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MICAH

A verse by verse study

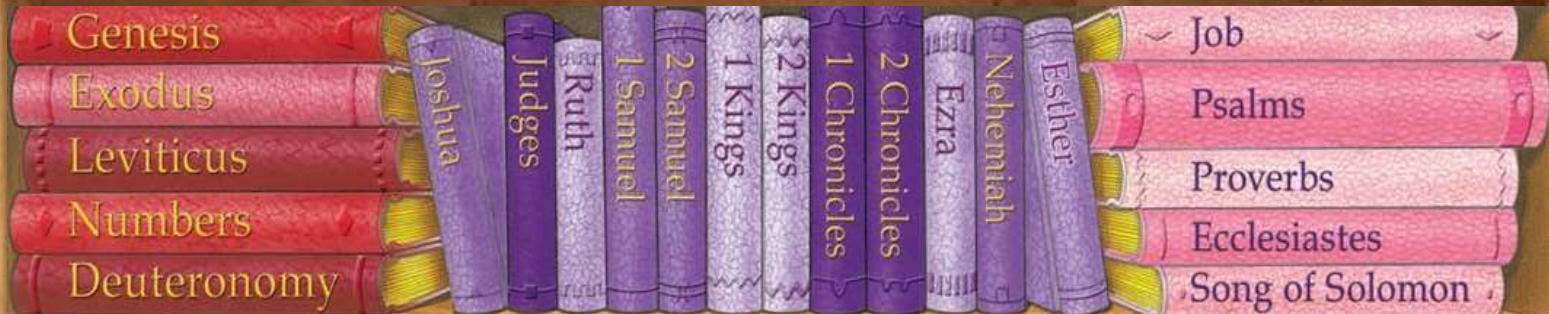


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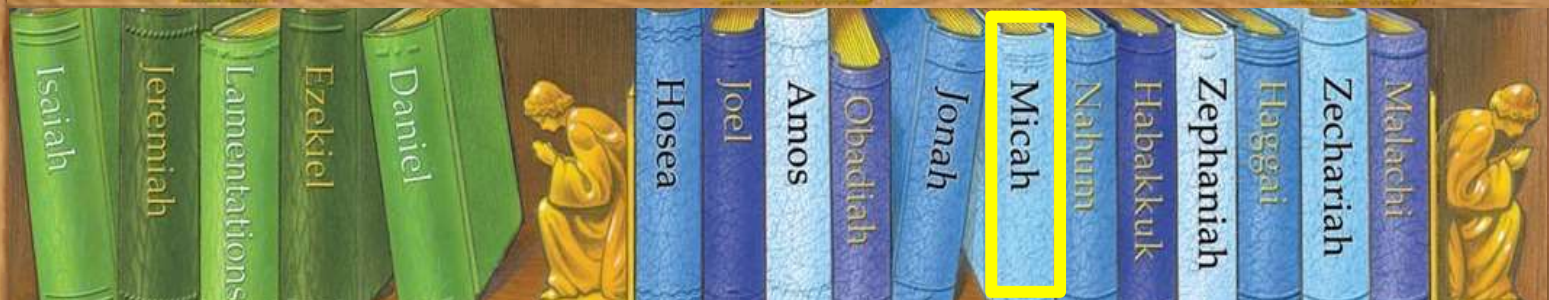
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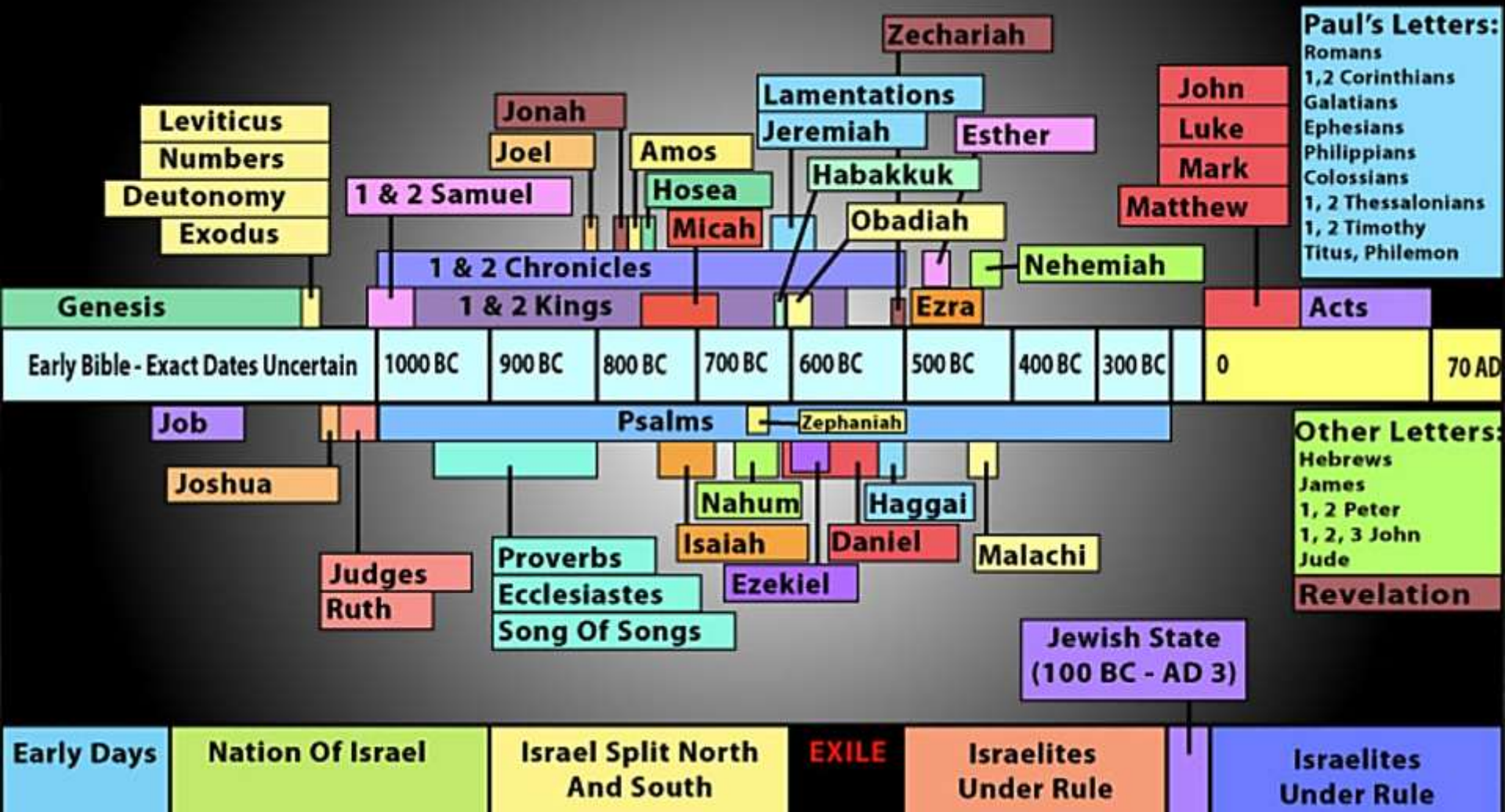
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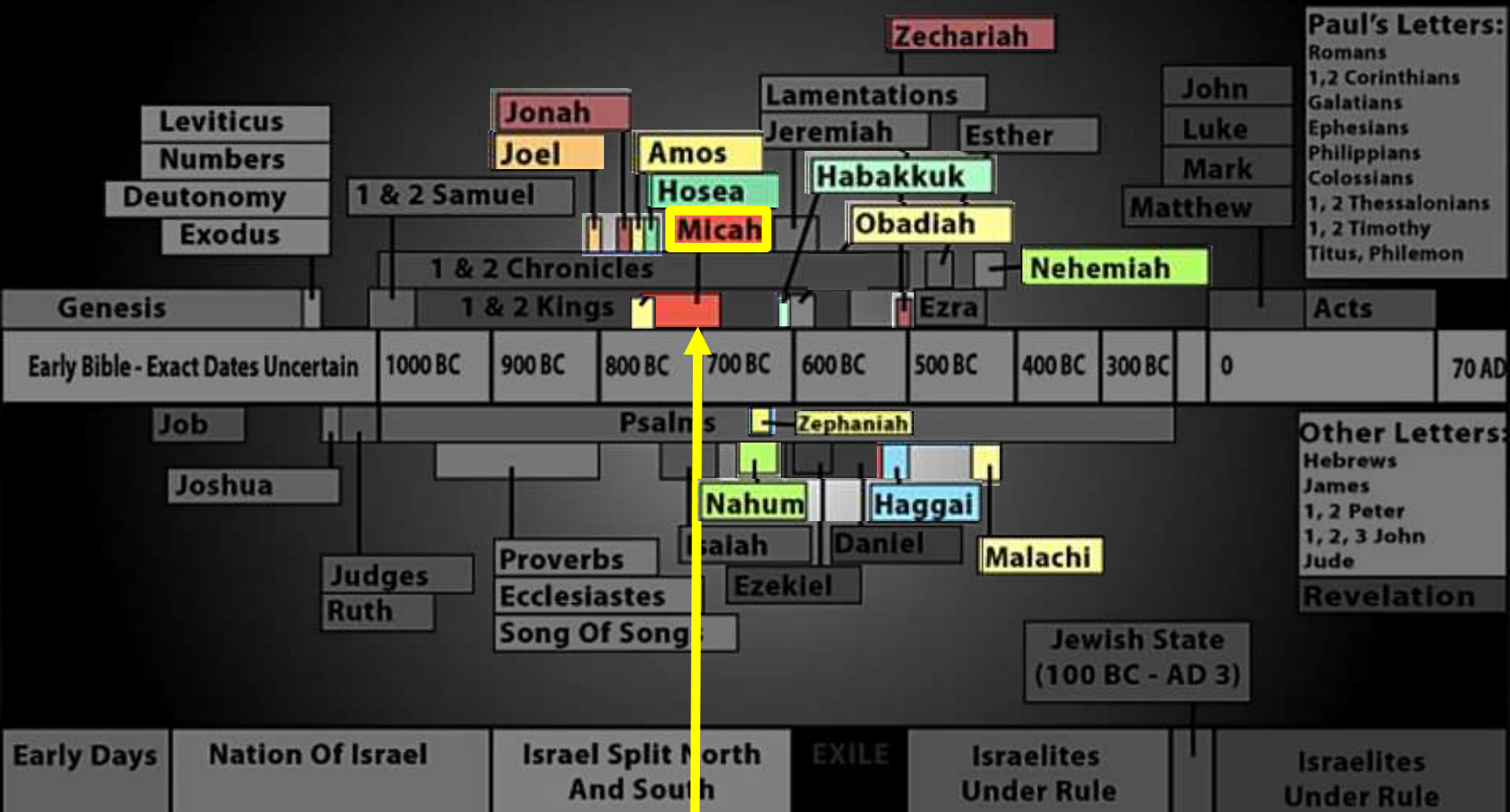
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GENERAL EPISTLES

Chronology of the Bible Books



Ministry of the Minor Prophets



Micah: c.750-687 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

Jehoram 12y

Jehu 28y

Jehoahaz 17y

Joash 16y

Jeroboam 64y

Zachariah 6mth

Shallum 1mth

Menahem 10y

Pekahiah 2y

Hoshea 9y

(722 B.C.)

Micah

Pekah 20y

Elisha

Hosea / Amos



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

Hosea
Isaiah

Jotham 16y

Micah

Ahaz 16y

Hezekiah 29y

(722 B.C.) Israel go into captivity

Manasseh 55y

Amon 2y

Josiah 31y

Jehoahaz 3mts

(Eliakim) Jehoiakim 11y

Jehoiachin 3mts (606 B.C.)

Zedekiah 11y (587 B.C.)

Zephaniah

Jeremiah

Judah
SOUTHERN
KINGDOM

Israel
NORTHERN
KINGDOM

SAMARIA

JERUSALEM

16 Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; This man is not worthy to die: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the Lord our God.

17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying,

Jeremiah 26:16-19

JEREMIAH



18 Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? **did he not fear the Lord,** and besought the Lord, **and the Lord repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them?** Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.

Jeremiah 26:16-19

Micah

- A successful prophet?
 - The messages of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jeremiah et al were unheeded
 - Only Jonah had been listened to!
- A Persistent prophet!
- His ministry lasted up to 60 years
 - From c.750-687 B.C.
 - During the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah

- 5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves;
- 6 For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him?
- 7 And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee.

Luke 11:5-10

8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Luke 11:5-10

Micah

- Micah was contemporaneous with Isaiah
 - A number of similarities between Micah & Isaiah
 - Isaiah prefixes ch2 with 2 verses from Micah
- Isaiah foretold the Messiah would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)
- Micah foretold the location
 - c.750 years in advance!

- 1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,
- 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.
- 3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matthew 2:1-3

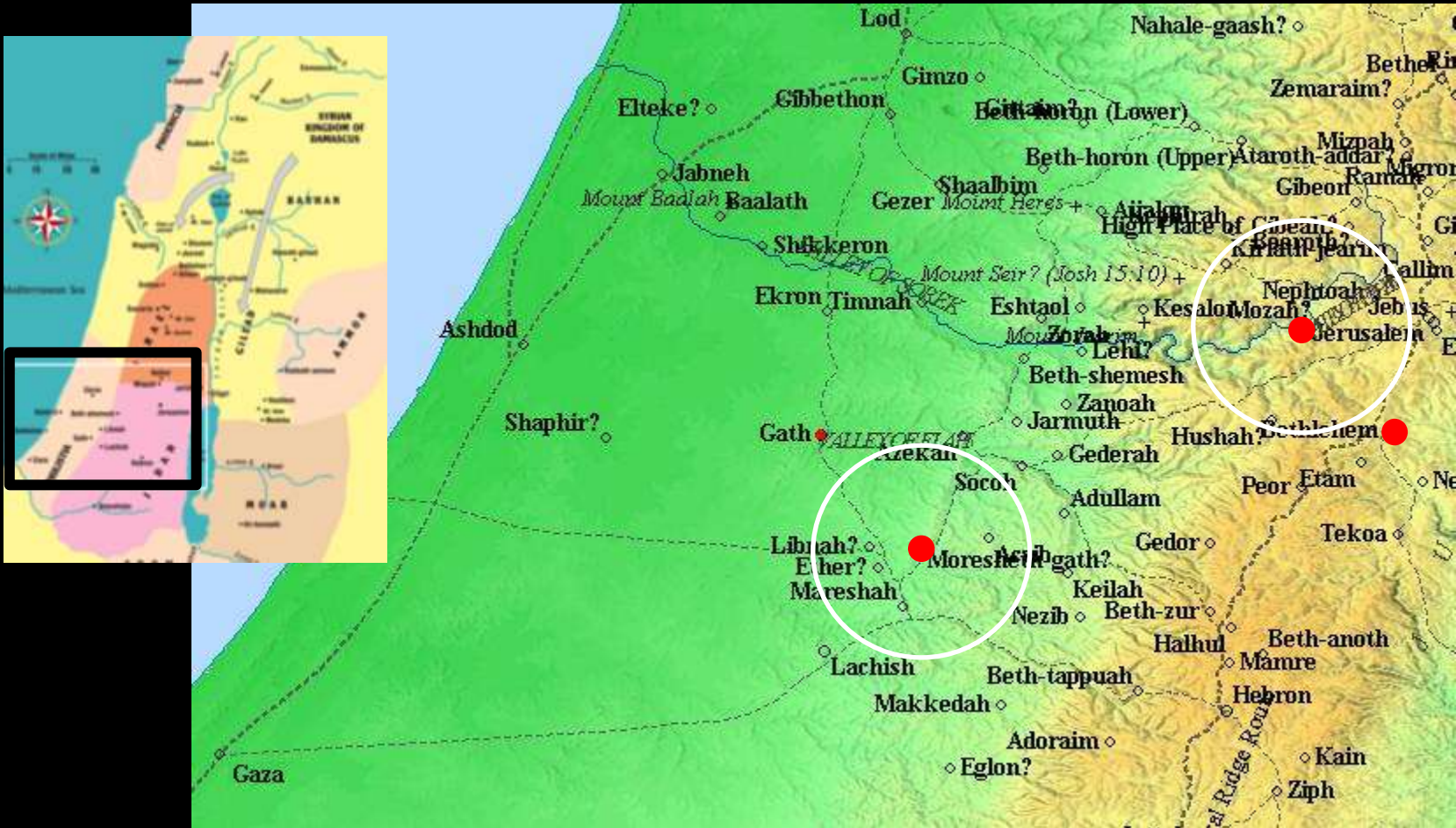
- 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.
- 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,
- 6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Matthew 2:4-6

- c.f. Micah chapter 5 vs2
- Quoted 5x in New Testament
- Jesus quotes from Micah 7:6 (Matt 10:35-36)

Micah

- He was from a small town south-west of Jerusalem called Moresheth (nr. Gath)



Micah

- His name means “Who is like Jehovah?”
 - ‘Who is like YHVH’
- He frequently used puns or double entendre’s
 - E.g. the names of the cities in Ch1
 - Jesus employs this in Rev 3 (Laodacia)

Micah's Message

- He spoke to *all Israel* (1:1) regarding God's judgment that would result from their unrepentant sin
 - He warned the northern kingdom and then used their destruction as an object lesson for the southern kingdom
- The book of Micah consists of three serious prophetic speeches each beginning with "hear".
 - (1. Ch1-2 / 2. Ch 3-5 / 3. Ch 6-7)

Micah Ch 1-2

"The first part starts with the call "Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is!" Then follows the announcement of God's judgment over Samaria capital of the northern kingdom and over Jerusalem capital of Judah. The judgment is for their transgressions and injustices as well as their idolatry as they had rejected the serious warnings of God. This is why the whole land was desolated and no longer a place of rest for the people of God. The inhabitants would be chased out of the land but will be gathered again in a day to come.

Micah Ch 3-5

“The second message starts with the words “Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel”. The leaders and prophets of the people are very much blamed. Then follows a description of the future glory of Israel in the reign of peace. In this section Bethlehem is announced as the birthplace of Messiah (chap. 5:2) who will be the strong helper of the people during the time of the end when Assyria will attack Israel.

Micah Ch 6-7

At the beginning of the third message we read "Hear ye now what the Lord saith." Then follows a remembrance to the love of God for His people and a remembrance to His rightful claims. The mention of God's righteous judgment, the lamentation and the hopeful prospect of the prophet build the end of this short book. The last three verses belong to the most beautiful ones of Scripture."

Arend Remmers

Overview

- Judgment against Israel & Judah Ch 1
- Judgment against wealthy oppressors Ch 2:1–11
- The promise of restoration Ch 2:12–13
- Judgment against religious leaders Ch 3
- The glory of Christ's millennial reign Ch 4
- The promise of the Messiah's coming Ch 5
- Israel on trial (the legal case) Ch 6
- Micah's lamentation over Israel Ch 7:1–10
- Future blessing for Israel Ch 7:11–20



THE BOOK OF

MICAH

Chapter 1

¹ The word of the Lord that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

Micah 1:1

- Micah blends in one the facts, that he related in words given him by God, what he had seen spread before him in prophetic vision. His prophecy was, in one, “the word of the Lord which came to him,” and “a sight which he saw.”
– Barns

2 Hear, all ye people; hearken, **O earth**, and all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple.

Micah 1:2

- Earth = Hebrew: 'eretz'
- Earth generally (this applies to all mankind)
- but Land specifically (directed at Israel)

3 For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

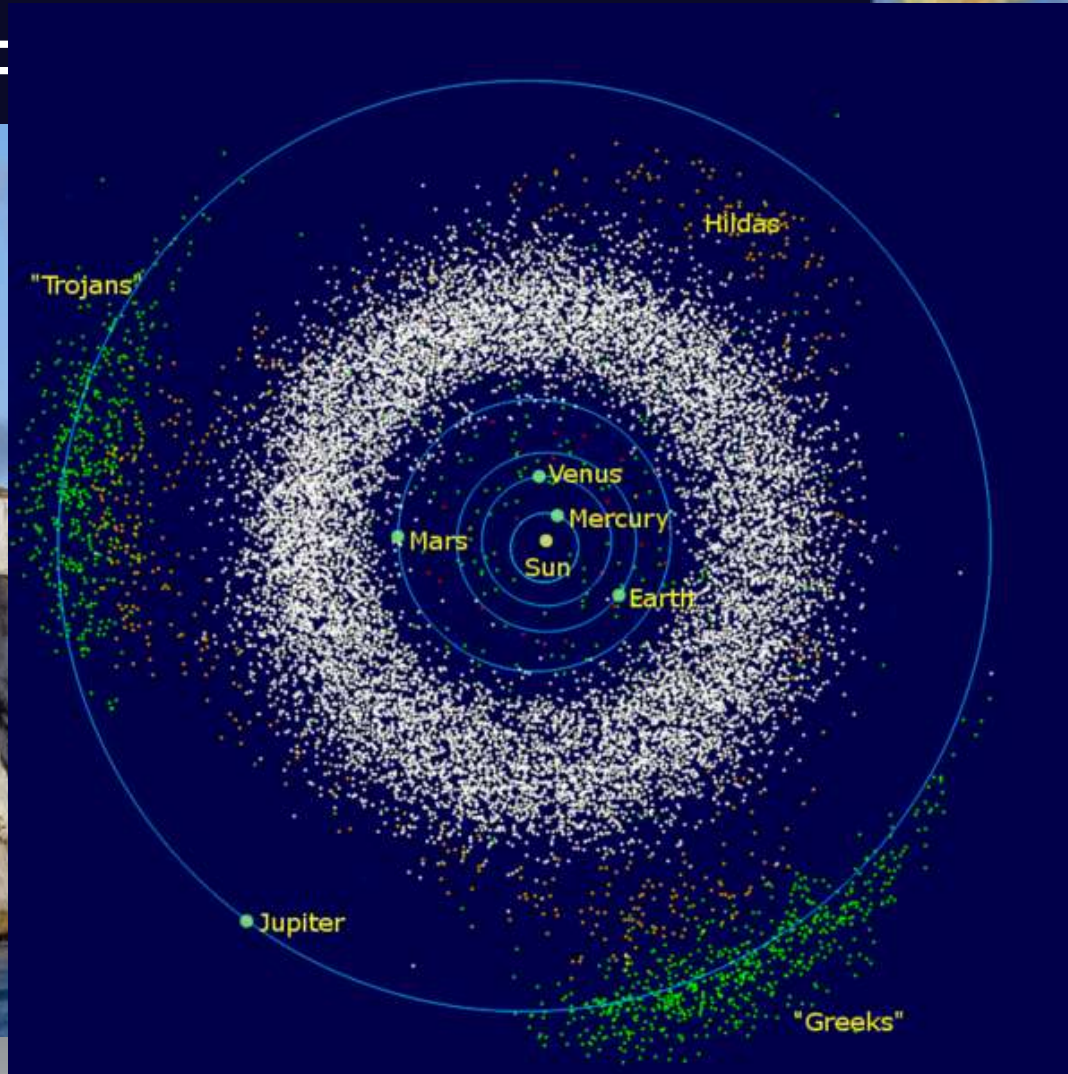
4 And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.

5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem?

Micah 1:3-5

Evidence of Catastrophes

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Psalm 114

¹ When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob
from a people of strange language;

² Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion.

³ The sea saw it, and fled: Jordan was driven back.

⁴ The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills
like lambs.

⁵ What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest? thou
Jordan, that thou wast driven back?

Psalm 114

⁶ Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?

⁷ Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;

⁸ Which turned the rock into a standing water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

Psalm 18:1-19

Uniformity Delusions

- The earth is under a constant rain of interplanetary debris
- We accumulate about 100 tons of extraterrestrial material per day!
- But this has little or no actual impact



- However...

Uniformity Delusions

- Every now and again we get a BIG one!



(Winslow – Arizona, USA)

Uniformity Delusions

- Tunguska – Central Siberia 30-June-1908
- Destroyed 2,000 sq. Km of forest
- So remote that it was not explored for 17 years
- 15 Megaton equivalent



Asteroid Impacts



(Tunguska – Russia)

Uniformity Delusions



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Uniformity Delusions

- Could all of this just occur over millions of years with the odd freak event?
- Compelling evidence that it didn't!

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- The image is a composite of two astronomical scenes. The upper portion shows a galaxy, likely the Andromeda Galaxy, with a bright central core and a diffuse, yellowish-white glow. The lower portion shows a vibrant nebula with a prominent, jagged, yellowish-white structure that resembles a finger or a spike, set against a background of reddish-pink and orange gas clouds. The entire scene is filled with numerous stars of various colors and sizes.
- If we view any surface in the Solar System we see evidence of catastrophic events

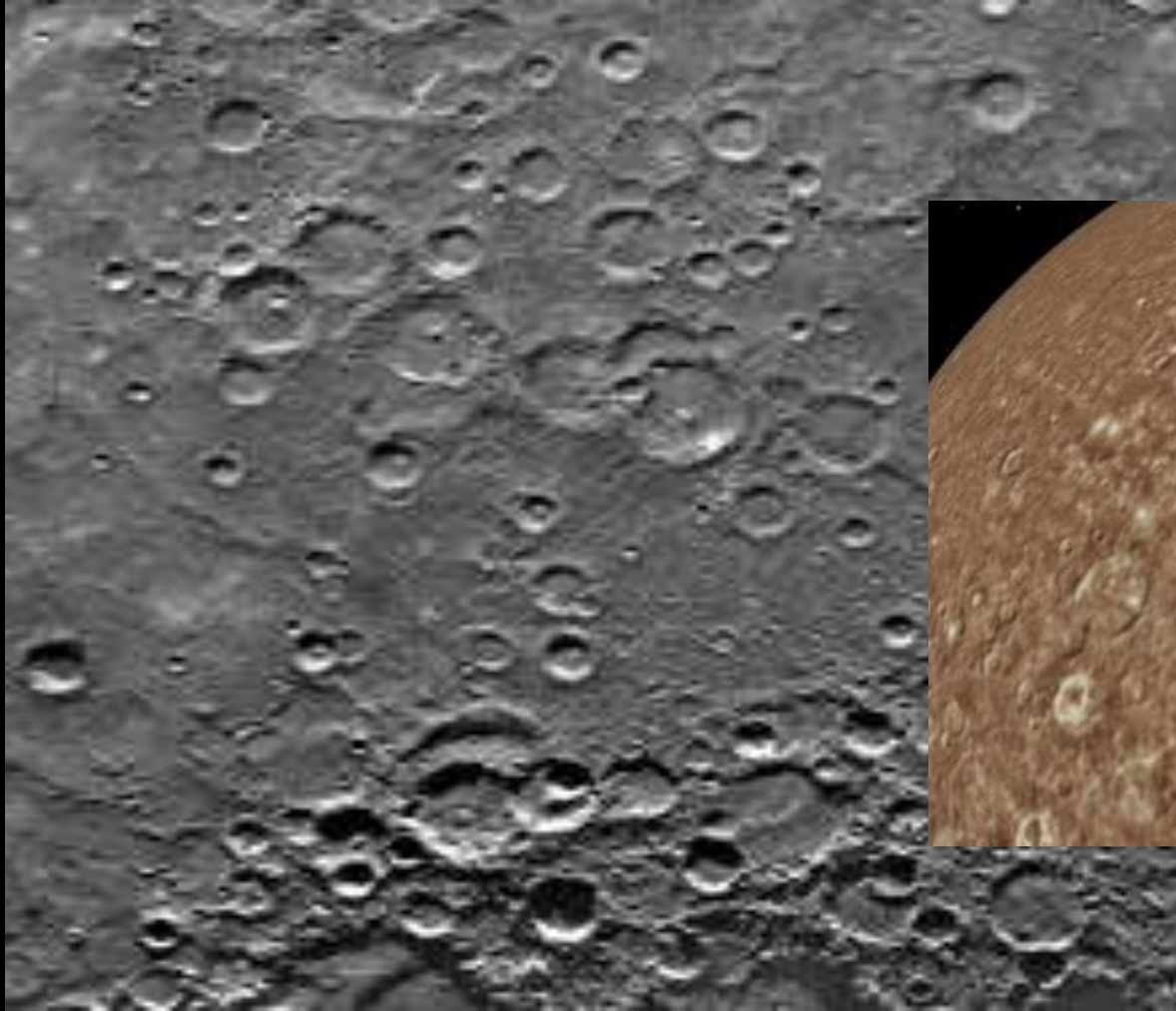
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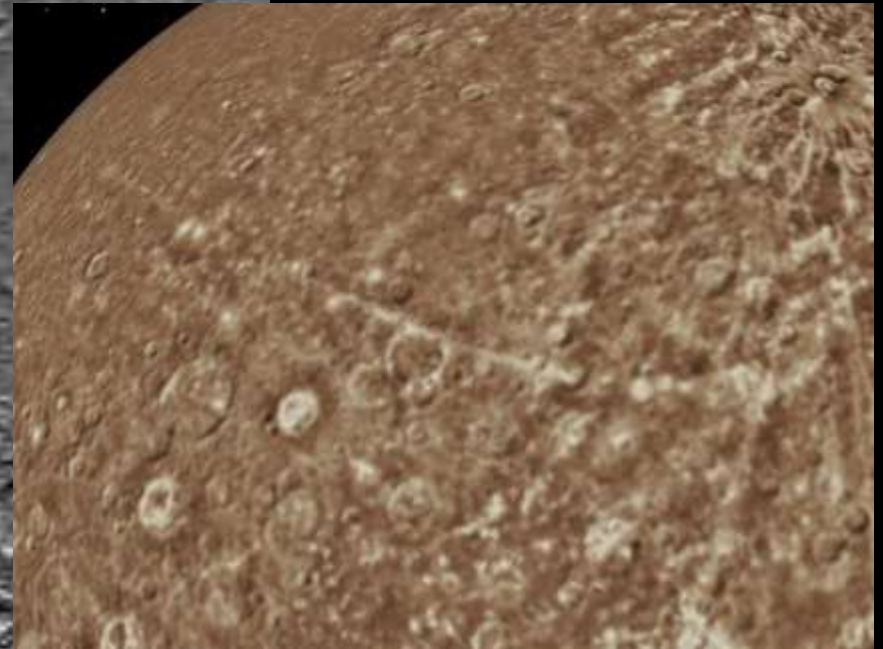
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Evidence of Catastrophism



Mercury



Evidence of Catastrophism

Craters on Mercury

“This photograph of crater-covered Mercury was taken by Mariner 10. The craters were scooped out of the surface billions of years ago. Why have they remained unchanged over all that time?”

**Prentice Hall Earth
Science 1991 p. 73**

Figure 3-9 This photograph of crater-covered Mercury was taken by Mariner 10. The craters were scooped out of the surface billions of years ago. Why have they remained unchanged over all that time? ☆



Evidence of Catastrophism

Mars



The Catastrophic History of Mars

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The Catastrophic History of Mars

- Hypothesis:
- As noted in ancient secular history,
- There was once another planet that had its orbit between Jupiter and Mars
- In the last 10,000 years this entered the roche limit of Mars
- The gravitational force literally tore this planet apart
- The ancient name for this planet was *Astra*

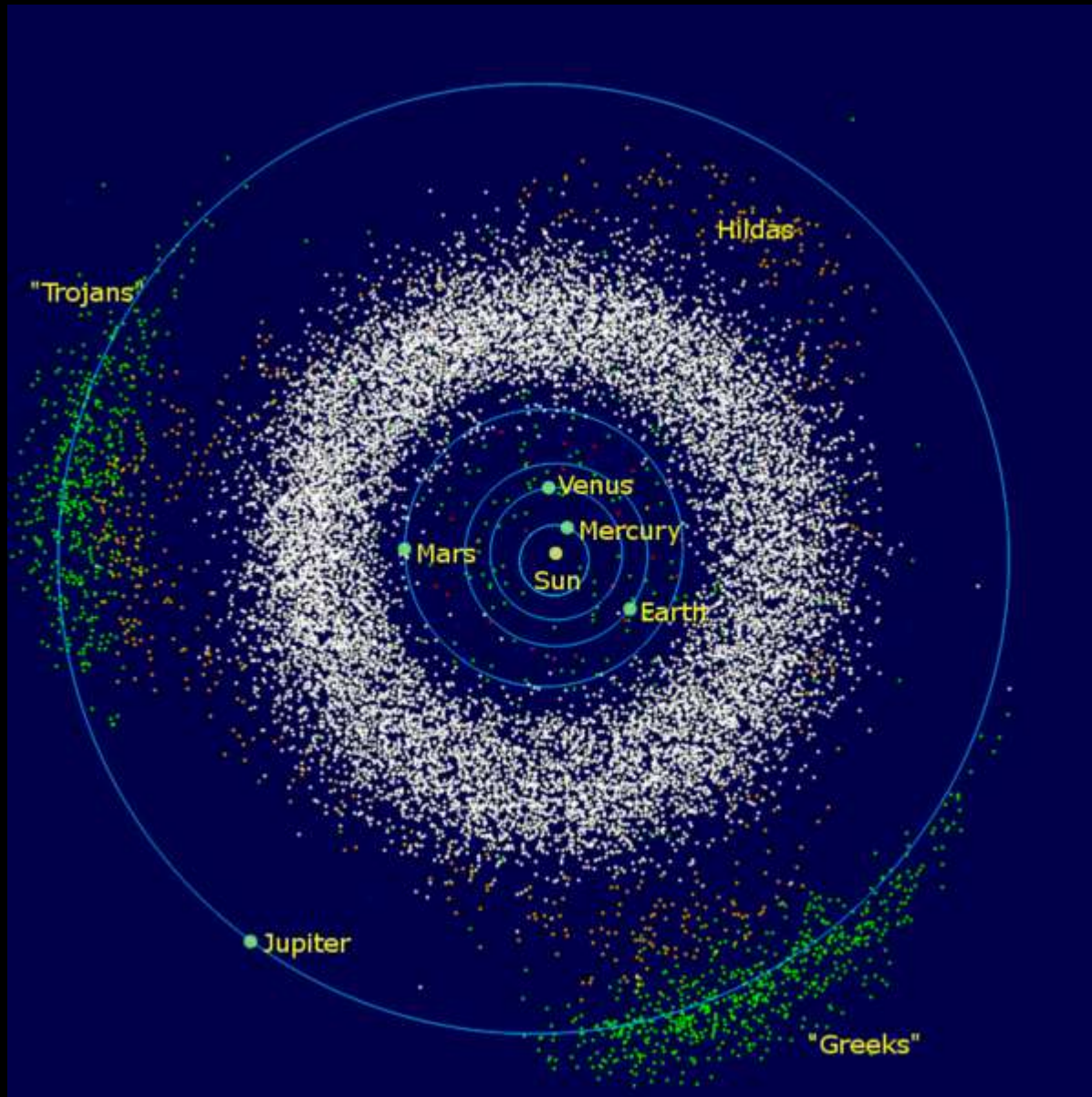
The Catastrophic History of Mars

- Background:
- Donald Pattern / Robert Hatch / Lauren Steinhower
 - Patten – Astronomer / Author
 - Hatch – Senior engineer Space Division of Boeing
 - Steinhower – Taught orbital mechanics at Harvard
- Built a computer model based on orbital resonance
- Postulated synchronous orbits for Earth & Mars
- Ancient catastrophes occur 54/108 year cycles

Summary 101

- Something big recently crashed into Mars
- It left bits of debris spinning around Mars
 - trapped by it's gravitational field

The Asteroid Belt



Summary 101

- Mars and earth used to be on resonant orbits (synchronous orbits)
 - Earth today on a 365.25 day orbit, evidence it was 360
 - Mars today on a 687day orbit, but was it once 720 days?

360 Day Year

- Ancient calendars based on 360 day years
 - Assyrians, Chaldeans, Egyptians, Hebrews, Persians, Greeks, Phoenicians, Chinese, Mayans, Hindus, Carthaginians, Etruscans, Teutons, et al.
- 360° in a circle, 60 minutes/hour, 60 sec/min
- 360 icons in the gnostic genii
- 360 gods in the theology of Greek Orpheus
- 360 idols in the palace of Dairi in Japan
- 360 statues surrounding Hobal in Arabia

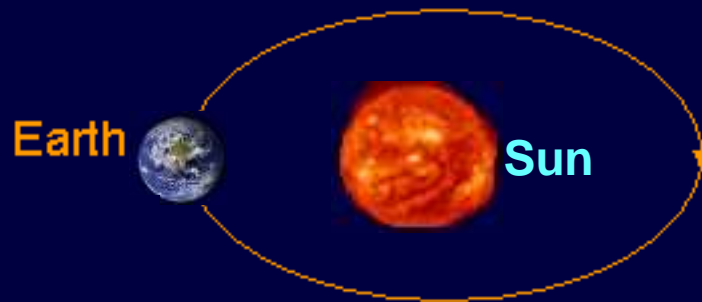
360 Day Year

- Biblical Usage / Prophetic Years
 - Genesis Gen 7:24; 8:3,4
 - Daniel Dan 9:26; 12:6
 - Revelation Rev 11:2,3; 13:5
- All ancient calendars changed after 701 BC
- 2nd king of Rome, Numa Pompilius + 5 days
- Hezekiah + a month 7 times every 19 years!
- Why change at all?

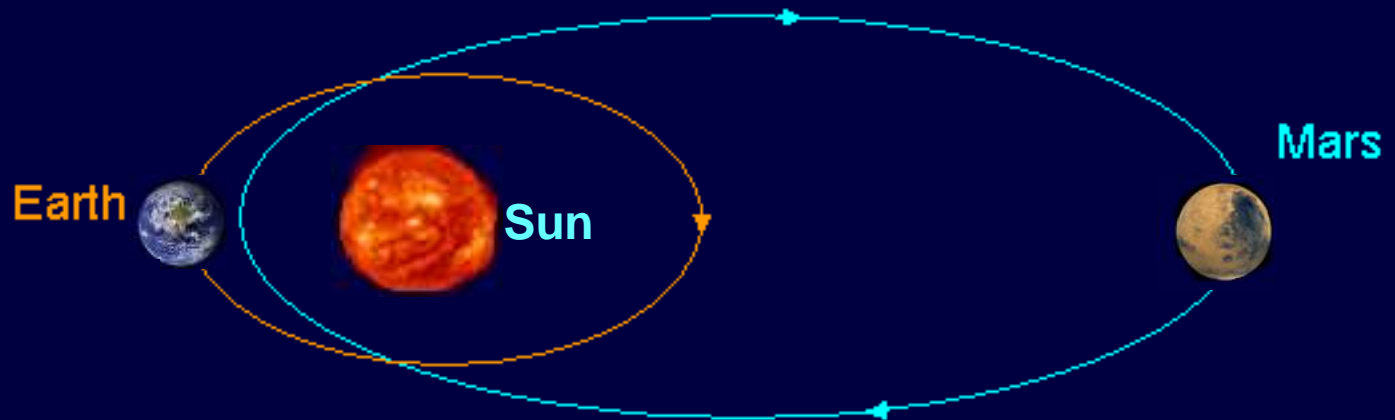
Summary 101

- The effect would be that Mars would come much closer to Earth twice each year

Mars Near Pass-Bys?

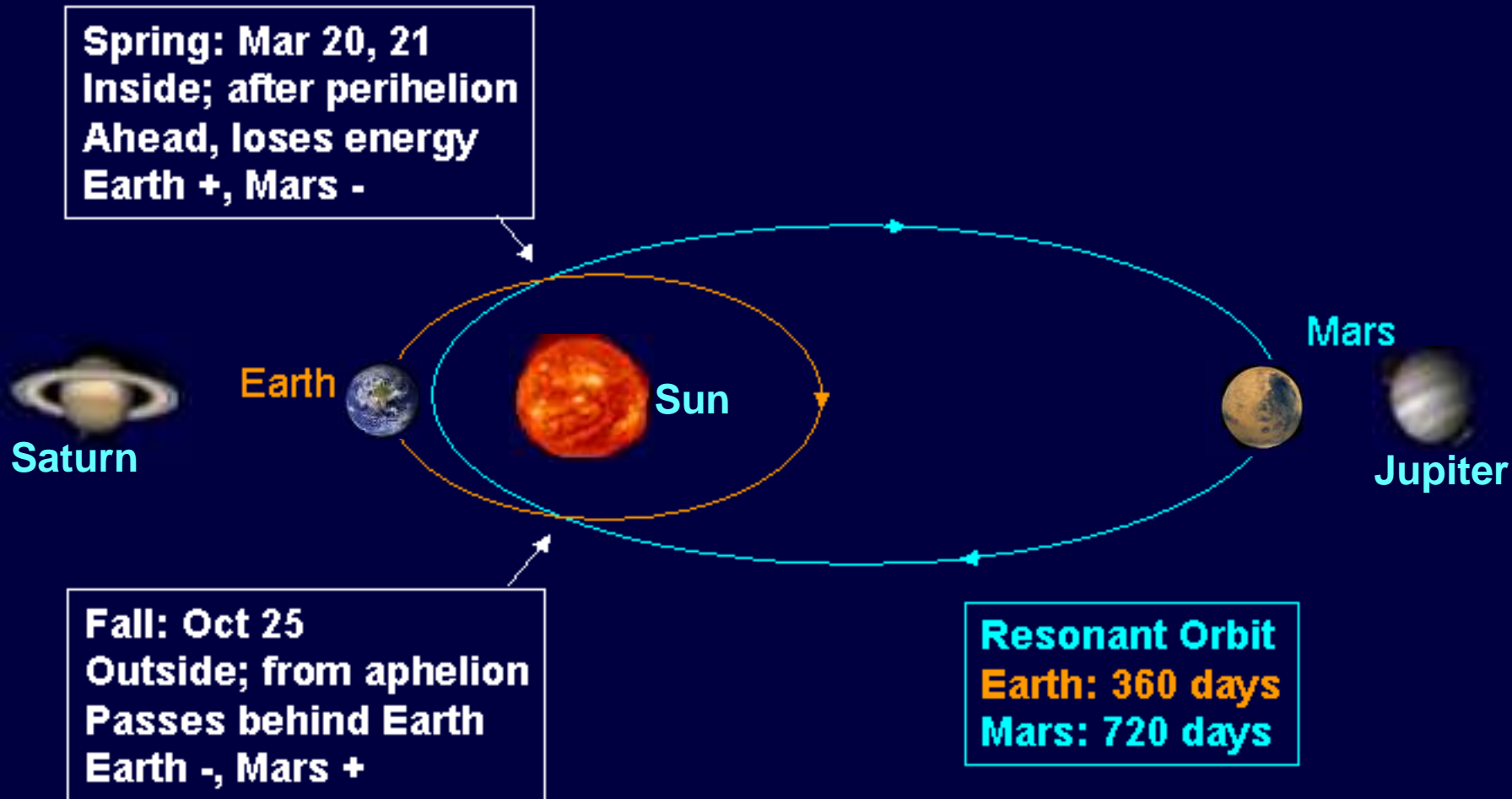


Mars Near Pass-Bys?



Resonant Orbit
Earth: 360 days
Mars: 720 days

Mars Near Pass-Bys?



Effects of a Mars Pass-by

- 200ft tides (Tsunamis)
- Land tides (+Polar shifts)
- It would cause meteor and bolide showers 30k/mph
- Lengthen the day by changing the precession
 - Legend of a 'long night' in China (Vilako
 - Could this be why March was named the 'lengthened month' – from where we get 'Lent' (*pass-by in Mar 20th*)
- Mars may have come within 35,000 miles of earth!
- The last pass-by occurred in 701 B.C. after which the orbits stabilised requiring 5 ¼ days to be added to our calendar

Catastrophism & the O.T.

Donald W Patten / Ronald R Hatch

- Oct 2484 B.C. Flood of Noah began
- Oct 1944 B.C. Tower of Babel destroyed
- Mar 1879 Sodom & Gomorrah destroyed
- Mar 1447 Exodus Plagues
- Oct 1404 Long Day of Joshua
- Oct 1296 Sisera's encounter
- Oct 1241 Gideon
- Oct 864 Elijah on Mt. Carmel
- Oct 756 Joel-Amos catastrophe
- Mar 701 Sennacherib (185,000 Assyrians died)

6 Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

Micah 1:6

- Sargon II, completed the seige in 722 B.C.
- Samaria was situated on a butte, with steep walls on all sides
- It was completely subdued, the stones of many of its structures being rolled down the walls of the butte, "into the valley."
- The very foundations of it were uncovered.

7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate: for she gathered it of the hire of an harlot, and they shall return to the hire of an harlot.

Micah 1:7

8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.

9 For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Judah; he is come unto the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem.

Micah 1:8-9

10 Declare ye it not at **Gath**, weep ye not at all: in the house of **Aphrah** roll thyself in the dust.

11 Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of **Saphir**, having thy shame naked: the inhabitant of **Zaanan** came not forth in the mourning of **Bethezel**; he shall receive of you his standing.

12 For the inhabitant of **Maroth** waited carefully for good: but evil came down from the Lord unto the gate of **Jerusalem**.

Micah 1:10-12

13 O thou inhabitant of **Lachish**, bind the chariot to the swift beast: she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion: for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.

14 Therefore shalt thou give presents to

Moresethgath:

the houses of **Achzib** shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.

15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of **Mareshah**: he shall come unto **Adullam** the glory of Israel.

Micah 1:13-15

Micah's Word Play

- Gath = 'Tell-town'
- Bethaphrah = 'Town of dust'
- Saphir = 'Fair town'
- Zaanah = 'Stir'
- Bethel = Standing
- Maroth = 'Bitterness'
- Jerusalem = 'teaching of peace'
- Lachish = 'Horse town'
- Moreshethgath = 'Possession of Gath'
- Achzib = 'Deceit'
- Mareshah = 'Inheritance'
- Adullam = 'Justice of the people'

Micah's Word Play

- Don't tell it in 'Tell-town' (Gath) lest the Philistines rejoice at your demise
- Don't weep, it's too late for weeping, instead roll in the dust in mourning you people of 'Dust town' (Bethaphrah)
- My fair one who lives at 'Fair town' (Saphir) has been stripped naked and carried away (this should not have happened to a fair-one!)
- The inhabitants of 'Stir' (Zaanah) could not be stirred...
- when the town of Standing (Bethel) could not stand

Micah's Word Play

- **Maroth** ('Bitterness') hoped for good but only bitterness came...
- ...even right up to the **town of peace (Jerusalem)**, there was no peace.
- You people of '**Horse town**' (**Lachish**), ride away quickly, judgment is coming upon you because you led Judah into sin
- People of **Moresbeth-gath** will be given away as a **possession** of your enemies
- **Achzib** (the town of deceit) has given false hope to the kings of Israel

Micah's Word Play

- **Mareshah** (inheritance) shall yet have the heir of God's appointment, the enemy. It shall not **inherit** the land, as promised to the faithful, but shall itself be **inherited**, its people dispossessed.
- **Adullam**, 'town of Justice', God will meet justice unto you, you who were once the glory of Israel will be humbled!

16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children; enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

Micah 1:16

- Baldness was a sign of humiliation
 - Either choosing to be humble (as in a taking a vow)
 - Num 6:18 / Jer 16:6 /
 - Or being forced into humility
 - Lev 21:5 / 2 Kings 2:23 / Ezekiel 27:31
- Here, God says that Israel will be humbled



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Chapter 2

¹ Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

Micah 2:1

- They were not being led into iniquity, they were inventing it.
 - Even as they rested, they devised evil

2 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

3 Therefore thus saith the Lord; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time is evil.

Micah 2:1-3

- *“The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me”*. (Lev 25:23)

4 In that day shall one take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how hath he removed it from me! turning away he hath divided our fields.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the Lord.

Micah 2:4-5

- *The three Hebrew words (nahah, nehi, niheyah) are an expressive emphatic play on words—a monotonous wail: “lament with a lament of lamentation.” (Chuck Missler)*

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Micah 2:4-5

- *‘Cast a cord’ - You will no more have your inheritance divided to you by lot, as it was to your fathers; ye shall neither have fields nor possessions of any kind. (Adam Clarke)*

6 Prophecy ye not, say they to them that prophesy:
they shall not prophesy to them, that they shall not
take shame.

7 O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the
spirit of the Lord straitened? are these his doings? do not
my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?

Micah 2:6-7

- v6: *'Don't prophesy judgment, only peace'*
- v7: *Is this God's fault? The righteous need not fear*

8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye pull off the robe with the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from war.

Micah 2:8

- Israel had not only become an enemy to God, but also to their brethren
- During Micah's ministry, Pekah, king of Israel, killed a hundred and twenty thousand of his own 'valiant men' in one day (2 Chron 28:6)
- ... he then enslaved 200,000 woman and children, robbing them of their wealth

9 The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their children have ye taken away my glory for ever. (Land)

10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction.

11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

Micah 2:9-11

- This could be the UK in 2022!
- People like 'prophets' that say what they want to hear!

Popular Preachers!

- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
- 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

- In the midst of the judgment of the wealthy oppressors God declares:

¹² I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

Micah 2:12

- From 985 B.C. until 1948, this was not possible as Israel were divided into two kingdoms
- ‘All Israel’ will be gathered to Bozrah (Jordan)
- They will wail and mourn for their Messiah

National Repentance

¹² And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

¹¹ In that day shall there be a great mourning in *Jerusalem...*

Zechariah 12:12-13

All Israel

- 25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
- 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Romans 11:25-27

12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.

Micah 2:12

- Assemble for what purpose?
- Gathering them, why?

13 The breaker is come up before them: they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it: and their king shall pass before them, and the Lord on the head of them.

Micah 2:13

- The term "breaker" was applied by a number of historians to Assyria, having reference to the extraordinarily cruel and inhuman treatment of the peoples they conquered, "enemies being impaled, flayed, or beheaded in great numbers."
- Contrasted with that "breaker," Micah promised that the great "Breaker" of mankind's darkness and sin would appear (Coffman)

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Micah 2:13

- From this passage, the “Breaker-through” was one of the titles of the Messiah, known to the Jews (Barns)

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Micah 2:13

- The Breaker is come up - (gone up) before them; they have broken up (Broken through) and have passed the gate, and have gone forth The image is not of conquest, but of deliverance.
- Plainly then, they were confined before, as in a prison; and the gate of the prison was burst open, to set them free. (Clarke)

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