

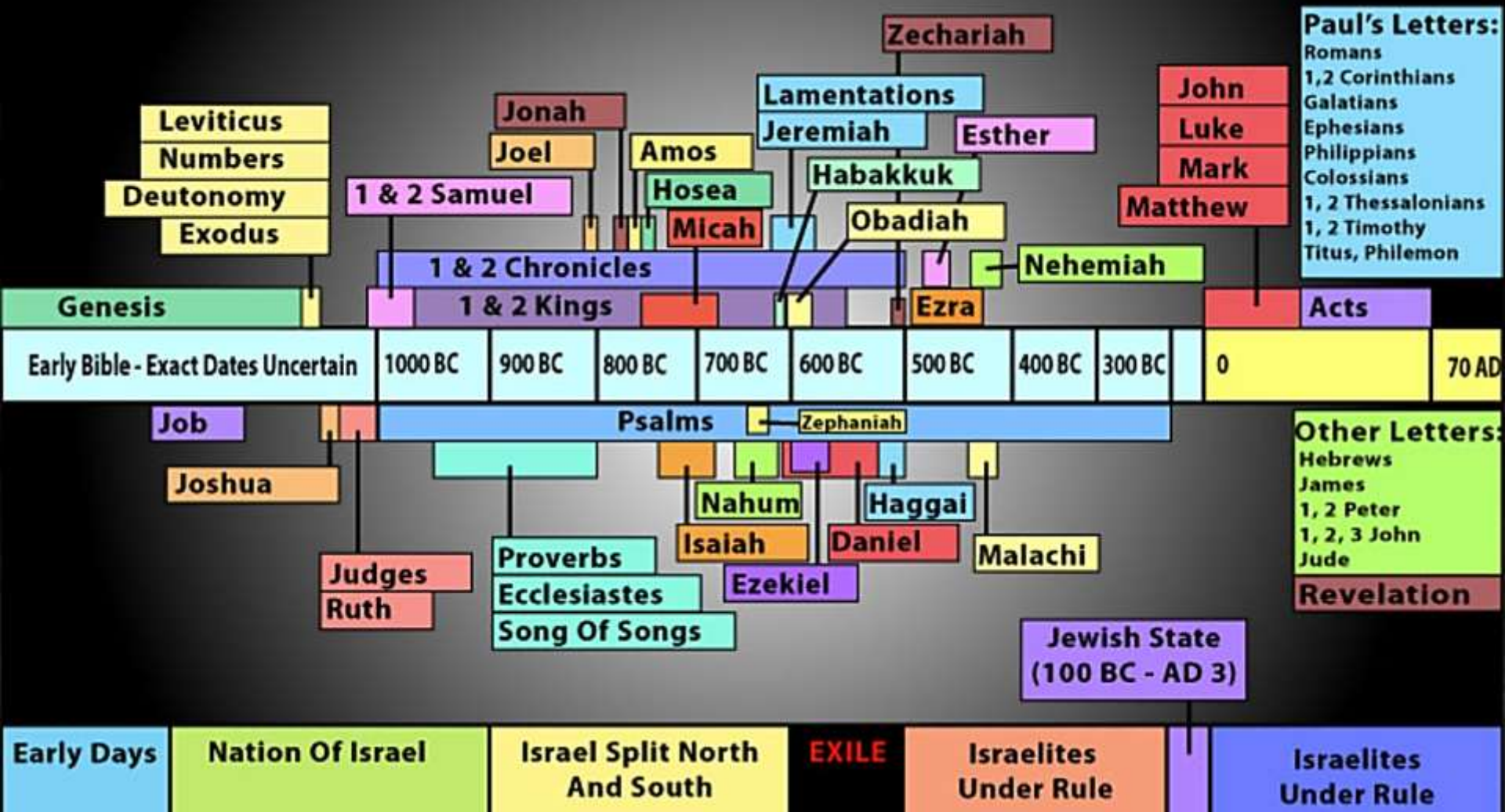


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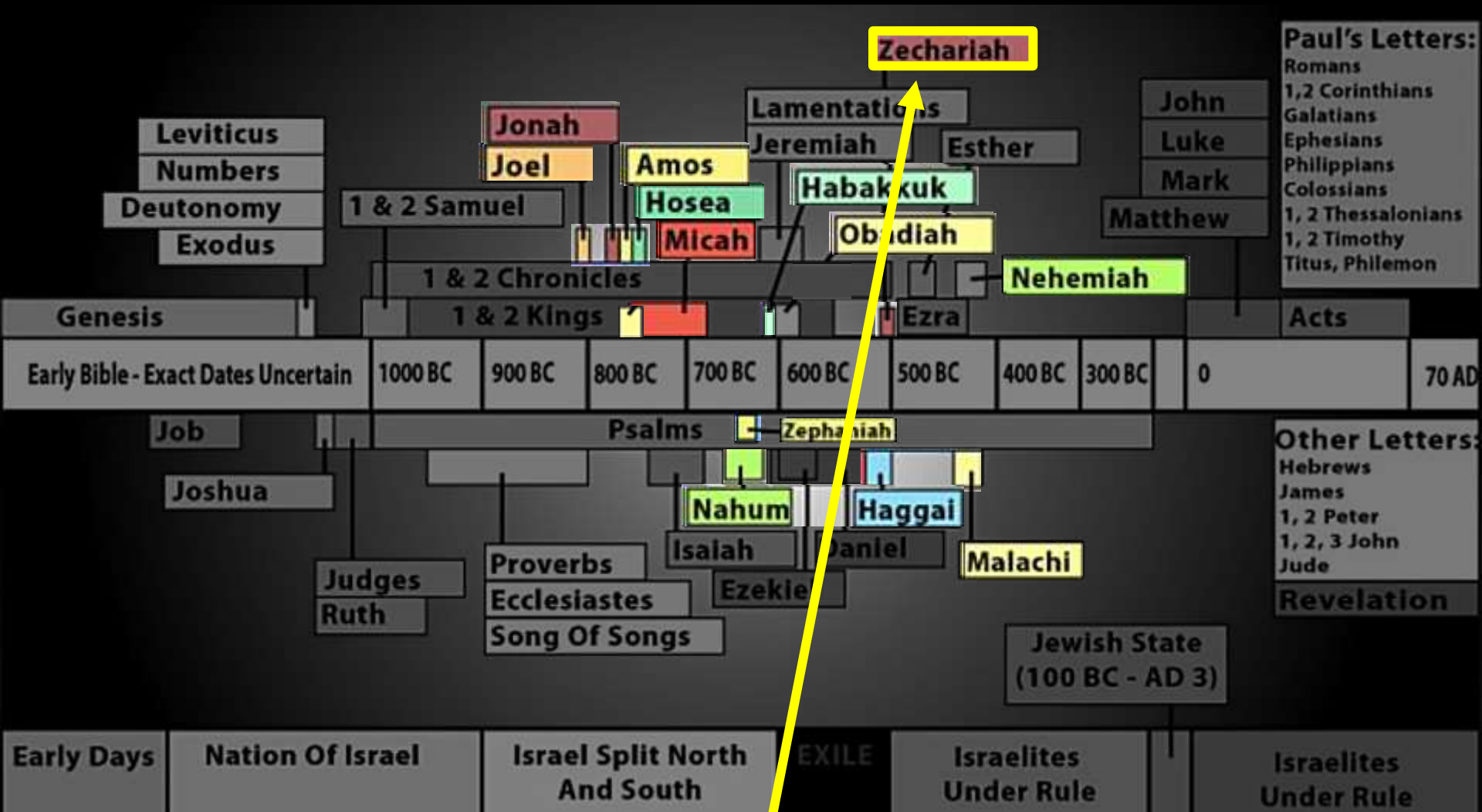
Zechariah

A verse by verse study

Chronology of the Bible Books



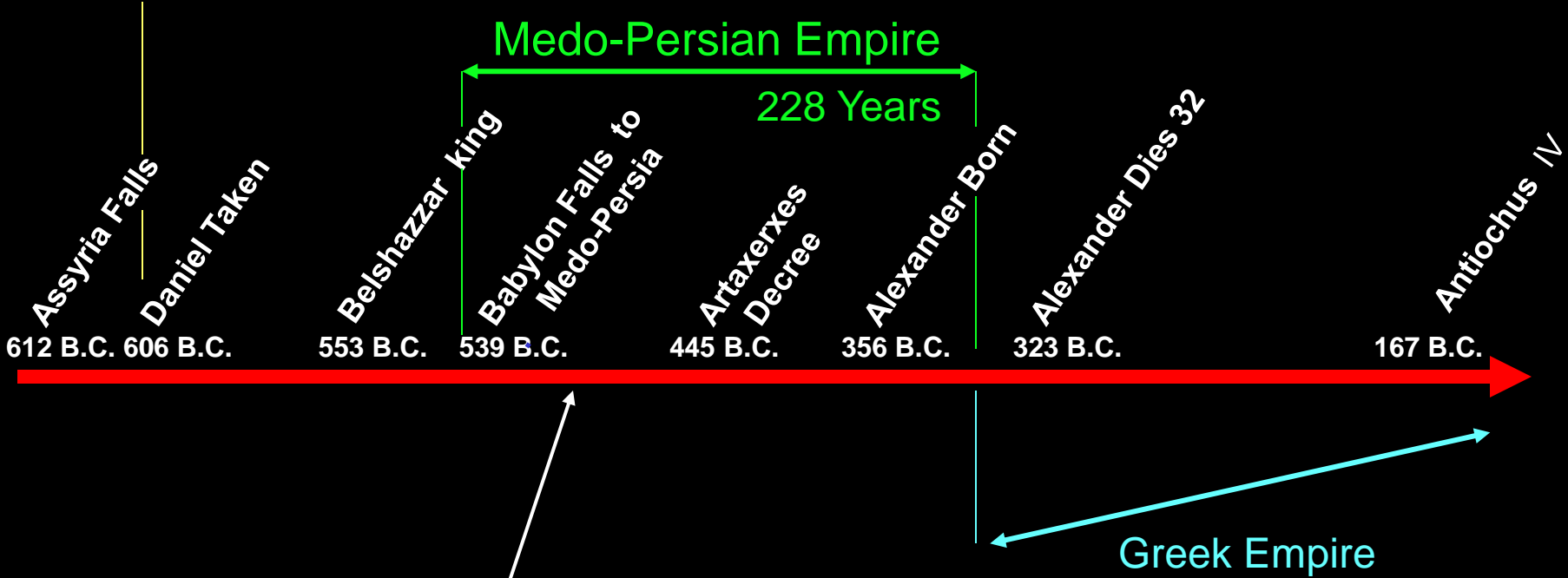
Ministry of the Minor Prophets



Zechariah: c.518 B.C. (after the return from Babylon)

History of the Times

Times of the Gentiles Luke 21:24



History



Ezra / Nehemiah / Esther

Prophetic



Haggai / Zechariah / Malachi

Zechariah

- Second of the post-exile prophets
 - Written from 518 B.C.
- He had returned from the Babylonian captivity as young man (c.17yrs old)
- He was a contemporary of
 - Haggai the prophet,
 - Zerubbabel the governor, and
 - Joshua the high priest
- Zechariah was a Levite & Prophet

Zechariah

- Haggai had preached four sermons in four months and then disappeared from the scene.
- Two months after Haggai delivered his first sermon, Zechariah began his prophetic ministry (cf. Hag 1:1; Zech 1:1),
- Haggai encouraged the people to *physically* rebuild
- Zechariah encouraged the people to *spiritually* rebuild.

Zechariah

- Zechariah gives Israel some of the most amazing prophecies in the Bible
- They span history from the time of Israel's return from Babylon...
- ...to the first advent of Messiah...
- ...to the Second Coming of Messiah
- ...and a powerful summery of all that is in betwen!

Zechariah

- *“This most challenging little book is second only to Isaiah in its distinctiveness and importance as a Messianic prophet”*
Chuck Missler
- *“The prophecy of Zechariah is profoundly precious to the Christian because of its unique Messianic emphasis and its panoramic unfolding of the events connected with the first and especially the second advent of Christ and the consequent millennial restoration of the nation Israel.”*
Merrill F. Unger

Zechariah

- The most Messianic of the minor prophets
- Often called the Apocalypse of the OT, it presents Israel's Messiah:
 - The Branch who will remove iniquity;
 - The Stone;
 - His Throne;
 - His Temple;
 - The Coming King;
 - The Shepherd;
 - The Triumphal Entry, on a donkey;
 - His Betrayal for 30 pieces of silver;
 - His Crucifixion, and
 - His Second Coming: “looking upon me whom they pierced.”

Zechariah

- It also focuses on the “Day of YHWH”,
- The return of Israel in unbelief
- Their passing through the Great Tribulation
- The siege of Jerusalem by the confederated Gentile powers
- Their deliverance by King Messiah.
- Zechariah also gives us the only physical description of the Antichrist in the Scripture.
- It also seems to suggest the use and effects of an atomic bomb in Chapter 14

Zechariah

- This book is the largest of the Minor Prophets
 - 14 chapters
- He is quoted or alluded to 71x in the NT
- Zechariah was a member of the 'Great Synagogue'
 - a council originated by Nehemiah and composed of 120 members.
 - Ezra is said to have been the president of this council, which was later succeeded by the Sanhedrin

Zechariah - Overview

- Exhortation to repentance and obedience,
 - Don't repeat the mistakes of the past! 1:1–6
- Eight Visions (some count 10 visions)
 - To encourage the rebuilding 1:7–6:8
 - 1. Man Riding on a Red Horse 1:7–17
 - 2. Four Horns and Four Craftsmen 1:18–21
 - 3. Man with a Measuring Line Chap. 2
 - 4. Joshua the High Priest Chap. 3
 - 5. The Golden Lampstand & 2 Olive Trees Chap. 4
 - 6. The Flying Scroll 5:1–4
 - 7. The Woman in a Basket 5:5–11
 - 8. The Four Chariots 6:1–8

Zechariah - Overview

- Joshua crowned as high priest
 - Messianic type 6:9–15
- Jews from Bethel inquire re the fast Ch. 7, 8
 - In captivity they had fasted during the 5th and 7th month
 - Should this be continued?
 - Zechariah challenges the motives

Zechariah - Overview

- The first oracle or burden,
 - emphasizing Messiah's first advent Ch 9–11
 - Gentile Nations Will Be Judged 9:1–8
 - First Coming of Messiah to Zion 9:9
 - Disarmament and Universal Peace at the Second Coming of Christ 9:10
 - Return of Captives to Jerusalem from Exile 9:11,12
 - Triumph of All Israel over Greece 9:13
 - Intervention of Jehovah to Protect His People 9:14–17
 - People Exhorted to Ask for Rain from the Lord, Not from Idols 10:1, 2

Zechariah - Overview

- The first oracle or burden,
 - emphasizing Messiah's first advent Ch 9–11
 - God Will Punish the Leaders of Judah,
Raise Up the Messiah,
and Give Victory to the People 10:3–5
 - Israel and Judah Will Be Regathered and Restored 10:6–12
 - Unfaithful Rulers Will Be Punished 11:1–3
 - Messiah will be the true Shepherd 11:4–8a
 - Messiah will be Rejected by His people 11:8b–14
 - God Delivers them over to the Idol Shepherd
(Antichrist) 11:15–17

Zechariah - Overview

- The second oracle or burden,
 - **emphasizing Messiah's Second advent** Ch 12–14
 - Jerusalem will be a burdensome stone 12:1–3
 - The Lord will destroy the enemies of Judah 12:4
 - The Jews will know God as their strength 12:5
 - The victory of Judah over its enemies 12:6–9
 - National mourning over rejection of Messiah 12:10–14
 - Provision made for cleansing from sin 13:1
 - Idols and false prophets will be banished 13:2–6
 - Messiah will be slain and Israel scattered 13:7
 - A remnant of the nation will return to the Lord 13:8, 9
 - Gentiles will gather against Jerusalem 14:1, 2

Zechariah - Overview

- The second oracle or burden,
 - emphasizing Messiah's Second advent Ch 12–14
 - The Lord himself will intervene 14:3–5
 - Changes in weather and in illumination 14:6, 7
 - River of living water 14:8
 - Christ will reign as king 14:9
 - Geographical changes in the land 14:10
 - Jerusalem inhabited and secure 14:11
 - Plague and panic will afflict the gentile foes 14:12–15
 - Gentile survivors will worship at Jerusalem
or be under penalty of the plague 14:16–19
 - Merchants will not trade in the house of the Lord 14:20–21



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Chapter 1

Zechariah

¹ In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,
² The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers.

Zachariah 1:1-2

- Zechariah = “Whom Yahweh Remembers.”
- Son of Berechiah = “Yahweh Blesses.”
- Son of Iddo = “The Appointed Time.”



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To be continued...



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