

INTRODUCTION TO  
**THE PROPHETS**



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NOW LET'S BE HONEST

# WHY STUDY THE PROPHETS?

## 1. *They're in the Word of God.*

God chose to reveal Himself to us in 66 books, 17 of which (26%) are in the section we now call “the Prophets.” That reason alone should give us motivation to study them.

## 2. *They teach us about God and His people.*

We struggle with the same sins today as the people of Judah and Israel did back then, and we answer to the same God. We can learn from their mistakes.

## 3. *They help us understand the context of the New Testament.*

There is so much more to the Prophets than just Messianic predictions (though there are certainly plenty of those too). The struggles of God’s people in the Prophets helped shape the culture of the NT.

## 4. *They prepare us for what God is planning to do in the future.*

Revelation isn’t the only book that talks about the End Times. (In fact, most of Revelation is alluding to OT prophecies.) All because we call the OT the “*Old*” Testament doesn’t mean it’s irrelevant today.

# THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

*physical* & *spiritual* death  
through *Adam's* in



Fall

*spiritual* life  
through *Christ's* sacrifice



Redemption

*physical* life  
through *Christ's* victory



Restoration

*“So He could dwell with us, and we with Him.  
Always and forever, world without end.”*

*The Story of God with Us*

by Kenneth Padgett and Shay Gregorie



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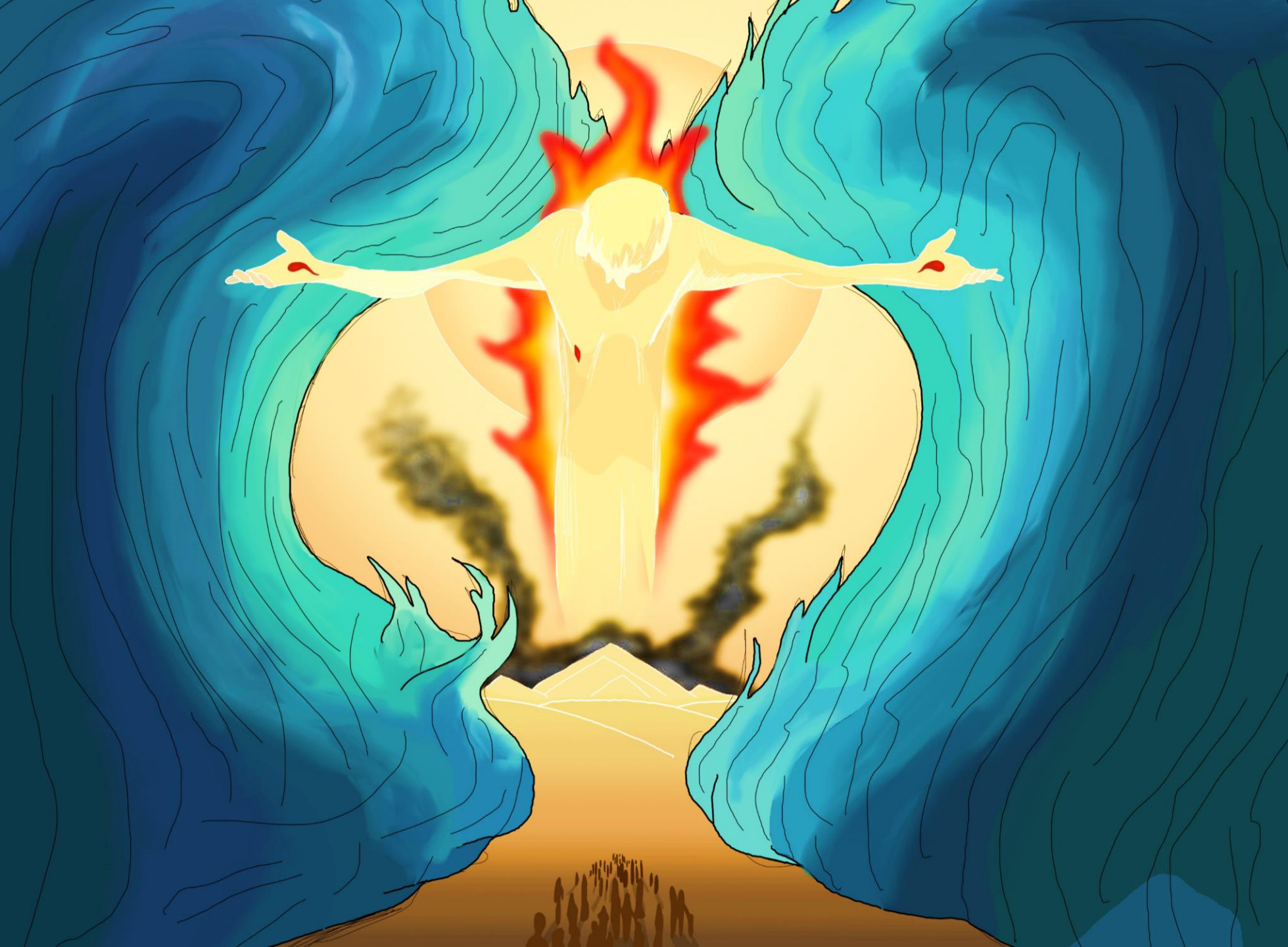
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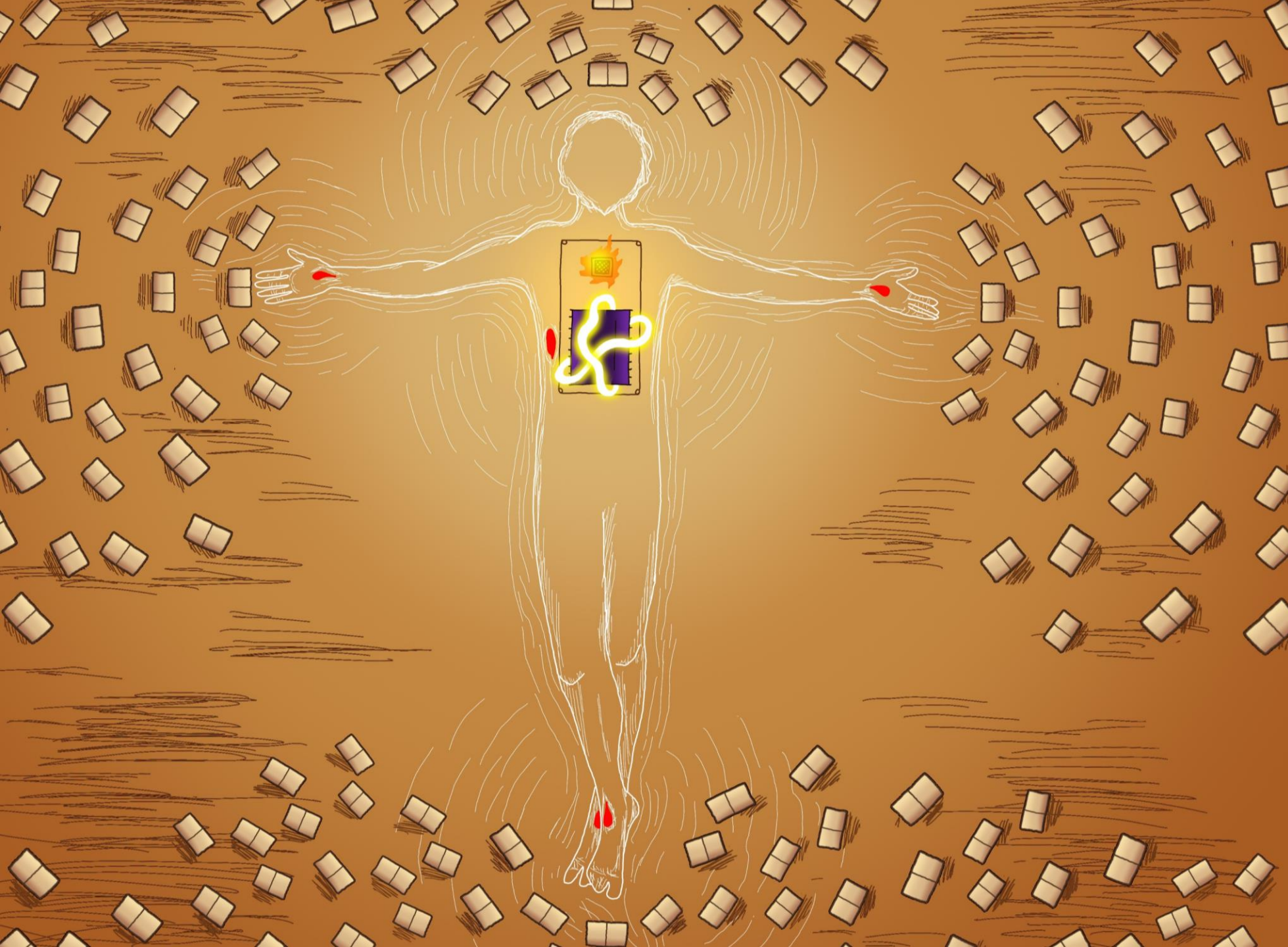
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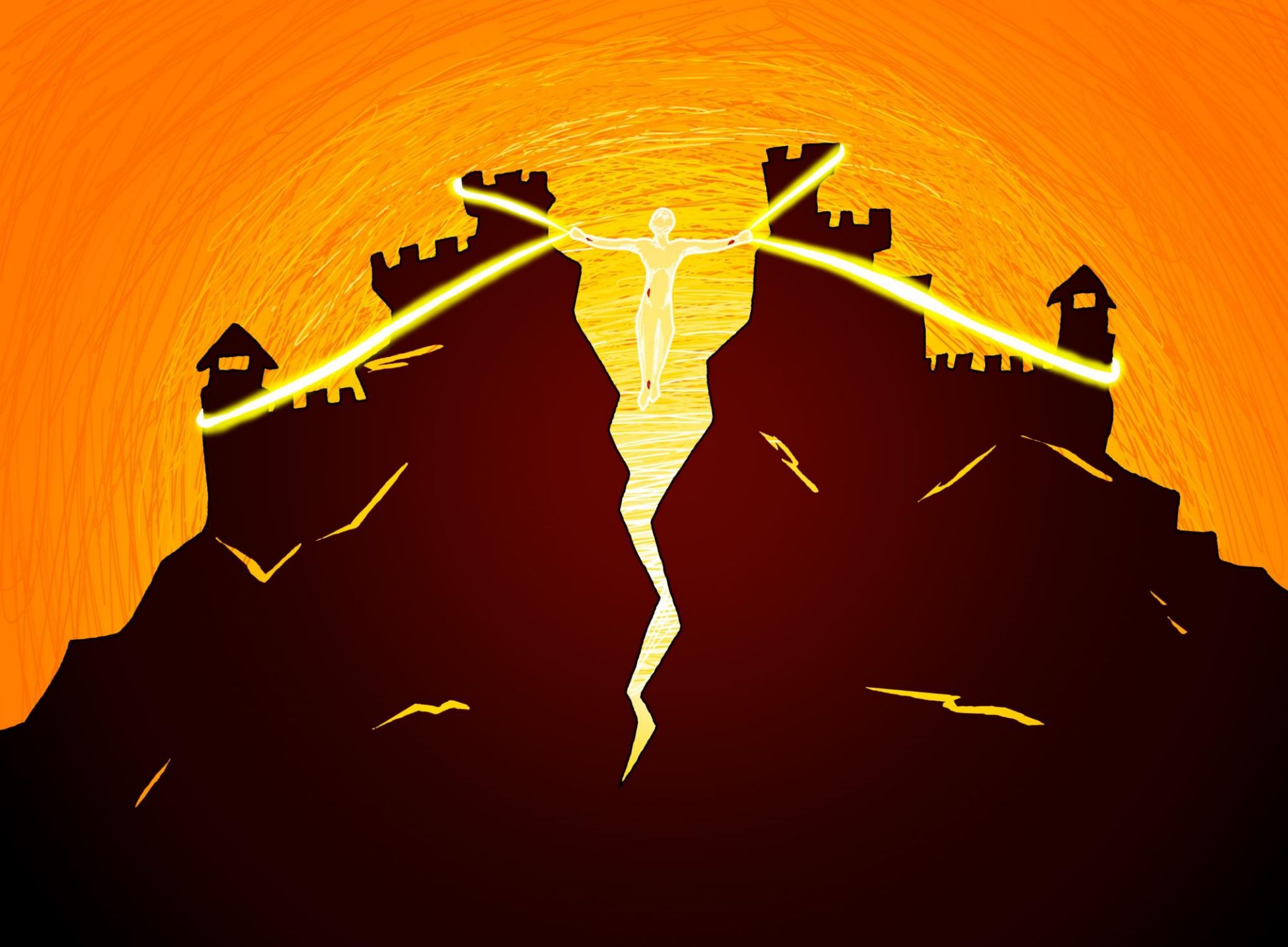
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### *THE DIVIDED KINGDOM*

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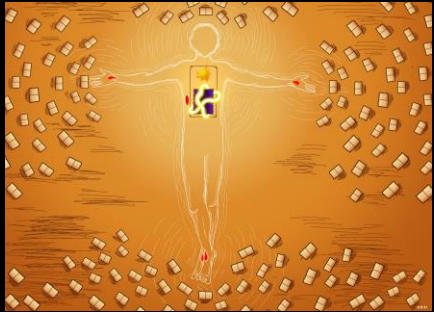
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# THE PROPHETS IN CONTEXT



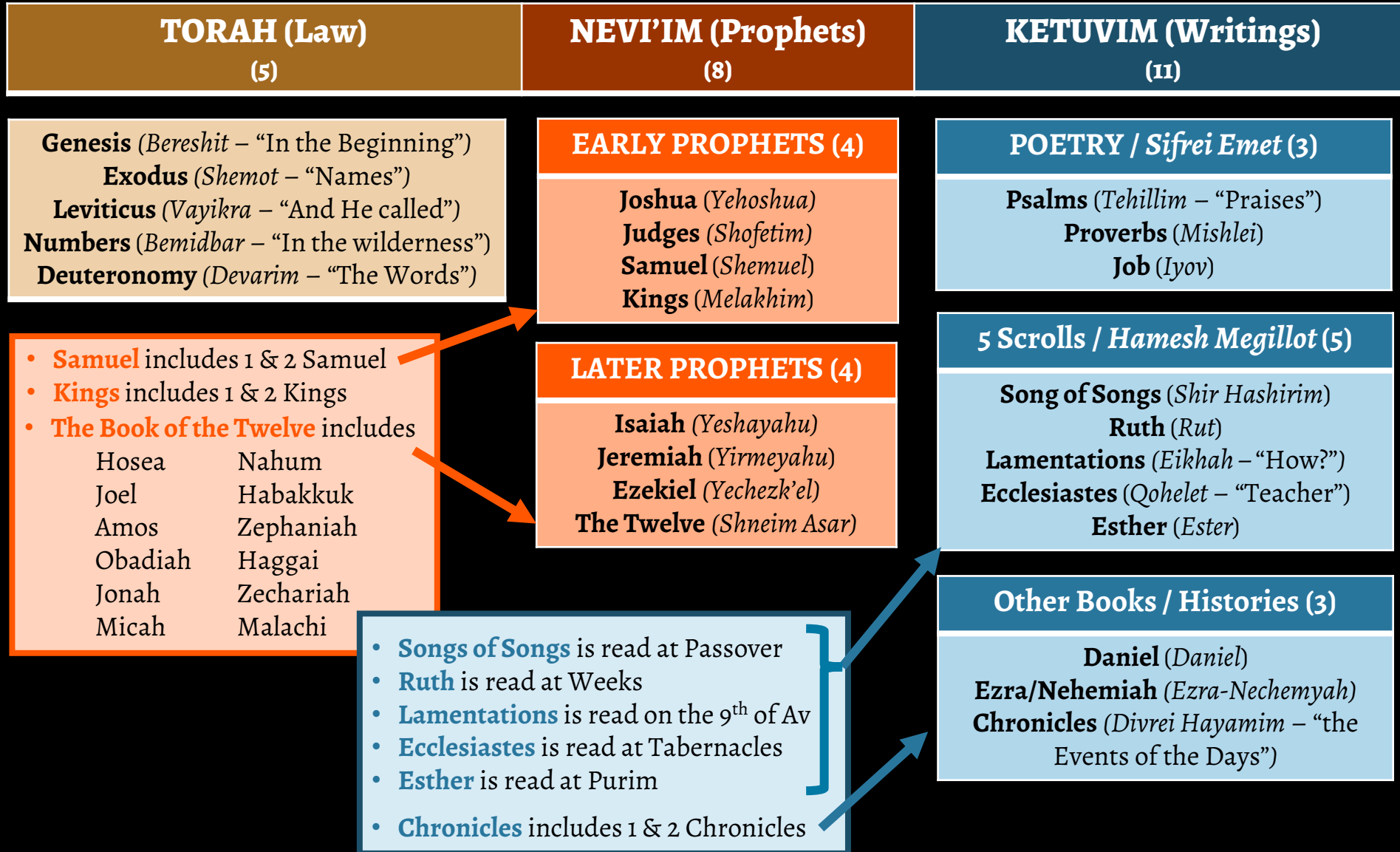
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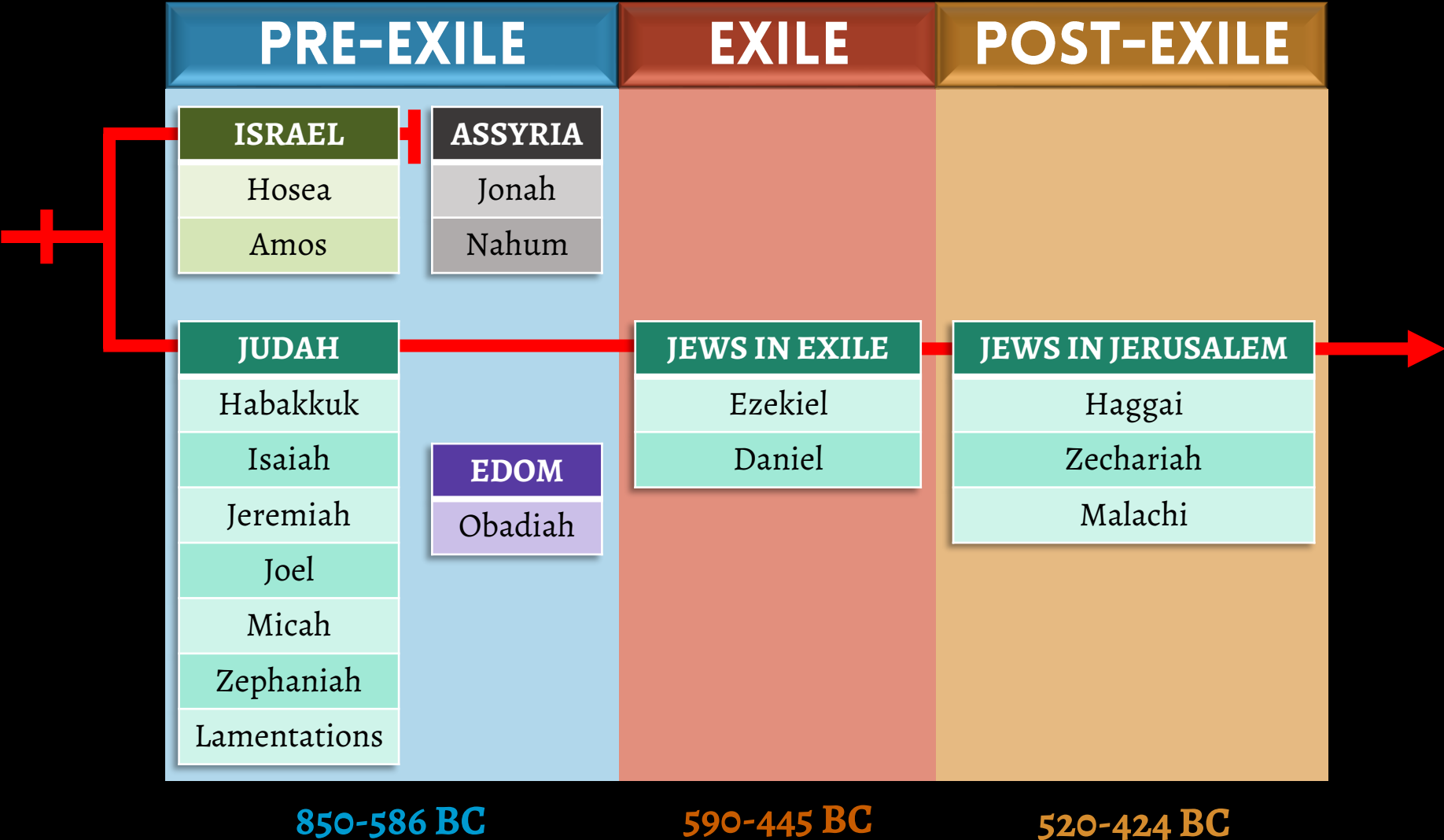
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# HEBREW BIBLE STRUCTURE



# INTRO TO THE PROPHETS



# THE TIMELINE OF THE BIBLE

## TIMELINE/OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

Old Testament Event	Dates (BC)
The Life of Abraham	1951-1776
The Exodus	1446
The Beginning of the Conquest	1406
The Life of Samuel	1108-1014
United Monarchy of Israel	1051-931
Building Solomon's Temple	966-959
Division of Israel	931
The Northern Kingdom (Israel)	931-722
The Southern Kingdom (Judah)	931-586
Fall of the Northern Kingdom	722
Three Deportations to Babylon	605, 597, 586
Fall of Southern Kingdom	586
Zerubbabel's Temple completed	516
Assyrian Empire	746-609
Babylonian Empire	609-539
Persian Empire	550-330
Fall of Nineveh	612
Fall of Babylon	539
Three Returns from Exile	538, 458, 445
Fall of Persian Empire	330

New Testament Event	Dates (AD)
Birth of Christ	~6-4 BC
Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension	30
1 <sup>st</sup> Wave of Persecution	31-34
Paul's Conversion	34/35
Beginning of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wave of Persecution	44
Jerusalem Council	49/50
Beginning of Roman Persecution	54
Deaths of Peter & Paul	~ 65-67
John writes Revelation	95/96

## MAJOR DATES:

### (FOR STUDYING THE PROPHETS)

- **Split of the Monarchy** 931 BC
- **Fall of the Northern Kingdom** 722 BC
- **Fall of the Southern Kingdom** 586 BC
- **Babylonian Exile** 586-516 BC
- **Conclusion of Old Testament** ~424 BC

# THE TIMELINE OF THE PROPHETS

## NORTHERN KINGDOM (ISRAEL)

KING	REIGN
Jeroboam	931 – 910
Nadab	910 – 909
Baasha	909 – 886
Elah	886 – 885
Zimri	885
Omri	885 – 874
Ahab	874 – 853
Ahaziah	853 – 852
Joram	852 – 841
Jehu	841 – 814
Jehoahaz	814 – 798
Jehoash	798 – 782
Jeroboam II	793 – 753
Zechariah	753 – 752
Shallum	752
Menahem	752 – 742
Pekahiah	742 – 740
Pekah	752 – 732
Hoshea	732 – 722
<b>Fall of Samaria</b>	722

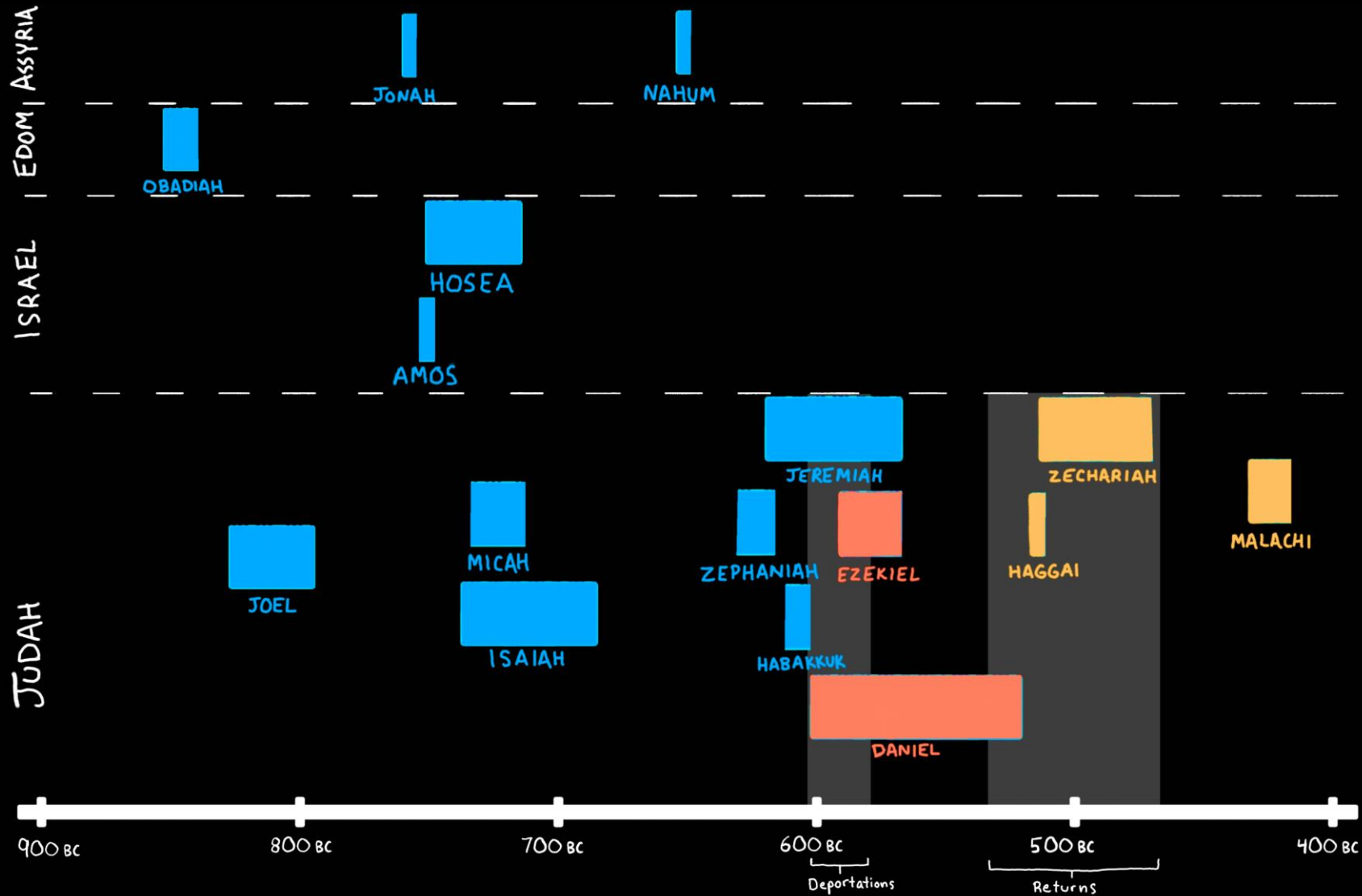
## SOUTHERN KINGDOM (JUDAH)

KING	REIGN
Rehoboam	931 – 913
Abijam/Abijah	913 – 11
Asa	911 – 870
Jehoshaphat	873 – 848
Jehoram	853/848 – 841
Ahaziah	841
Athaliah	841 – 835
Joash	835 – 796
Amaziah	796 – 767
Uzziah (Azariah)	792 – 740
Jotham	750 – 732
Ahaz	735 – 715
Hezekiah	715 – 687
Manasseh	696 – 642
Amon	642 – 640
Josiah	640 – 609
Jehoahaz	609
Jehoiakim	608 – 598
Jehoiachin	598 – 597
Mattaniah (Zedekiah)	597 – 586
<b>Fall of Jerusalem</b>	586

## THE PROPHETS

PROPHET	MINISTRY
Obadiah	850-840
Joel	835-796
Jonah	ca. 760
Amos	ca. 755
Hosea	755-710
Micah	735-710
Isaiah	739-686
Nahum	ca. 650
Zephaniah	635-625
Jeremiah	627-570
Habakkuk	615-605
Ezekiel	593-570
Daniel	605-530
Haggai	ca. 520
Zechariah	520-470
Malachi	433-424

# THE TIMELINE OF THE PROPHETS



# WHO ARE THE PROPHETS?

## THE MAJOR PROPHETS

BOOK	THEME	AUTHOR	DATE
ISAIAH	The LORD is Salvation / The New Exodus	Isaiah	700-681 BC
JEREMIAH	The LORD will Exalt / The New Covenant	Jeremiah	585-570 BC
LAMENTATIONS	Judgment for Sin	Jeremiah	586 BC
EZEKIEL	The LORD will Strengthen / The Sovereignty of God	Ezekiel	590-570 BC
DANIEL	God is My Judge / The Rule of God	Daniel	536-530 BC

## THE MINOR PROPHETS

BOOK	THEME	AUTHOR	DATE
HOSEA	The Love of the LORD	Hosea	755-710 BC
JOEL	The Day of the LORD / The Spirit of Restoration	Joel	835-796 BC
AMOS	True Worship / True Justice	Amos	ca. 755 BC
OBADIAH	Restoration by God	Obadiah	850-840 BC
JONAH	The Grace of God	Jonah	ca. 760 BC
MICAH	Who is like the LORD? / The Hope of God's Kingdom	Micah	735-710 BC
NAHUM	Judgment from God	Nahum	ca. 650 BC
HABAKKUK	The Triumph of Faith	Habakkuk	615-605 BC
ZEPHANIAH	The Day of the LORD / The Day of Salvation	Zephaniah	635-625 BC
HAGGAI	The House of the LORD	Haggai	ca. 520 BC
ZECHARIAH	The LORD Remembers / The Glory of Zion	Zechariah	480-470 BC
MALACHI	The Promises of the LORD	Malachi	433-424 BC