

The Minor Prophets “The Twelve”

Hosea	Nahum
Joel	Habakkuk
Amos	Zephaniah
Obadiah	Haggai
Jonah	Zechariah
Micah	Malachi

Prophetic Ministry: 850 – 430 B.C.

“**And He [God] made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, *having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation*”**

-- Acts 17:26

- God is sovereign over all nations
- God uses nations as instruments for His divine purposes

Historical Overview Significant Dates in Israel's History

- **1450 B.C.** – Exodus from Egypt
- **1400 B.C.** – Conquest of Canaan/Judges
- **1000 B.C.** – United Monarchy under David
- **931 B.C.** – **Nation Divides**
 - Northern Kingdom = “Israel”
 - Southern Kingdom = “Judah”



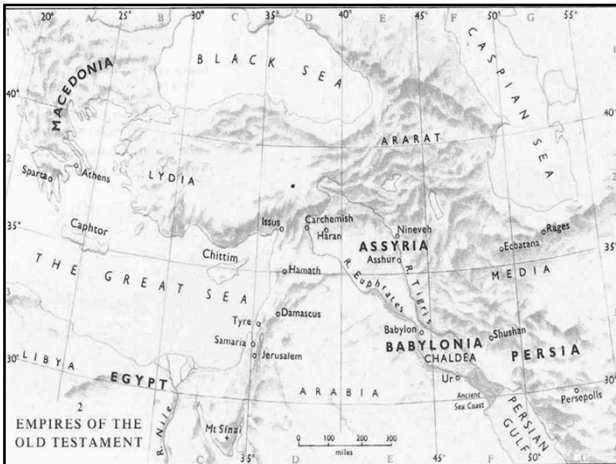
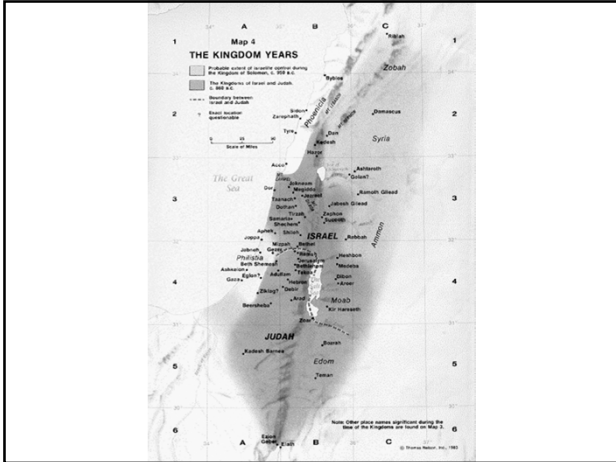
Overview of Israel & Judah

Israel (931—722 B.C.)

- 209 years
- Idolatrous from start
- 19 kings from 9 different families (8 killed)
- 4 different capitals

Judah (931—586 B.C.)

- 345 years
- Upright beginning
- 19 kings from Davidic line
- 850 B.C.—spiritual decline into idolatry
- Periods of reform



Historical Background of *Hosea, Joel, Amos, Jonah* (800—740 B.C.)

- 1. Peace & Prosperity**
 - Assyria is weak & preoccupied
 - Aram has a civil war
 - Jeroboam II (793-753 B.C.) reigns in Israel

- 2. Spiritual Decline & Apostasy**
 - Gross immorality, idolatry, & injustice
 - False prophets & corrupt priests