

# THE PROPHETS

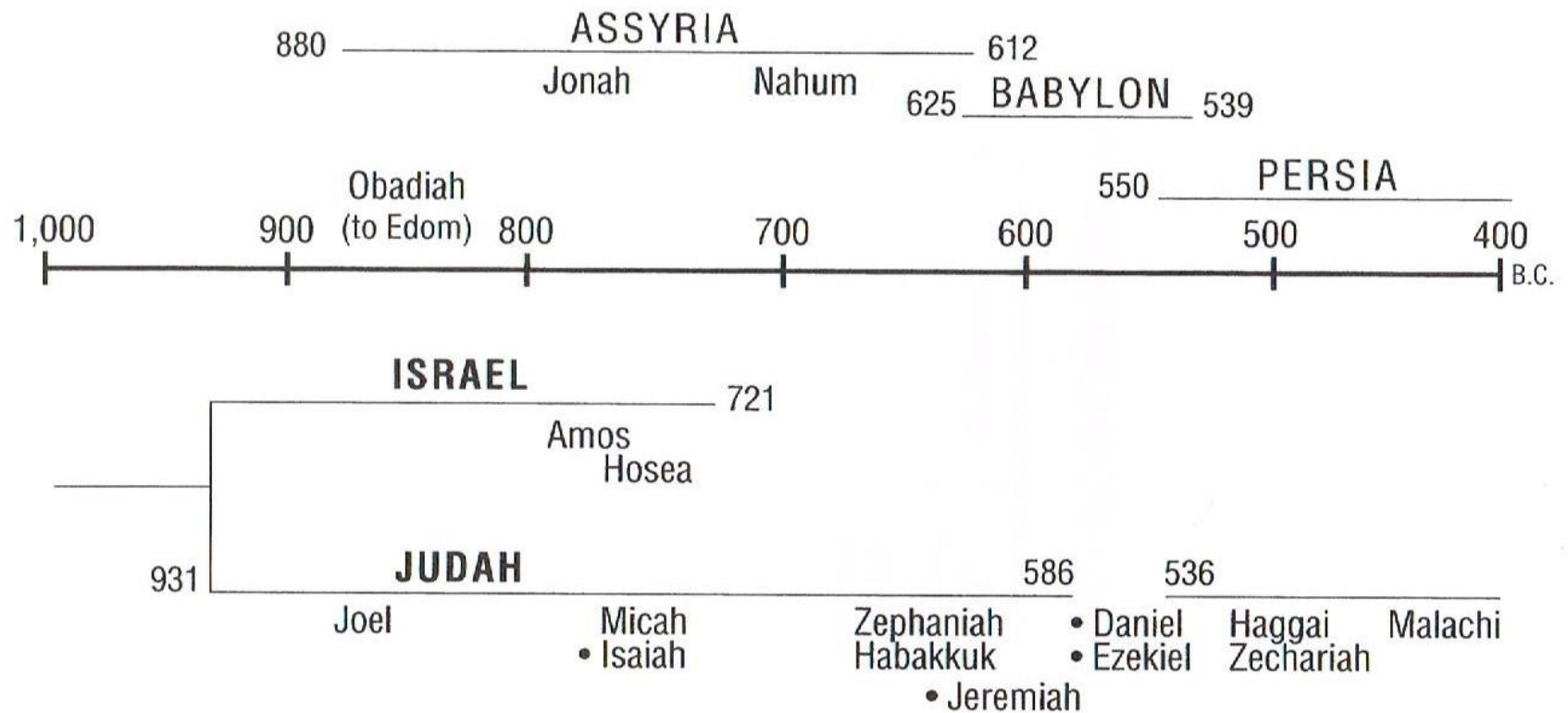
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# Prophets (OT4)

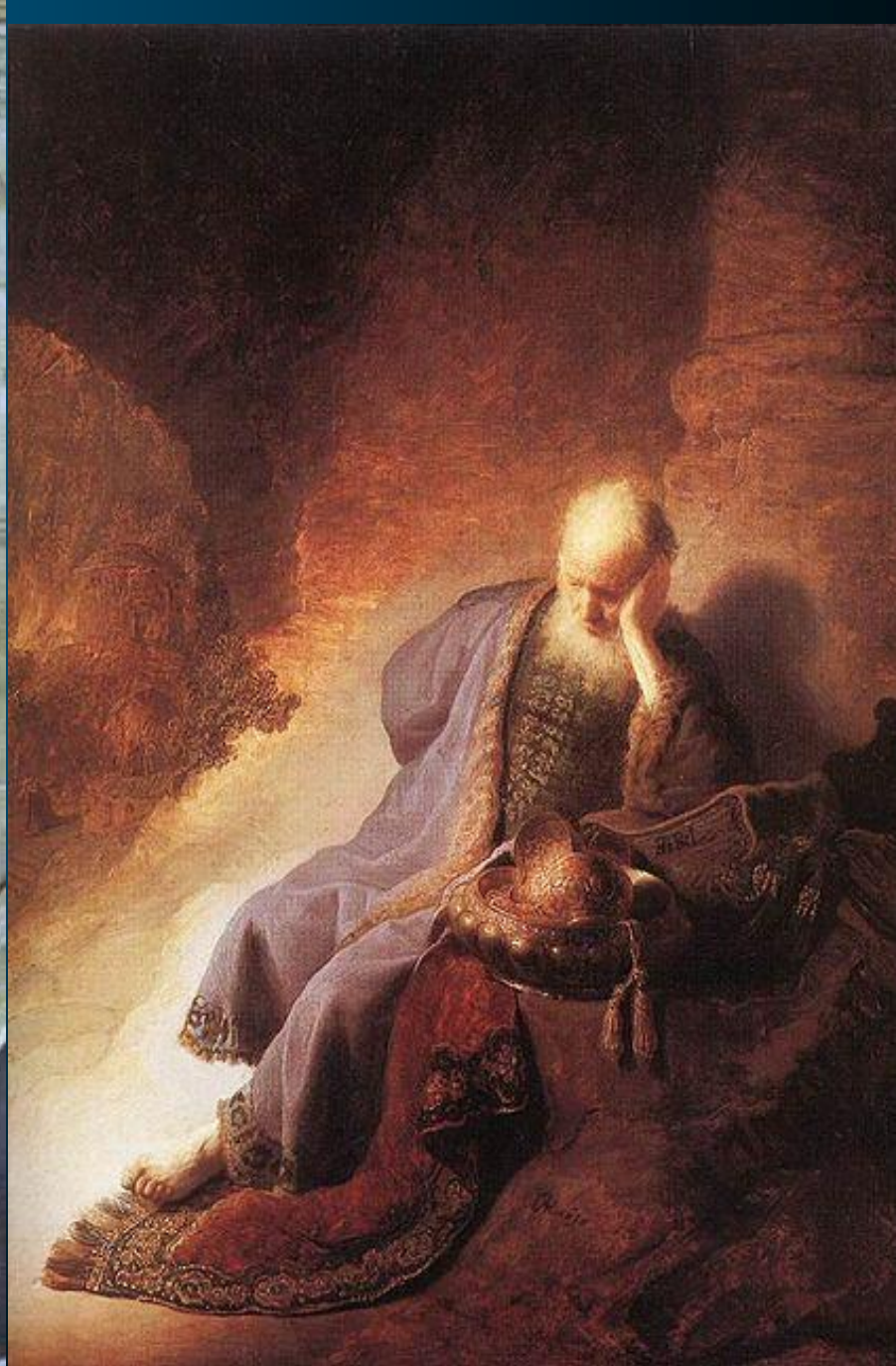
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	Isaiah	Jeremiah	Ezekiel	Daniel
TO WHOM	Jews in Judah/ Jerusalem	Jews in Judah & in Captivity	Jews Captive in Babylon	Jews in Babylon & Gentile Kings
ABOUT	Judah & Jerusalem (Isaiah 1:1,2:1)	Judah & Nations (Jer. 1:5, 9-10; 2:1-1)	Whole House of Israel (Ezek. 2:3-6; 3:4-10, 17)	Israel & Gentile Nations (Daniel 2:36ff; 9)
DURING REIGNS OF:	<u>Kings of Judah:</u> Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah	<u>Kings of Judah:</u> Josiah, Jehoahaz Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah	<u>King of Judah:</u> Zedekiah <u>King of Babylon:</u> Nebuchadnezzar	<u>Kings of Judah:</u> Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah <u>King of Babylon:</u> Nebuchadnezzar
DATES	740-680 BC	627-585 BC	592-570 BC	605-536 BC
HISTORICAL SETTING	2 Kings 15-21; 2 Chron. 26-30	2 Kings 22-25	Daniel 1-6	Daniel 1-6

## CHRONOLOGY OF THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH



• - Major Prophet



# The Message of Jeremiah

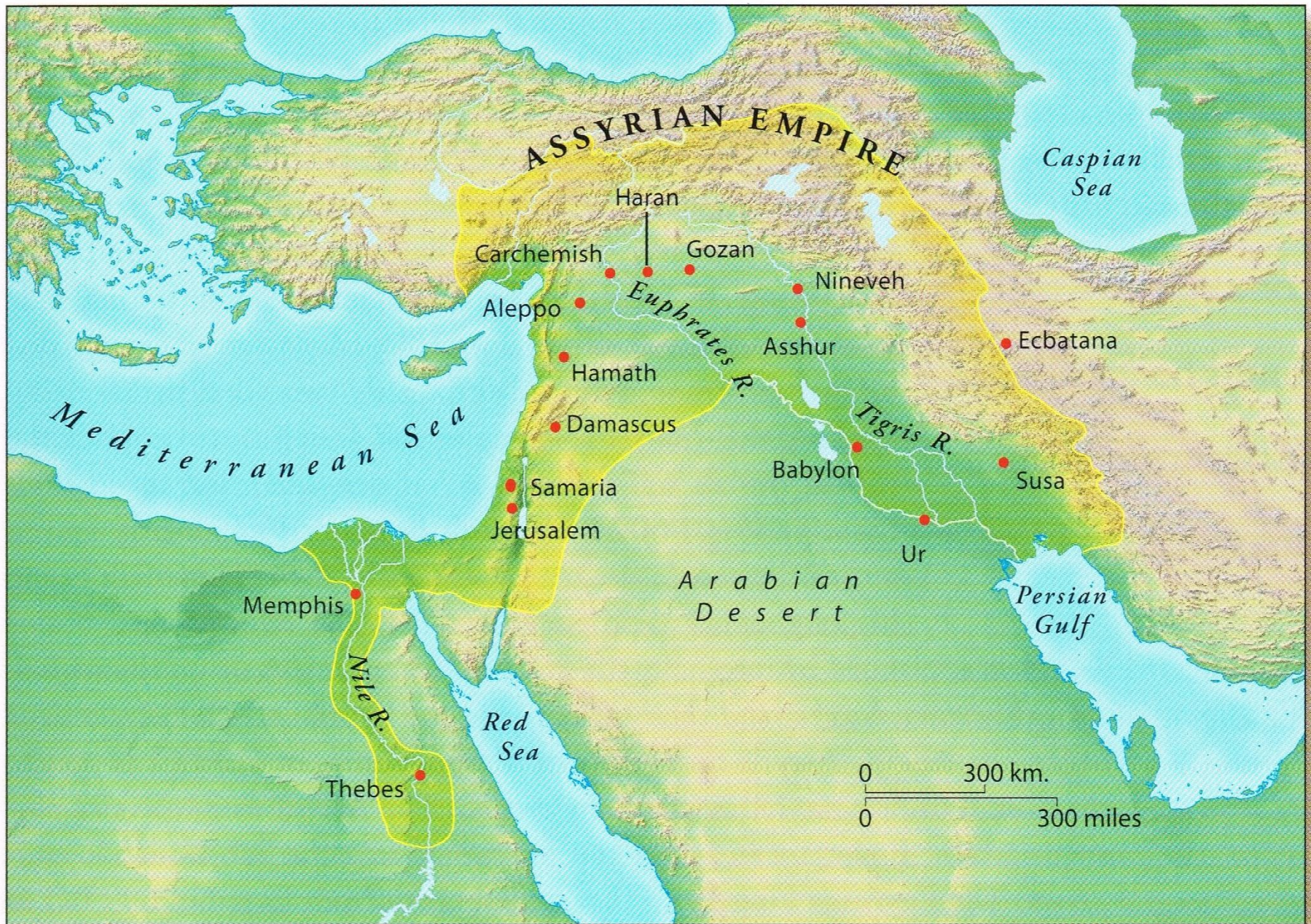
Like Isaiah before him, Jeremiah emphasizes the 3-Point message of the Old Testament prophets:

- 1. You (Israel/Judah) have broken the covenant; you had better repent!*
- 2. No repentance? Then judgment! Judgment will also come on all nations.*
- 3. Yet there is hope beyond the judgment, of a glorious future restoration for both Israel/Judah and for the nations.*

Also like Isaiah, Jeremiah points to the specific failings of the Hebrew people: **idolatry**, **social injustice**, and **religious ritualism** instead of true worship.

# The Message of Jeremiah

- Date of the Book: c. 585 BC
- Theme and Purpose: The theme is Judgment Against Judah. The book identifies the sins, idolatry and covenant breaking by the people of the Kingdom of Judah, and the coming judgment at the hands of the Babylonian Empire.
- Key Chapter: Chapter 31. Amid all the declarations given by God through Jeremiah of coming judgment and condemnation, the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Book of Jeremiah promises a time of renewal when Yahweh will make a new covenant and write it on the hearts of all the people.



The Assyrian Empire in 700 BC.



The Babylonian Empire in 586 BC.

## Key Verses in Jeremiah

For when I brought your ancestors out of Egypt and spoke to them, I did not just give them commands about burnt offerings and sacrifices, <sup>23</sup> but I gave them this command: Obey me, and I will be your God and you will be my people. Walk in obedience to all I command you, that it may go well with you. <sup>24</sup> But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward.

Jeremiah 7:22-24

“Peace, peace,” they say, when there is no peace. <sup>12</sup> Are they ashamed of their detestable conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 8:11-12

## Key Verses in Jeremiah

“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord.

<sup>33</sup> “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Jeremiah 31:31-34

# The Message of Jeremiah

- I. God calls Jeremiah to service (1:1-19)
- II. Jeremiah describes Judah's sin (2:1-10:25)
  - A. A failing marriage (2:1-3:5)
  - B. A story of two sisters (3:6-4:4)
  - C. Trouble from the North (4:5-6:30)
  - D. Worthless public worship (7:1-8:3)
  - E. Treachery, trouble and tears (8:4-10:25)
- III. Jeremiah struggles with people & God (11:1-20:18)
  - A. Coping with conspiracies (11:1-12:17)
  - B. Three signs of judgment (13:1-27)
  - C. Judah's desperate situation (14:1-17:27)
  - D. A lesson from the potter's house (18:1-19:15)
  - E. Persecution leads to despair (20:1-18)

#### IV. Jeremiah challenges rulers & prophets (21:1-29:32)

- A. Jeremiah rebukes rulers & governments (21:1-23:8)
- B. Jeremiah rebukes prophets & their audiences (23:9-40)
- C. Jeremiah describes God's anger (24:1-25:38)
- D. Jeremiah confronts the people (26:1-24)
- E. Jeremiah wears a yoke (27:1-28:17)
- F. Jeremiah writes to the exiles (29:1-32)

#### V. The Book of Comfort (30:1-33:26)

- A. Israel's return to the land & to God (30:1-31:40)
- B. Jeremiah's symbolic land purchase (32:1-44)
- C. God's great future works (33:1-26)

#### VI. The failure of Jerusalem's leaders (34:1-39:18)

- A. They do not keep their word (34:1-22)
- B. They have not learned obedience (35:1-19)
- C. They refuse to respect God's Word (36:1-32)
- D. They refuse to listen to God's prophet (37:1-38:28)
- E. Jerusalem pays a tragic price (39:1-18)

## VII. Jerusalem after its fall (40:1-45:5)

- A. Trouble from within (40:1-41:18)
- B. Trouble in Egypt (42:1-43:13)
- C. Failure to learn from history (44:1-45:5)

## VIII. Oracles about the nations (46:1-51:64)

- A. Egypt (46:1-28)
- B. Philistia (47:1-7)
- C. Moab (48:1-47)
- D. Ammon (49:1-6)
- E. Edom (49:7-22)
- F. Damascus (49:23-27)
- G. Kedar & Hazor (49:28-33)
- H. Elam (49:34-39)
- I. Babylon (50:1-51:64)

## IX. Jerusalem's fall revisited (52:1-34)

# The Message of Lamentations

- I. Jerusalem's lament (1:1-22)
- II. Jerusalem's angry God (2:1-22)
- III. Judah's lament (3:1-66)
- IV. Judah's utter ruin (4:1-22)
- V. Judah's plea (5:1-22)



