



Northside Equip Foundations:
Old Testament Overview

Pre-Exilic Prophets, Pt. 2

Preview: Pre-Exilic Prophets | Isaiah and Jeremiah

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

**THE DOMINANT NATIONS
NORTH OF THE HOLY LAND**

GOD
Exists

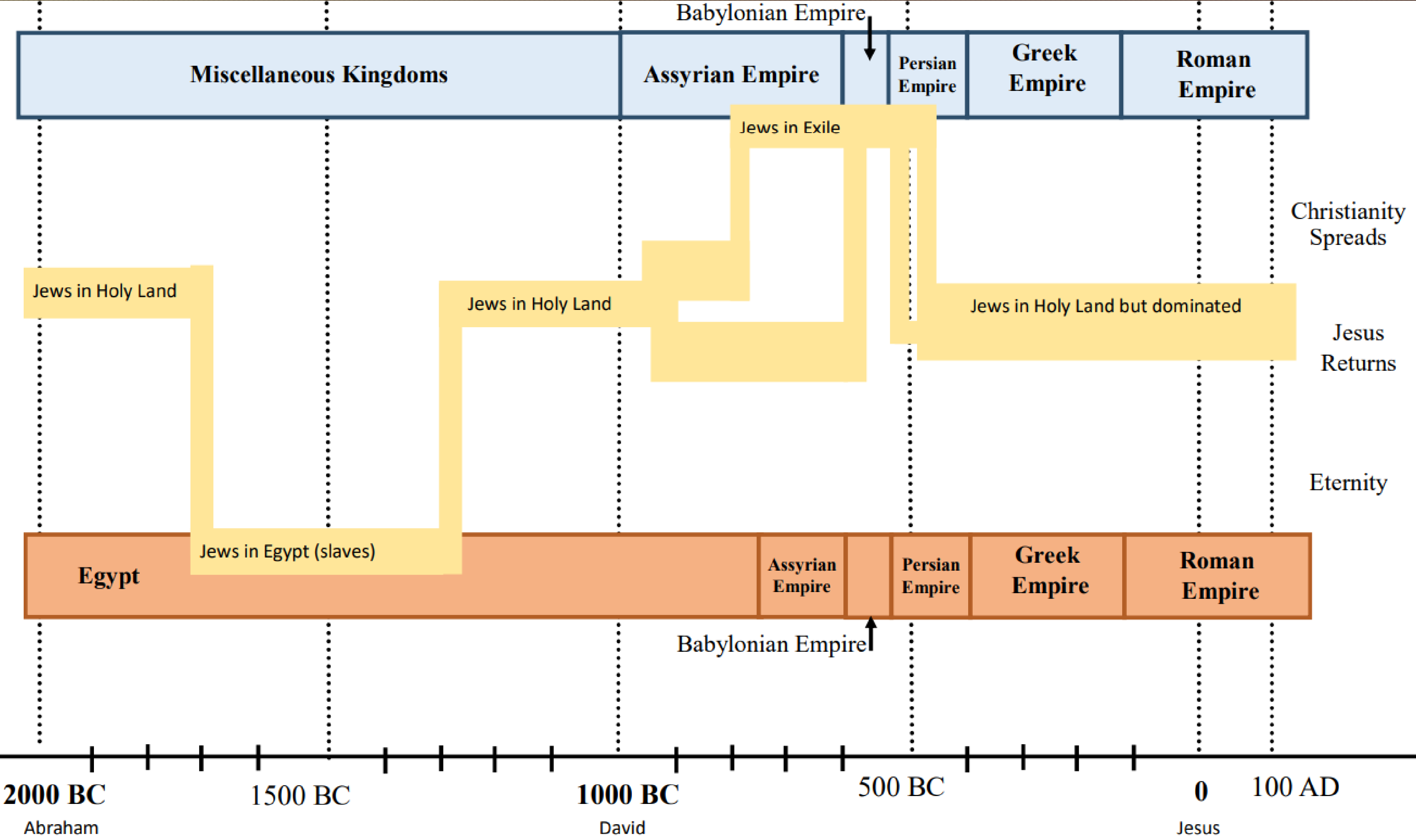
Creation

The
Fall

The
Flood

Tower
of
Babel

**THE DOMINANT NATIONS
SOUTH OF THE HOLY LAND**



“The Prophetic Books”

Major Prophets

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Ezekiel

Minor Prophets

- Daniel
- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos

- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

Forthtelling & Foretelling

*“The role of the prophet included the **proclamation** of this disobedience and the immediate judgment as much as it did the **prediction** of things to come in the more distant future.”*

J. Daniel Hays, Senior Professor of OT at SWBTS

3 Main Emphases in the Prophets

- *Sin*
- *Punishment*
- *Restoration and Renewal*

Christ in the Prophets

“Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.”

1 Peter 1:10-12 ESV

Isaiah



- **Active:** 745–680 BC
- **Setting:** Southern Kingdom (Judah) during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (Isa. 1:1).
- **Historical Backdrop:**
 - Assyrian Empire at its height
 - Fall of the Northern Kingdom (Israel) to Assyria in 720 BC
 - Judah faces threats from Assyria and later Babylon

Isaiah 1-39 | Judgment and Warning to Judah + Nations

- Is 1-4 | Jerusalem and Judah are wicked, but one day they will be glorious and holy.
- Is 6 | Isaiah is called to preach to a stubborn people.
- Is 7-12 | A Davidic child will bring redemption and restoration to Israel and the nations.
- Is 13-39 | Judgment will come on the nations.



Isaiah 40-55 | Comfort and Promise of Redemption

- Is 42 | The Servant will bring justice to the nations.
- Is 49 | The Servant will bring back Israel and the nations to the LORD.
- Is 50 | The Servant will be struck, but God will help him.
- Is 52-53 | The Servant's suffering and glories will redeem many.



Isaiah 56-66 | Hope of Future Glory in New Heavens + Earth

- Is 61 | The Servant will usher in a new era of favor.
- Is 65 | An army of servants shall serve the LORD.
- Is 65-66 | The LORD will create a new heavens and a new earth.



Jeremiah



- **Active:** 627–587 BC
- **Setting:** Southern Kingdom (Judah, during the reigns of Josiah to Zedekiah (Jer. 1:2–3).
- **Historical Backdrop:**
 - The Babylonian rise to power
 - Fall of Jerusalem in 587 BC, with the transition from monarchy to exile

The New Covenant in Jeremiah

- Jer 3:14-18
- Jer 24:6-7
- Jer 30:8-22
- Jer 31:31-34
- Jer 32:37-41



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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Hosea

- **Summary Theme(s):** Israel's Covenant Adultery
- Israel as God's Husband | Hosea 1-3
- Hosea 11:1-2
 - Matt 2:13-15 “13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Joel

- **Summary Theme(s):** Judah's need to repent and call on the name of God before the day of the Lord comes
- The pouring out of God's Spirit | Joel 2:28-32
- The pouring out of God's Spirit at Pentecost | Acts 2:1-21 "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Joel

➤ 5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Joel

- 14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: 17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; 18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; 20 the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. 21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Amos

- **Summary Theme(s):** Israel, Judah, and the nations' sins and the day of the Lord
- The Booth of David Shall be Rebuilt | Amos 9:11-12
- The Jerusalem Council | Acts 15:13 After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me. 14 Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. 15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, 16 "After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, 17 that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things 18 known from of old.' 19 Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, 20 but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.

Obadiah

- **Summary Theme(s):** Edom's mistreatment of Judah and the day of the Lord
- The Day of the Lord will come on the nations | Obadiah 21
- Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.

Jonah

- **Summary Theme(s):** God's love for Assyria
- Jonah is swallowed by a great fish and comes out after 3 days to bring salvation to wicked Assyria.
- Matthew 12:38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." 39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here."

Micah

- **Summary Theme(s):** Israel and Judah's refusal to hear and obey Yahweh
- A ruler from Bethlehem shall bring peace. | Micah 5:1-5
- Matthew 2:1 “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: 6 “And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

Nahum

- **Summary Theme(s):** God's punishment of Assyria
- There is Good News of God's destruction of evil coming. | Nahum 1:15
- Romans 10:15 "And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Habakkuk

- **Summary Theme(s):** God's punishment of Judah and Babylon
- The righteous shall live by faith. | Habakkuk 2:4
- Romans 1:16-17 “16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Habakkuk

- Galatians 3:10-14 “10 For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” 11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” 12 But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.”

Zephaniah

- **Summary Theme(s):** God's punishment and redemption of all nations
- The day of the Lord will come with fire. | Zeph 1:14-18
- 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.