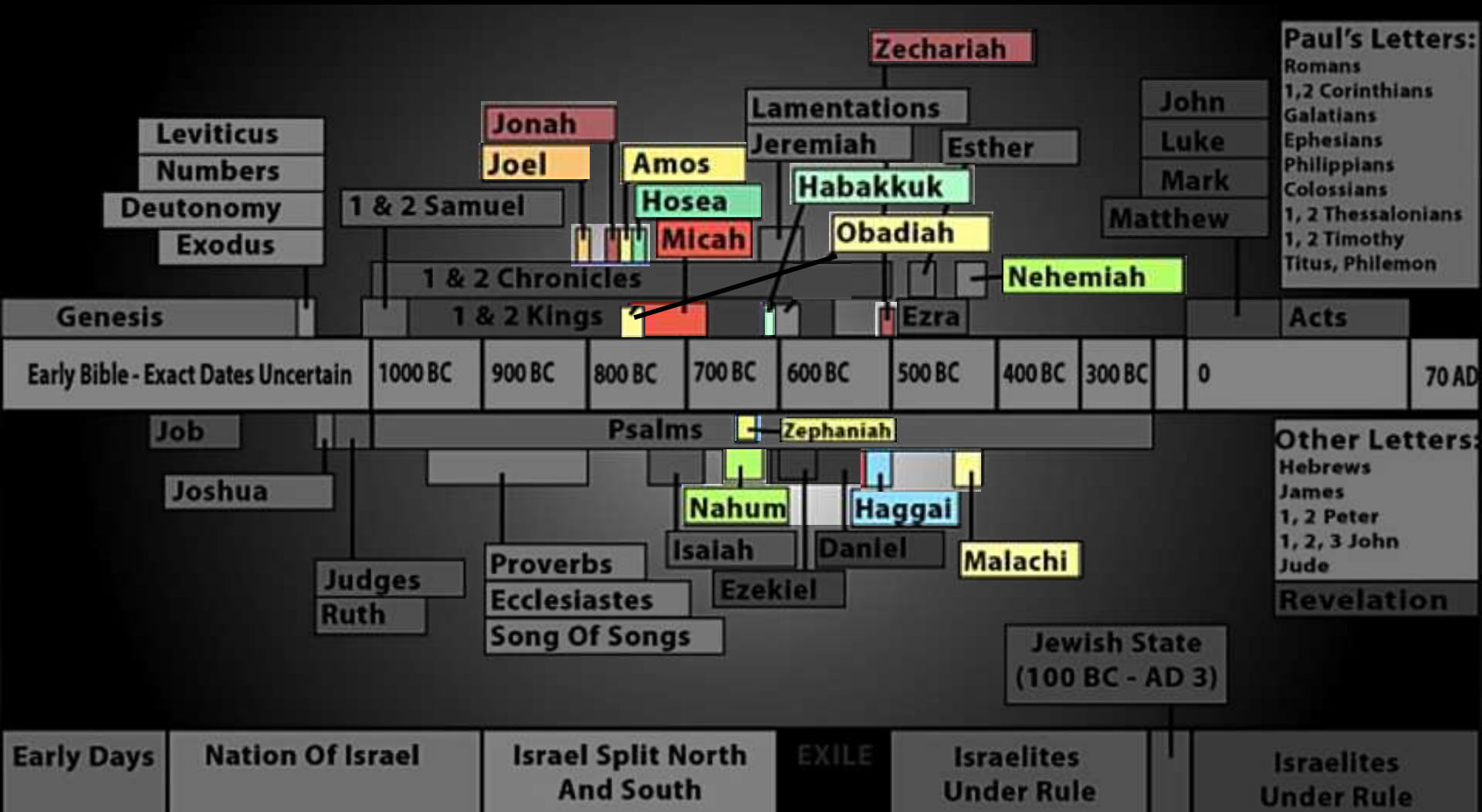
- Nahum
  - Doom is to come on wicked Nineveh
- Habakkuk
  - Justification by faith is God's way
- Zephaniah
  - The Day of the Lord will precede the kingdom
- Haggai
  - Consider your ways! God must be no#1
- Zechariah
  - Repentant Israel will see their Messiah
- Malachi
  - Judgment is certain for the wicked

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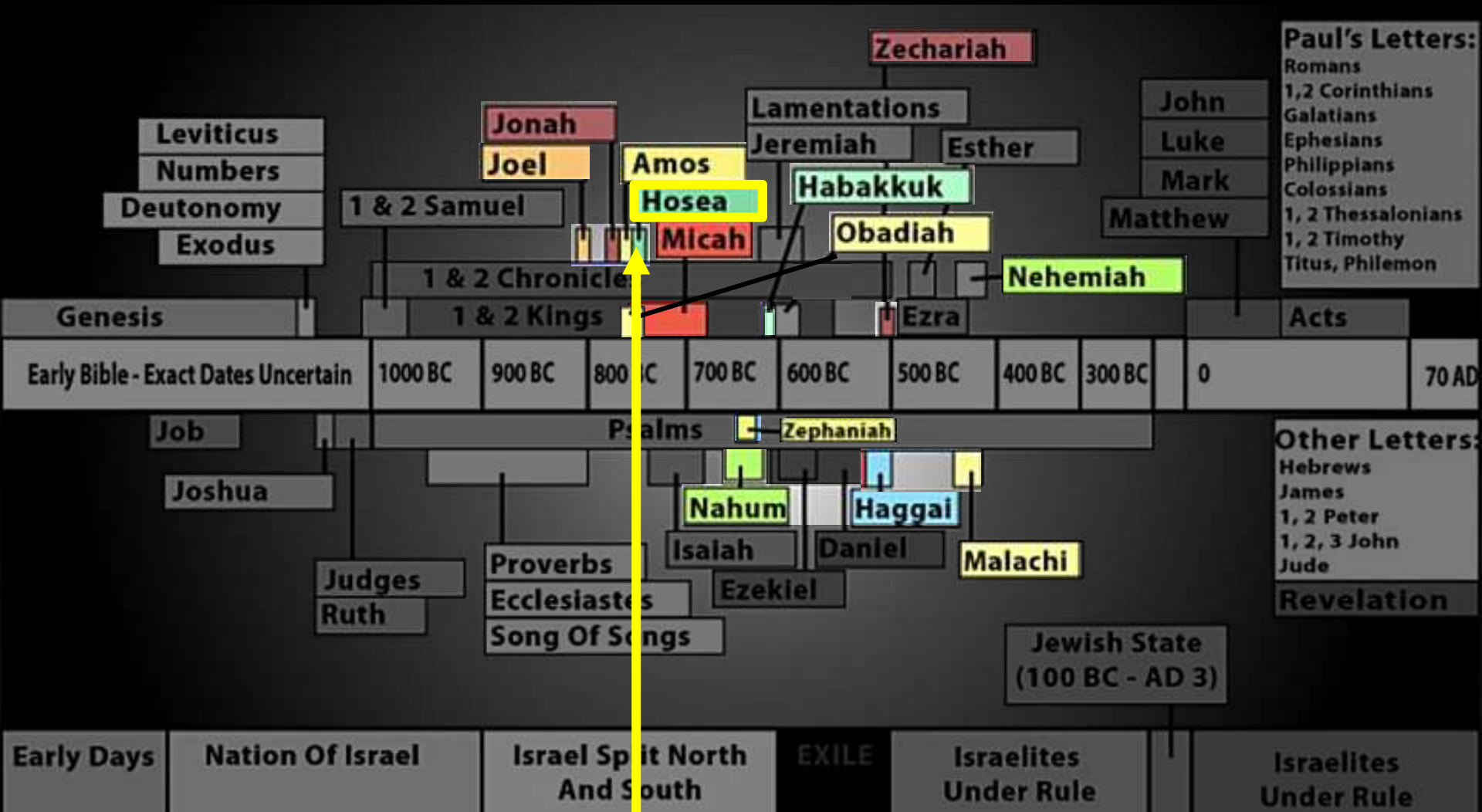




# Ministry of the Minor Prophets



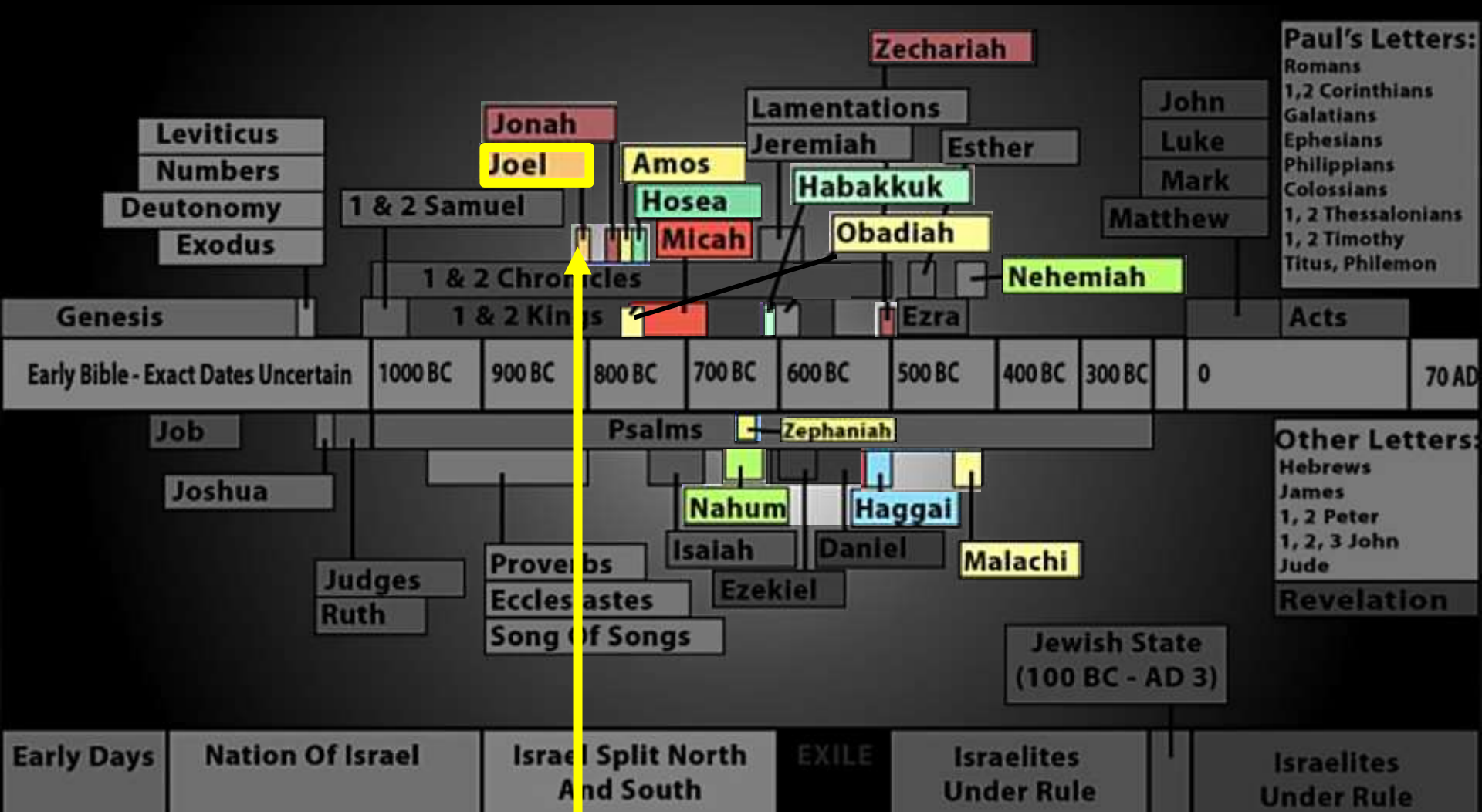
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**HOSEA** 793-722 B.C. (Prophet to the Northern Kingdom)

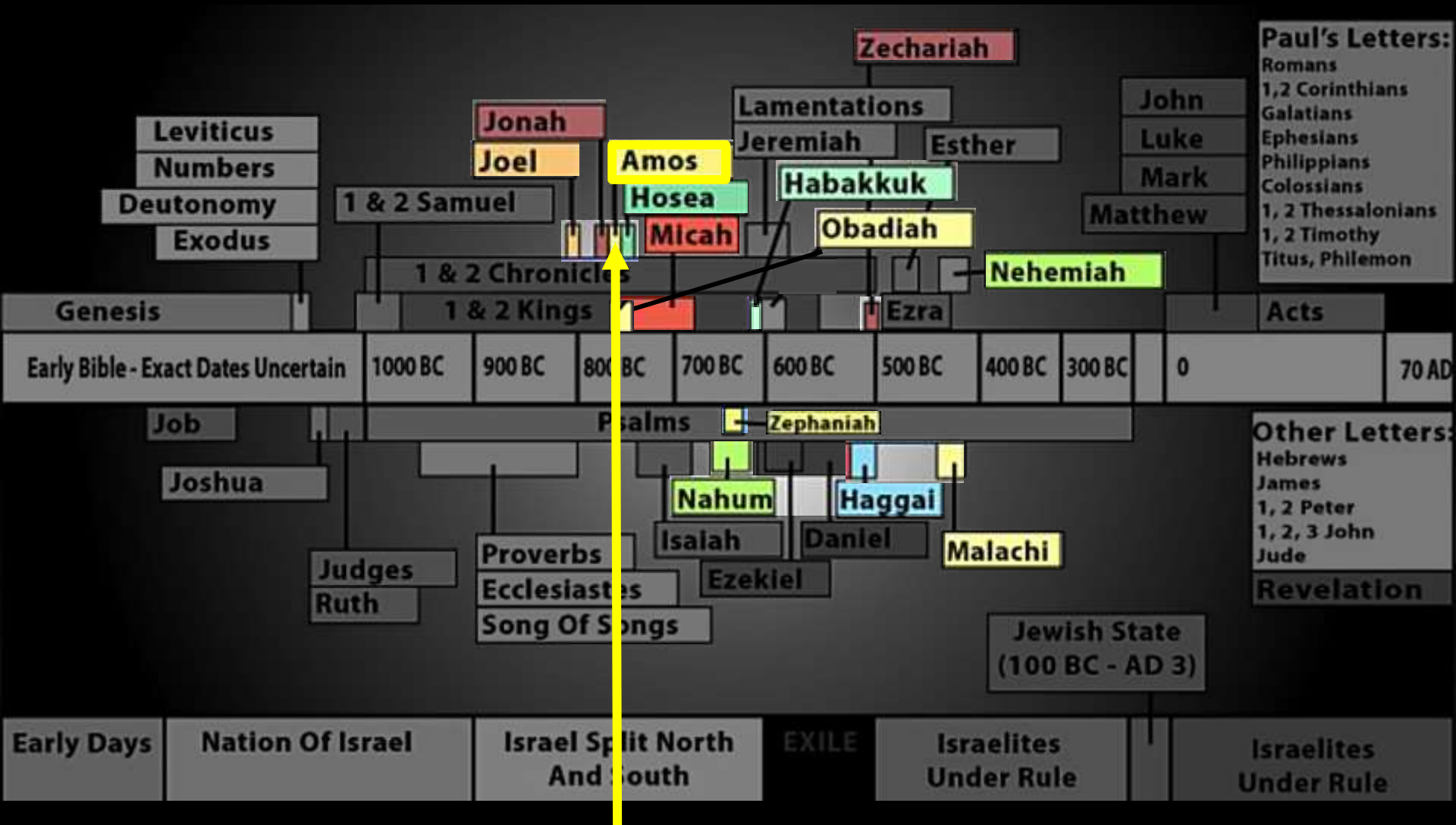


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**JOEL** 835-796 B.C. (The earliest prophet?)

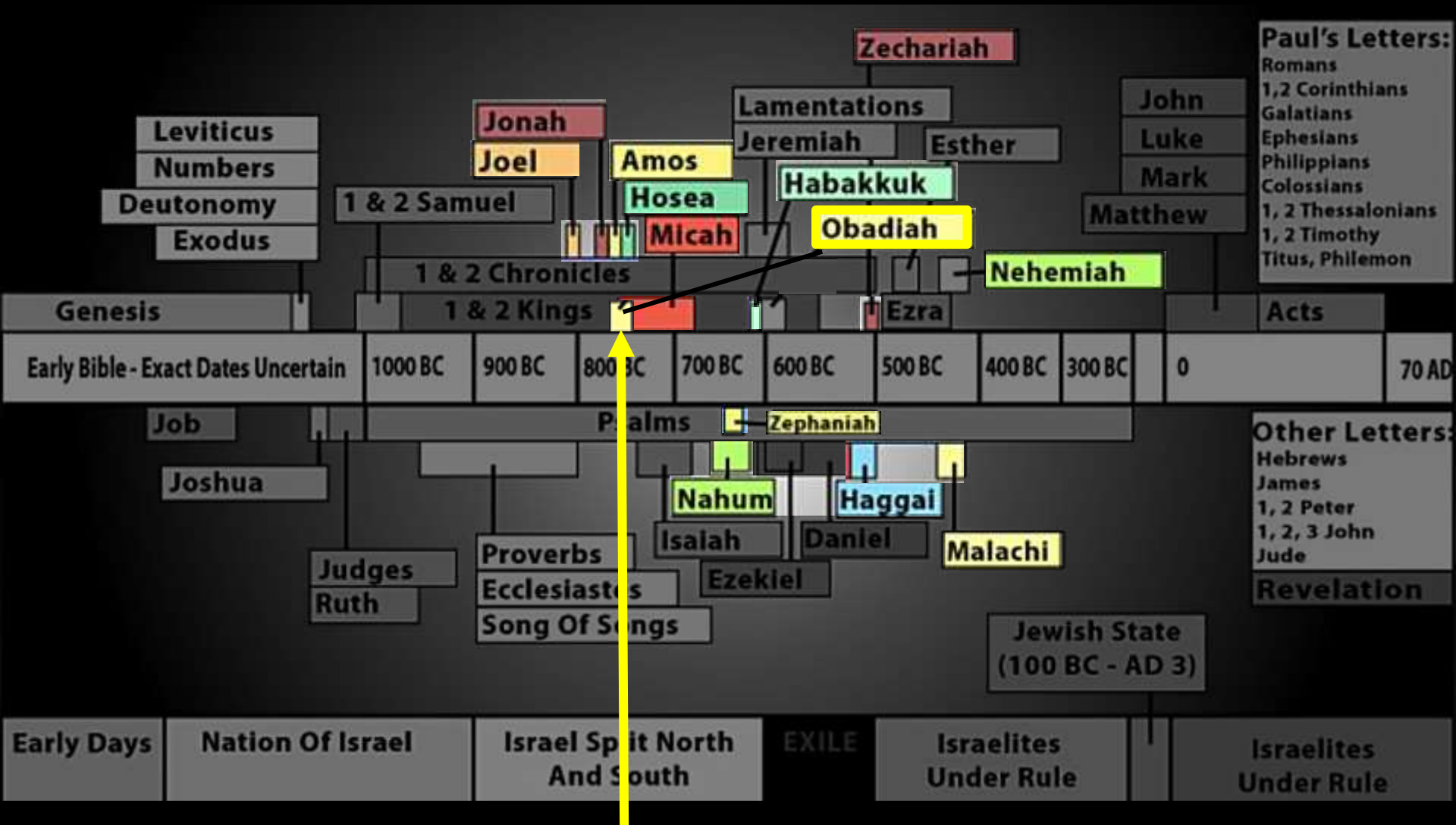
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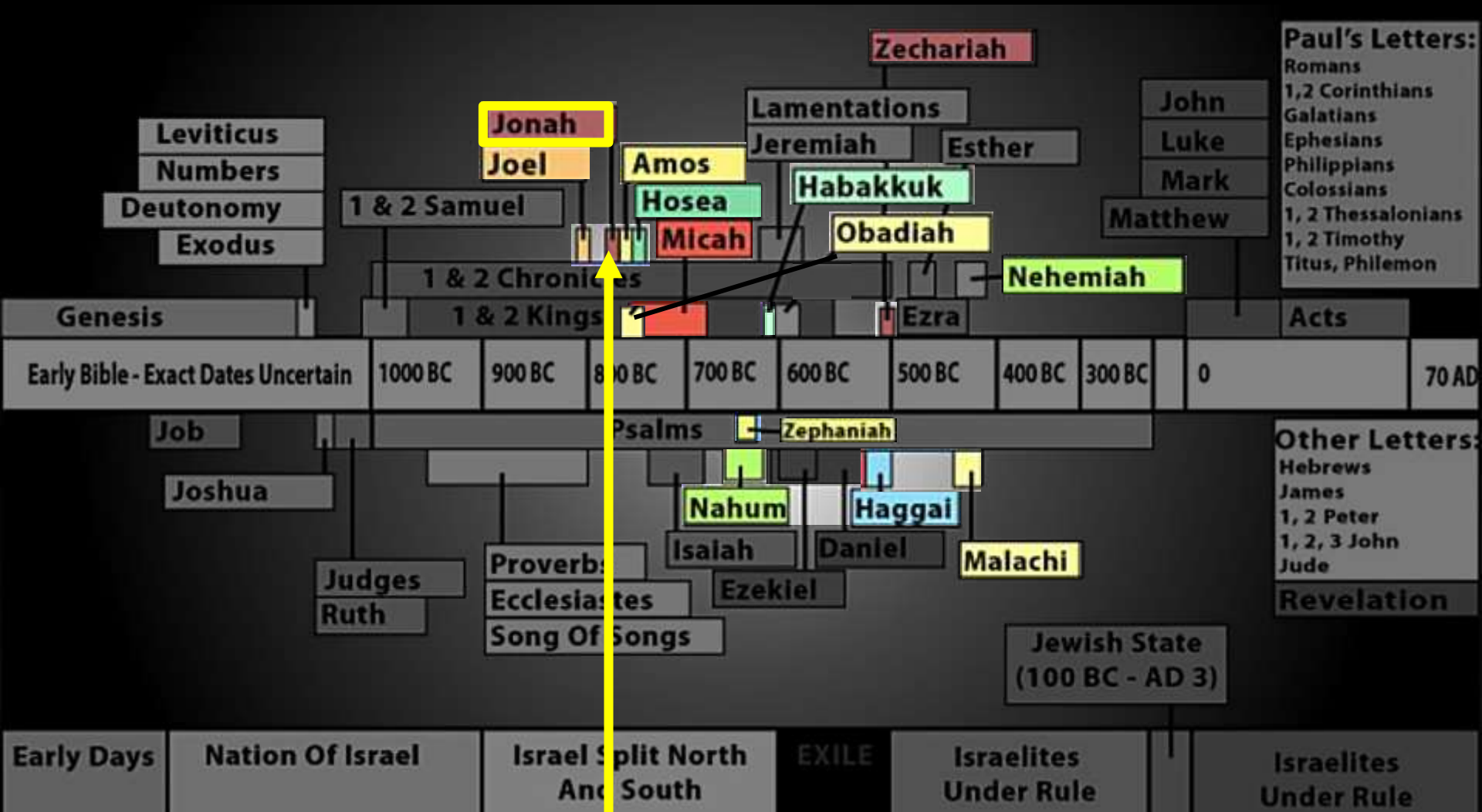


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**OBADIAH** 760 B.C. (Prophecy concerning Edom)

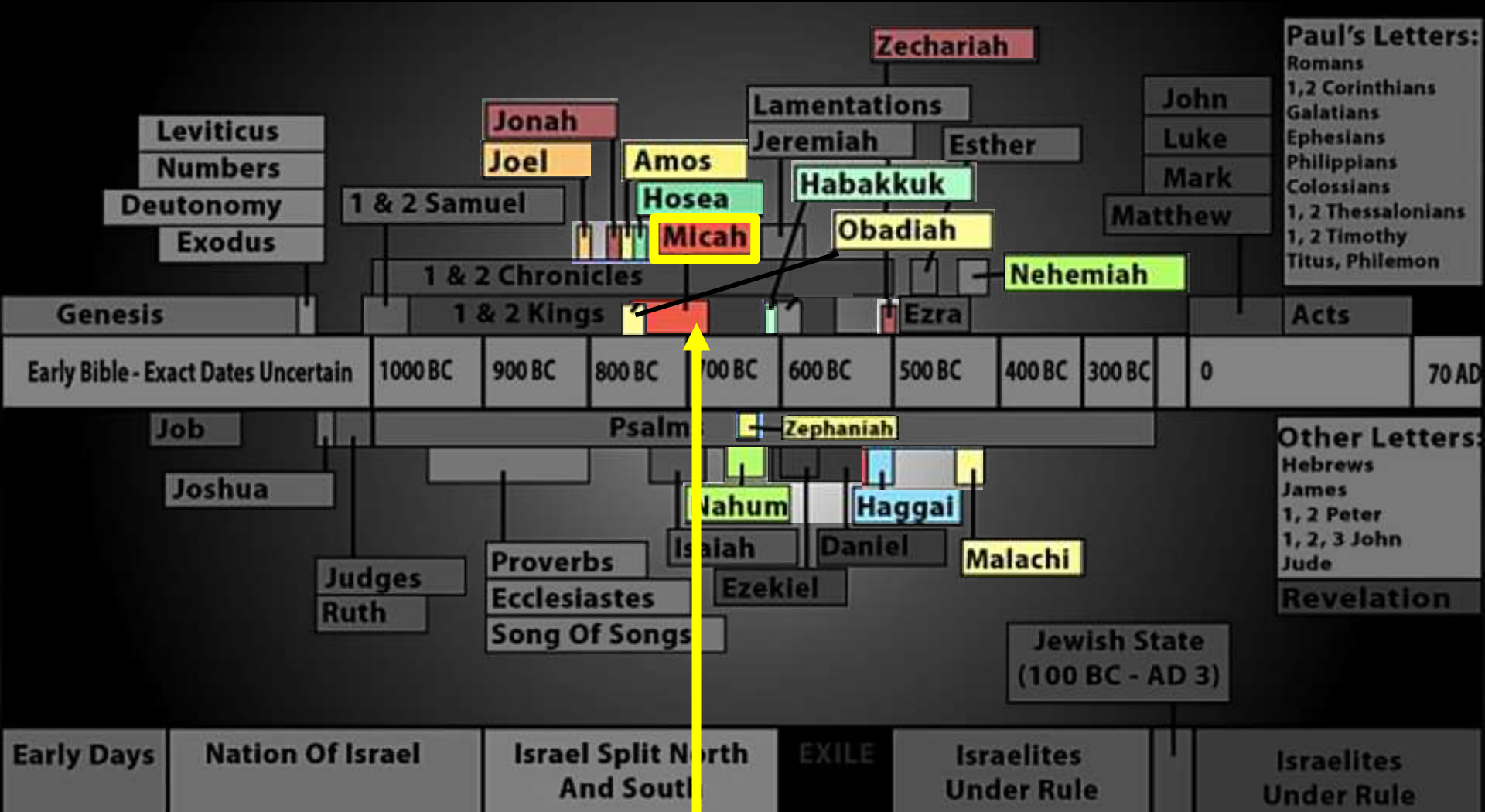
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**JONAH** 780 – 750 B.C. (Prophet to Nineveh)

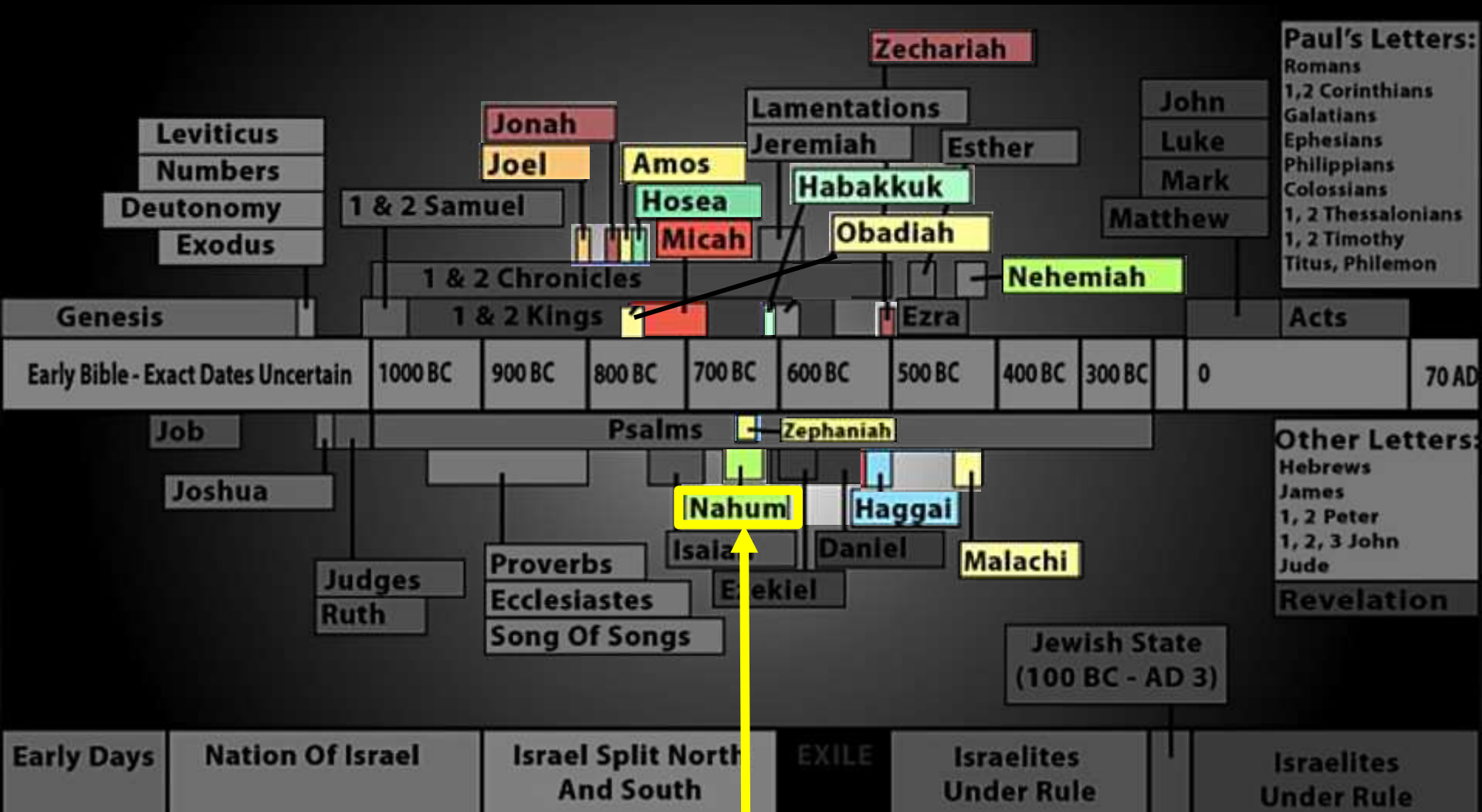


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## MICAH 740 – 690 B.C. (Prophecy for Israel & Judah)

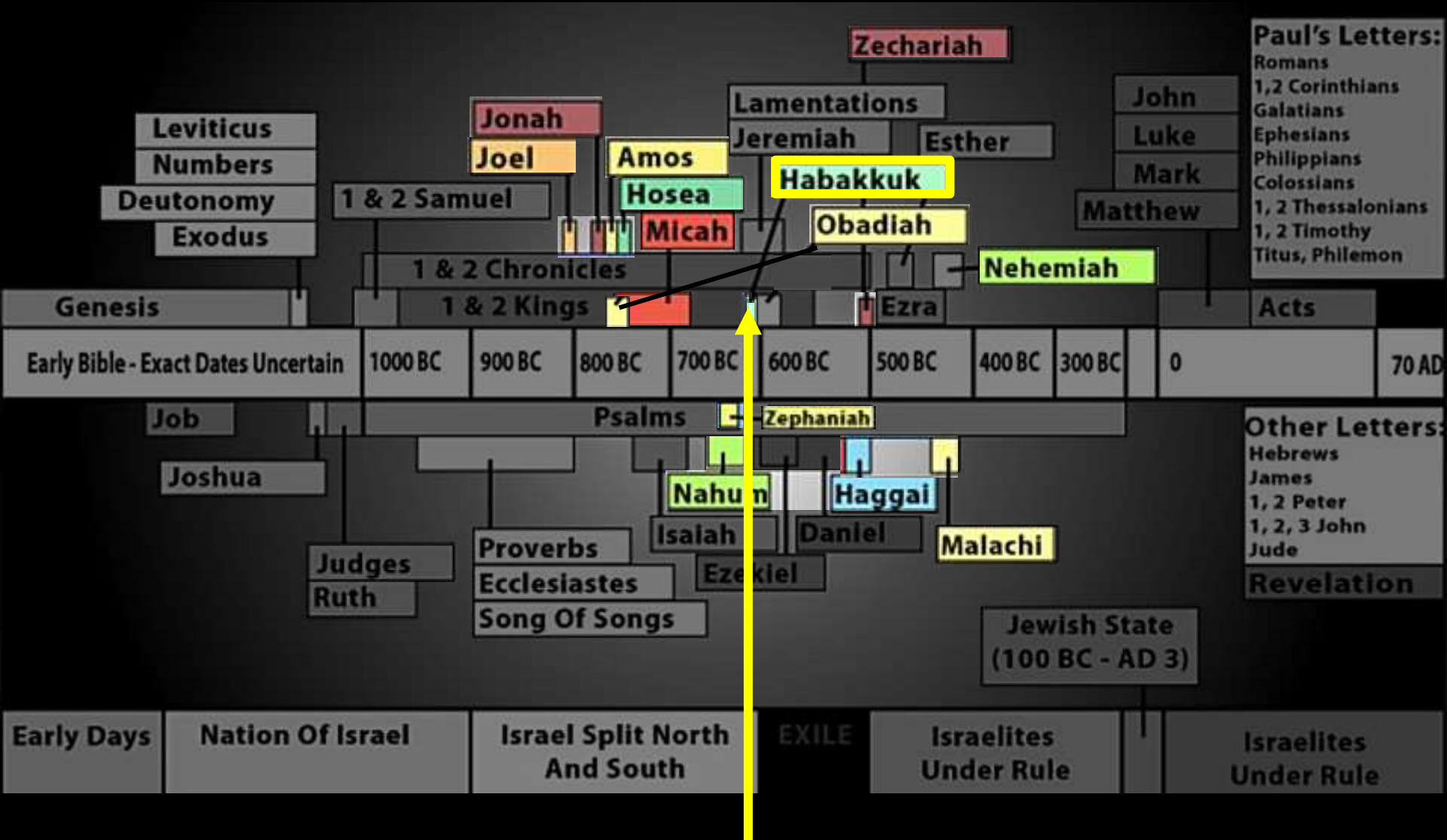
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**NAHUM** 630 – 612 B.C. (The burden of Nineveh)

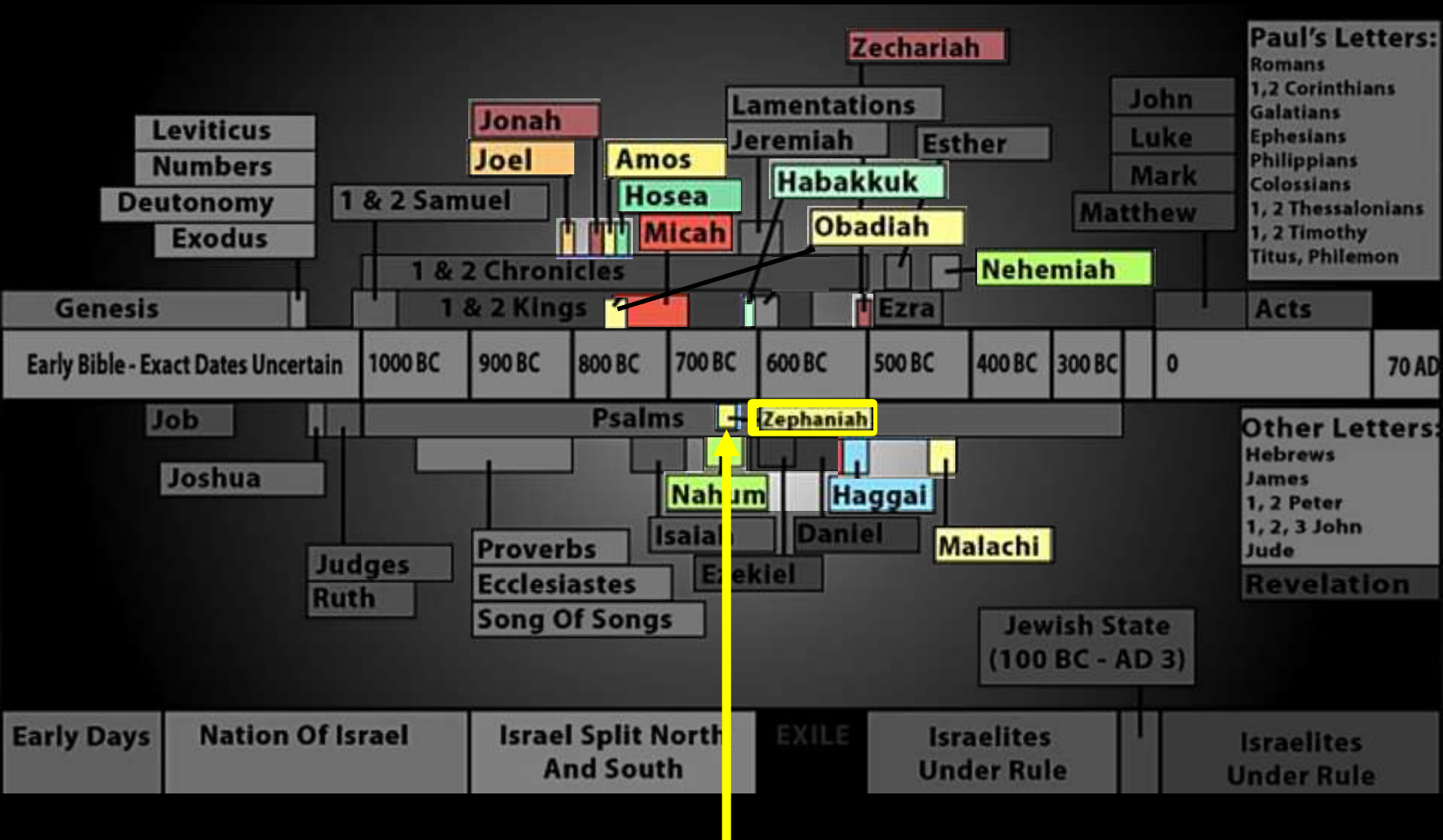


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**HABAKKUK** 625 B.C. (Prophet to Judah)

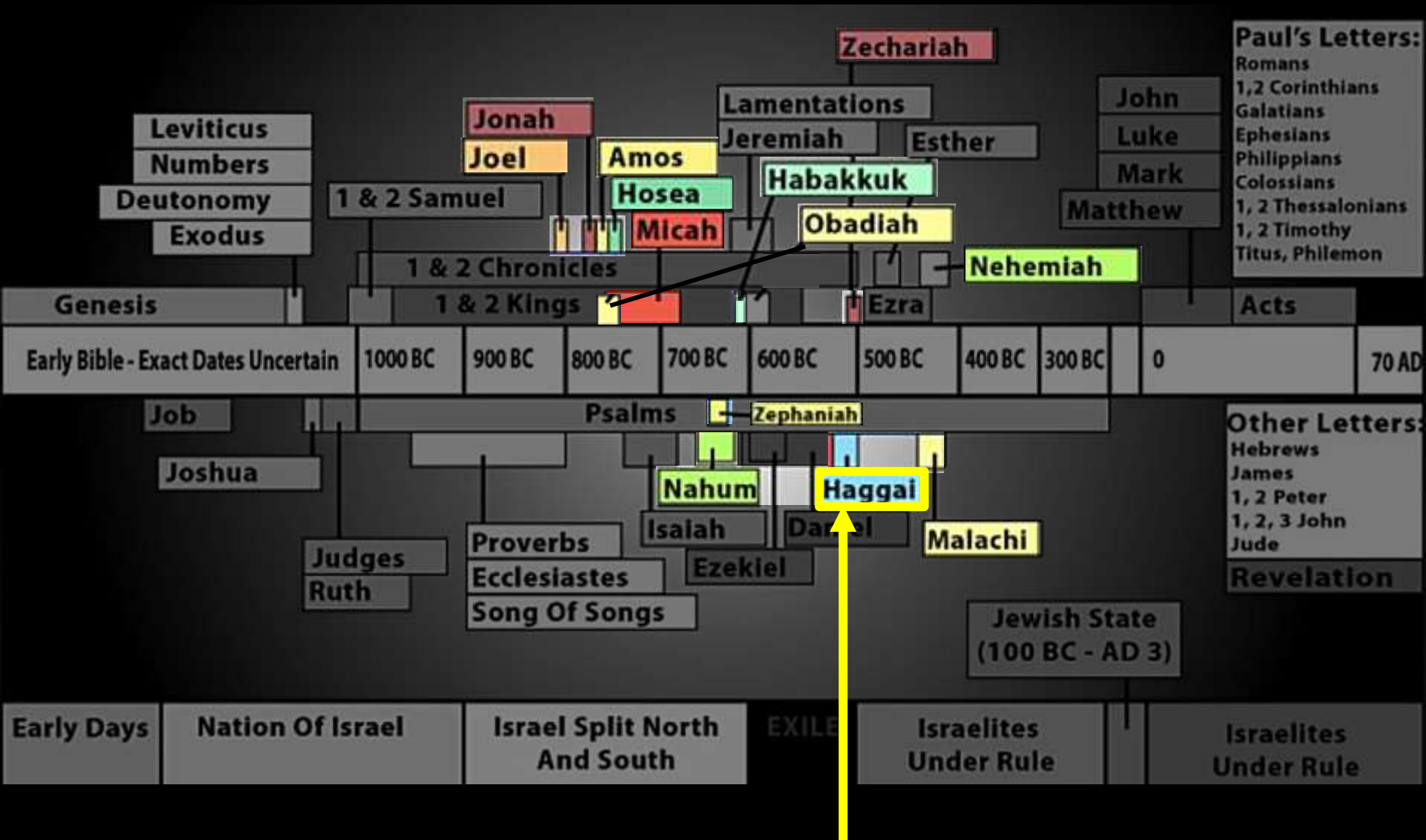
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**ZEPHANIAH** 625 - 610 B.C. (Prophet to Judah)

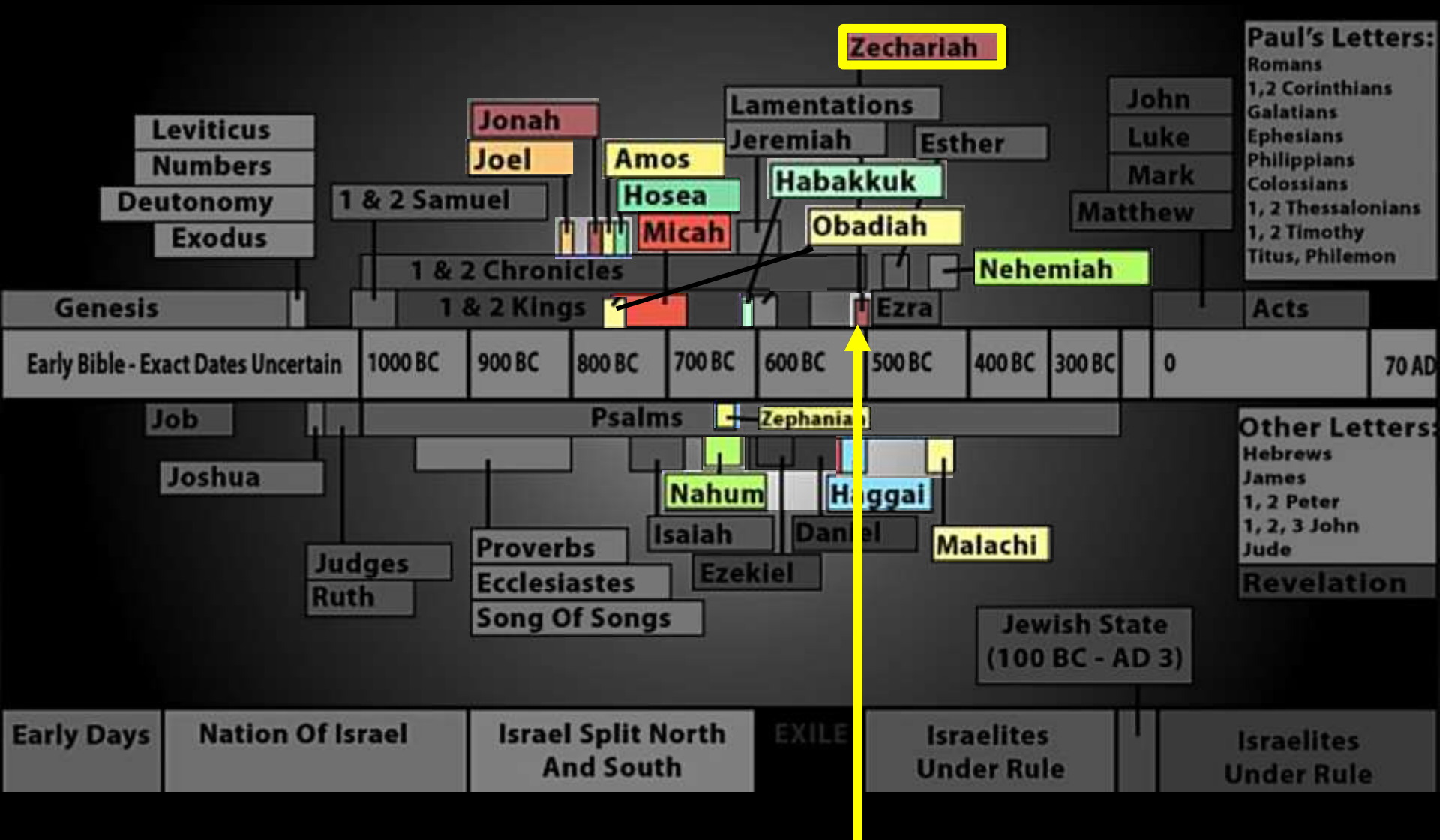


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**HAGGAI** 520 - 518 B.C. (Prophet to the returned exiles)

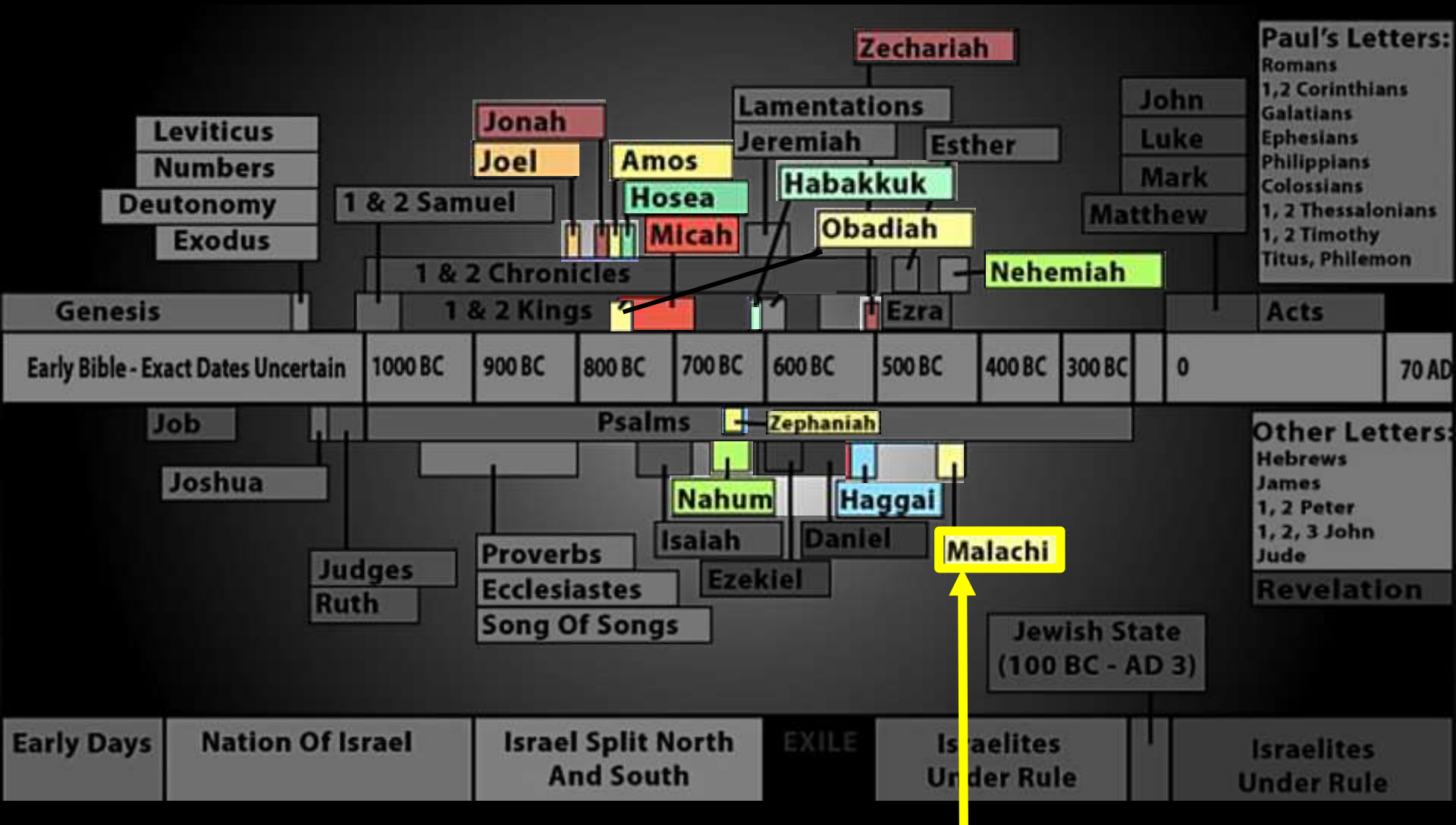
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**ZECHARIAH** 520 - 500 B.C. (Prophet to the returned exiles)



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**MALACHI** 433 - 400 B.C. (Prophet to the Nation of Israel)



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# Hosea

- The loving prophet
  - ‘The Jeremiah of the North’
- His name means ‘salvation’
- He is quoted more than 30 times in the New Testament... more than any other ‘Minor Prophet’.
- *"In all the world's literature, there is no record of human love like that of Hosea."* George Robinson



# Hosea

- *“We have in the Book of Hosea one of the most arresting revelations of the real nature of sin, and one of the clearest interpretations of the strength of the Divine love. No one can read the story of Hosea without realizing the agony of his heart. Then, lift the human to the level of the Infinite, and know this, that sin wounds the heart of God.”*

G. Campbell Morgan

# Hosea

- *“Hosea is one of the greatest lovers in all literature. We find his love so strong that even the worst actions of an unfaithful wife could not kill it”* — Henrietta C Mears

# Hosea

- The golden age of Jeroboam II was passing and a dark cloud hung over Israel.
- On the death of Jeroboam, six kings followed in quick succession.
- Within 24 years 4 were assassinated.
- Mid way through Hosea's ministry a large part of the nation were carried away by the Assyrians.
- At the end of Hosea's life the kingdom of Israel came to an end with the fall of Samaria.
- Hosea lived to see some of his own prophecies fulfilled.



# Hosea

- Hosea is told to marry '*a wife of whoredoms*'
- He marries Gomer and they have 3 children:
- Jezreel
  - God scatters / God sows
- Lo-ruhamah
  - No mercy
- Lo-ammi:
  - You are not my people

# Hosea

- Key Verses:
  - 14:1 - "O Israel, return unto Jehovah thy God: for thou hast fallen by thy iniquity."
  - 14:4 - "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely..."
- Key Words:
  - "Return" used 15 times.
  - "Whoredom" used 16 times, referring not only to Israel's immorality, but also to her unfaithfulness to God.

# Hosea

- Hosea's call & The rejection of Israel 1:1–9
- The restoration of Israel promised 1:10–2:1
- God's warning against Israel's unfaithfulness and judgment prophesied 2:2–13
- A future of blessing foretold for Israel 2:14–23
- The redemption of Hosea's wife a type of Israel's ultimate return to God Ch 3
- God's controversy with his people Ch 4–10
- In wrath, God remembers mercy Ch 11–13
- Israel urged to repent & enjoy blessing Ch 14



# Chapter 1



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## The Call of Hosea

<sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea, the son of Beerī, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel

**Hosea 1:1**

# The History of the Kings Judah

(c.985 B.C.)

Rehoboam 17y

Abijam 3y

Asa 41y

Jehoshaphat 25y

Jehoram 8y

Ahaziah 1y

Q. Athaliah 6y

Jehoash 40y

Amaziah 29y

Isaiah (Uzziah) Azariah 52y

Hosea Amos

Micah  
**Hosea**  
Isaiah

Jotham 16y

Ahaz 16y

Hezekiah 29y

(722 B.C.) Israel go into captivity

Manasseh 55y

Amon 2y

Zephaniah

Josiah 31y

Jehoahaz 3mts

Jeremiah

(Eliakim) Jehoiakim 11y

Jehoiachin 3mts (606 B.C.)

Zedekiah 11y (587 B.C.)



# The History of the Kings of Israel

(c.985 B.C.)

Jeroboam 22y

Nadab 2y

Baasha 24y

Elah 2y

Zimri 1wk

Tibni

Omri 12y

Elijah

Ahab 22y

Ahaziah 2y

Elisha

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Jehu 28y

Jehoahaz 17y

Joash 16y

Elisha

Jeroboam 64y **Hosea / Amos**

Zachariah 6mth

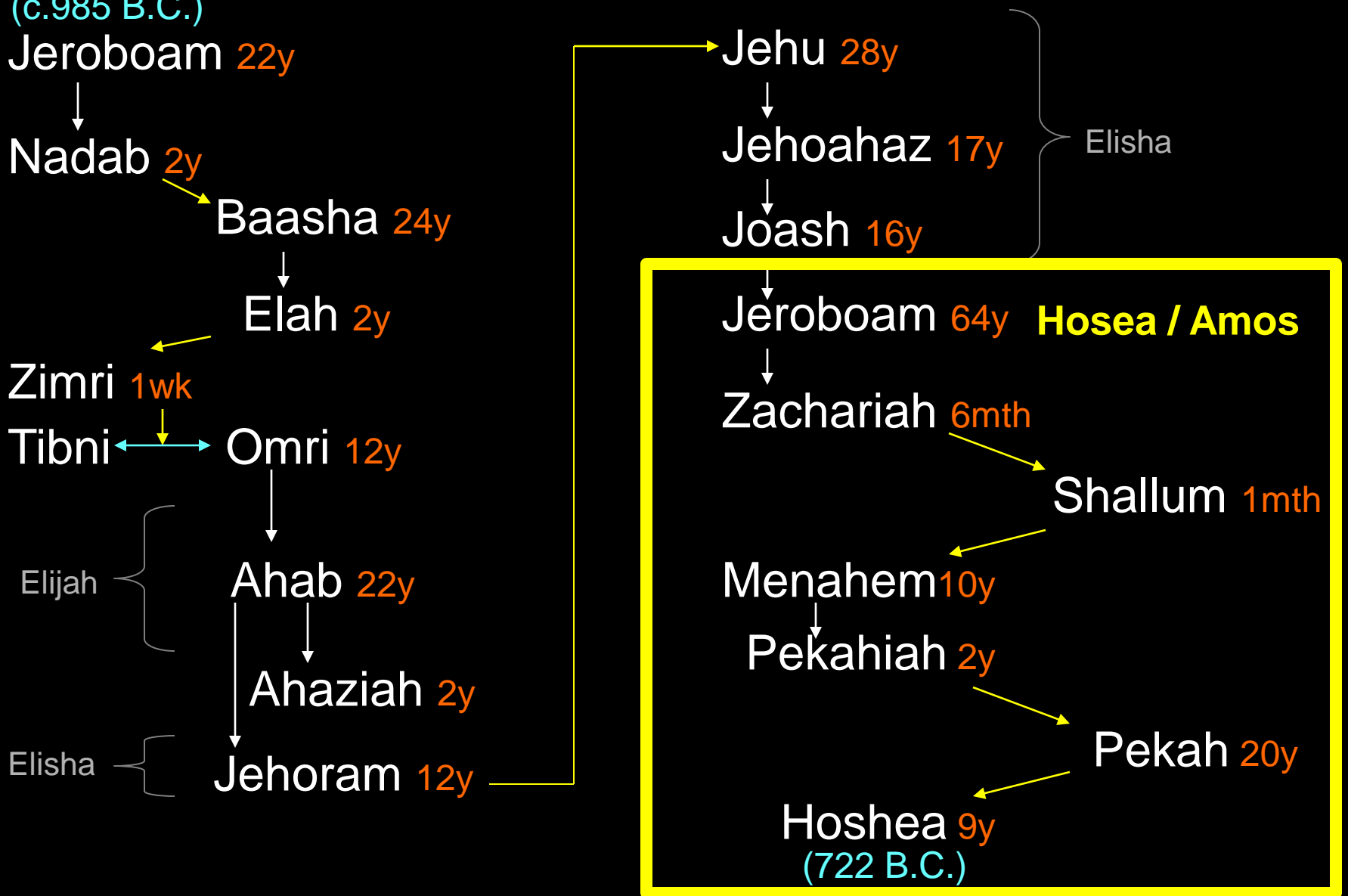
Shallum 1mth

Menahem 10y

Pekahiah 2y

Pekah 20y

Hoshea 9y  
(722 B.C.)



2 The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea.  
And the Lord said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the Lord.

**Hosea 1:2**

- A bit dramatic?
- Do we understand the horror of sin?

# Hosea's Object Lesson

- *Some commentators believe this never really happened, and that Hosea is only telling a vivid story. They think it could never have happened because God would never have a prophet marry a prostitute. But Boice rightly observes, "If Hosea's story cannot be real (because 'God could not ask a man to marry an unfaithful woman'), then neither is the story of salvation real, because that is precisely what Christ has done for us."*

– David Guzik



<sup>3</sup> So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son.

<sup>4</sup> And the Lord said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.

**Hosea 1:3-4**

# Jezreel – The Coming Scattering

- The first son born to Hosea and Gomer was "Jezreel" which had a double meaning:
- 1) Jezreel means "Scattered,"
  - Israel would soon be scattered in exile by Assyria
- 2) Jezreel refers to the Valley of Jezreel
  - a.k.a. Armageddon)
  - This was where Jehu (the great-grandad of Jeroboam II) had killed all the descendants of Ahab, establishing his own dynasty (see 2 Kings 10:11).
- Through the naming of Jezreel God was confirm His promise to avenge the bloodshed in Jezreel by judging the house of Jehu.

<sup>5</sup> And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.

Hosea 1:5

- The bow is a symbol of the covenant
- The covenant with Israel will be broken in the valley of Jezreel
  - 'Jezreel' - *"Israel will be scattered"*
- From here Israel were scattered among the nations
  - *First to Assyria, then global dispersal*



# Three Major Covenants

- **God's Covenant with Abraham** Gen 15
  - In his seed all nations shall be blessed
- **God's Covenant with Israel** Deut 28-31
  - If they faithfully served Him they'd prosper
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<sup>6</sup> And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.

<sup>7</sup> But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the Lord their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

**Hosea1:6-7**

- See God's miraculous deliverance in 2 Kings 19



8 Now when she had weaned Loruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son.

9 Then said God, Call his name Loammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.

**Hosea 1:8-9**

- In times of prosperity people can be blasé toward God and 'to not be God's' doesn't trouble them...
- But in a time of calamity to have God turn away from you is terrifying!

<sup>10</sup> Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

<sup>11</sup> Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel **be gathered** together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of **Jezreel**.

**Hosea 1:10-11**

- Jezreel also means to gather

# Chapter 2



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## The Restoration of Israel



<sup>1</sup> Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruhamah.

<sup>2</sup> Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts;

**Hosea 2:1-2**

- Here we have the father pleading with the children...

<sup>3</sup> Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.

<sup>4</sup> And I will not have mercy upon her children; for they be the children of whoredoms.

**Hosea 2:3-4**

- This seems to imply Gomer had had children from her other lovers...
- Hosea is not saying he would reject his own children

5 For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.

**Hosea 2:5**

6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.

7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now.

Hosea 2:6-7

- Psalm 119: *“Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word”.*



8 For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal.

9 Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness.

Hosea 2:8-9

- Every good gift comes from God...
- *But what have done with it?*
  - Have we let the very blessing God gave us lead us away from Him?

<sup>10</sup> And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand.

<sup>11</sup> I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.

**Hosea 2:10-11**

- The language shifts from be analogous of Israel to being a direct prophecy regarding the nation

<sup>12</sup> And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.

<sup>13</sup> And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the Lord.

14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.

15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

**Hosea 2:14-15**



<sup>16</sup> And it shall be at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali.

<sup>17</sup> For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.

Hosea 2:16-17

- *"And it shall be, in that day," says the LORD, "That you will call Me 'My Husband,' and no longer call Me 'My Master,'"*

18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness:  
and thou shalt know the Lord.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear,  
saith the Lord, I will hear the heavens, and they  
shall hear the earth;

**Hosea 2:20-21**

22 And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine,  
and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.

**Hosea 2:22**



<sup>23</sup> And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

**Hosea 2:23**

- Though Israel had forfeited the Mosaic covenant blessings through disobedience...
- Yet through God's faithfulness they will be restored
  - This is the part of scripture that Islam and Replacement theology has missed!



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