

Northside Equip Foundations: Old Testament Overview

Exilic Prophets

Preview: Exilic Prophets | Obadiah, Ezekiel, Daniel

- The prophets serve as God's spokesmen in ancient Israel who pronounce judgment against the sins of Israel and the nations and proclaim hope of what God will do in and through Israel and the nations in the future.

Apocalyptic Literature

“A genre of revelatory literature with a narrative framework, in which a revelation is mediated by an otherworldly being to a human recipient, disclosing a transcendent reality which is both temporal, insofar as it envisages eschatological salvation, and spatial insofar as it involves another, supernatural world”

JJ Collins — OT Scholar

Historical Context

The last 3 kings of Judah:

- Jehoiakim 609-598 BC
2 Kings 23:36-24:7
- Jehoiachin 598-597 BC
2 Kings 24:8-17
- Zedekiah 597-586 BC
2 Kings 24:18-25:7

3 Deportations to Babylon:

- 605 BC Daniel and his friends deported (Dan 1:1-2)
- 597 BC all but the poor in Jerusalem taken away, including Ezekiel (2 Kgs 24:10-17)
- 586 BC Final, complete deportation to Babylon

Historical Context

Ministry of these Prophets:

- Daniel: 605 BC to mid 530 BC
- Ezekiel: 593 BC to 571 BC
- Obadiah: 586 BC

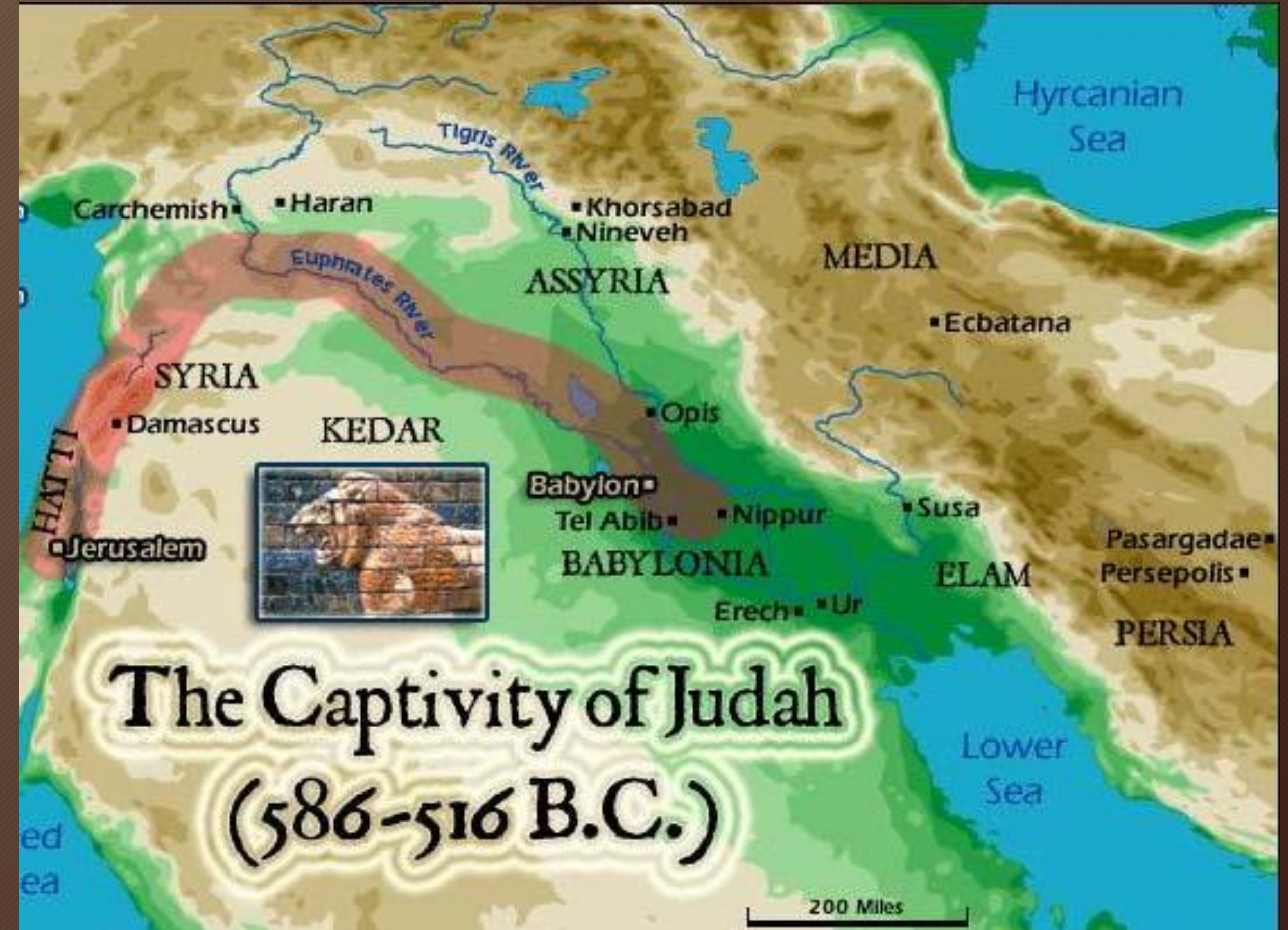


Fig. 17.3. The Biblical & Chronological Sequences of the Twelve

Biblical Sequence		Chronological Sequence				
<i>Order</i>	<i>Message Target*</i>		<i>Order</i>	<i>Origin*</i>	<i>Message Target*</i>	
Hosea	<i>NK Israel</i>		Jonah (ca. 770)	<i>NK Israel</i>	<i>NK Israel / Assyria</i>	Assyria
Joel	SK Judah		Amos (ca. 760)	SK Judah	<i>NK Israel</i>	
Amos	<i>NK Israel</i>		Hosea (ca. 760–730)	<i>NK Israel</i>	<i>NK Israel</i>	
Obadiah	SK Judah / Edom		Micah (ca. 737–690)	SK Judah	SK Judah	
Jonah	<i>NK Israel / Assyria</i>		Nahum (ca. 650)	SK Judah	SK Judah / Assyria	
Micah	SK Judah		Habakkuk (ca. 630)	SK Judah	SK Judah	Babylon
Nahum	SK Judah / Assyria		Zephaniah (ca. 627)	SK Judah	SK Judah	
Habakkuk	SK Judah / Babylon		Joel (ca. 600?)	SK Judah	SK Judah	
Zephaniah	SK Judah		Obadiah (ca. 586?)	SK Judah	SK Judah / Edom	
Haggai	Judah		Haggai (ca. 520)	Judah	Judah	Persia
Zechariah	Judah		Zechariah (ca. 520–518)	Judah	Judah	
Malachi	Judah		Malachi (ca. 433)	Judah	Judah	

*NK = northern kingdom; SK = southern kingdom

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Obadiah

- **Summary Theme(s):** Yahweh's Judgement of Edom(Esau)
- The Day of the Lord is near | Obadiah 1:15–18
 - For the day of the Lord is near, against all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; what you deserve will return on your own head. 16 As you have drunk on my holy mountain, so all the nations will drink continually. They will drink and gulp down and be as though they had never been. 17 But there will be a deliverance on Mount Zion, and it will be holy; the house of Jacob will dispossess those who dispossessed them. 18 Then the house of Jacob will be a blazing fire, and the house of Joseph, a burning flame, but the house of Esau will be stubble; Jacob will set them on fire and consume Edom. Therefore no survivor will remain of the house of Esau, for the Lord has spoken.”

Obadiah

- 2 Peter 3:8-13 “But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Ezekiel

- Outline of Ezekiel (from Jason DeRouchie)
 - Messages of Doom for Judah/Israel (1:1-33:33)
 - The Call of Ezekiel to Prophetic Ministry (1:1-3:27)
 - Signs and visions of Woe for Judah/Israel (4:1-11:25)
 - Judgment Oracles against Judah/Israel (12:1-24:27)
 - Judgment Oracles against the Nations, Highlighting that Judah's Fate Is No Different (25:1-32:32)
 - The End of An Era: The Destruction of Jerusalem (33:1-33)
 - Messages of Hope for Judah/Israel (34:1-48:35)
 - Restoration Proclaimed (34:1-39:29)
 - Restoration Envisioned (40:1-48:35)

Daniel

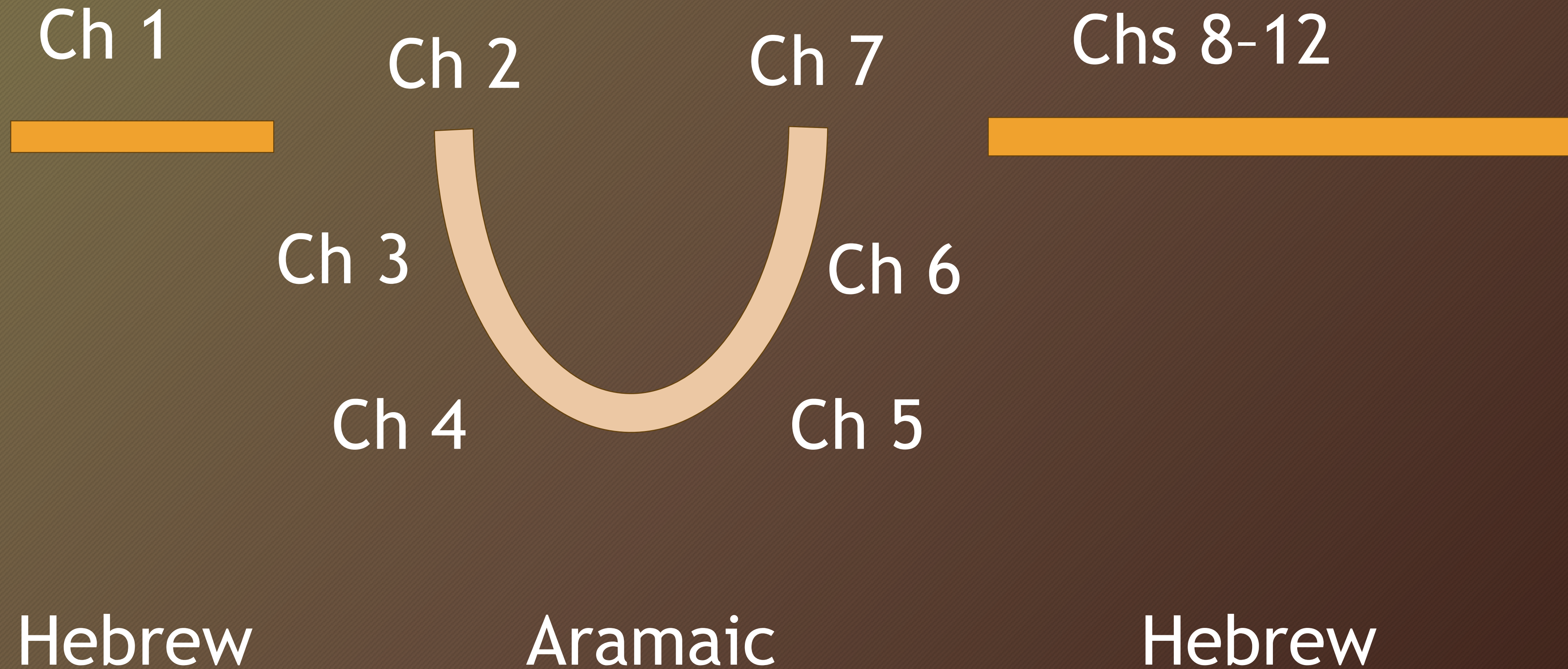
- Outline of Daniel (from Jason DeRouchie)
 - Introduction (ch. 1): God Delivers Judah to Babylon but Preserves a Remnant in the Line of David
 - Part 1 (chs. 2-6): The Hope of God's Messianic Kingdom Shines in the Present
 - Nebuchadnezzar's statue dream (ch. 2)
 - The fiery furnace (ch. 3)
 - Nebuchadnezzar's judgment and restoration (ch. 4)
 - Handwriting on the wall (ch. 5)
 - Daniel in the lion's den (ch. 6)

Daniel

- Outline of Daniel (from Jason DeRouchie)
 - Part 2 (chs. 7-12): The Hope of God's Messianic Kingdom Will Be Realized in the Future.
 - The vision of four beasts and the Son of Man (ch. 7)
 - The vision of a ram and goat (ch. 8)
 - The vision of 70 sabbaticals (ch. 9)
 - The final vision (chs. 10-12)

Daniel

➤ Outline of Daniel





Questions?

Exploring Ezekiel

- “And X will know that I am the LORD”
 - Who is “X”?
 - What will cause X to know Yahweh is the Lord?

Ezekiel 5:5-13 Ezekiel 6:1-10 Ezekiel 7:23-27 Ezekiel 13:1-9

Ezekiel 14:6-11 Ezekiel 16:59-63 Ezekiel 20:40-44 Ezekiel 21:1-5

Ezekiel 25:15-17 Ezekiel 34:25-31 Ezekiel 36:8-15 Ezekiel 36:22-28

Ezekiel 37:11-14 Ezekiel 38:17-23

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5:5-13

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