

The Minor Prophets  
 “The Twelve”

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| <b>Hosea</b>   | <b>Nahum</b>     |
| <b>Joel</b>    | <b>Habakkuk</b>  |
| <b>Amos</b>    | <b>Zephaniah</b> |
| <b>Obadiah</b> | <b>Haggai</b>    |
| <b>Jonah</b>   | <b>Zechariah</b> |
| <b>Micah</b>   | <b>Malachi</b>   |

Prophetic Ministry: 850 – 430 B.C.

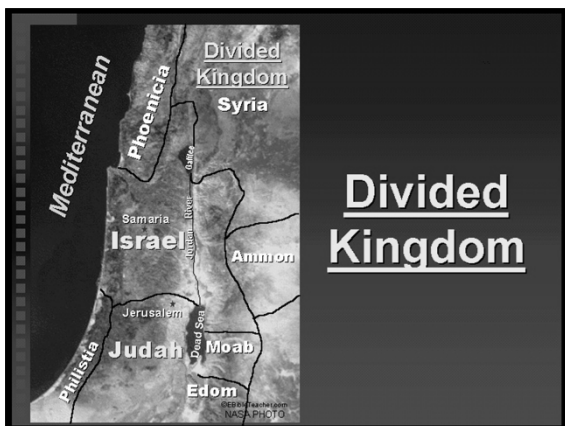
“And He [God] made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, *having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation*”

-- 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”



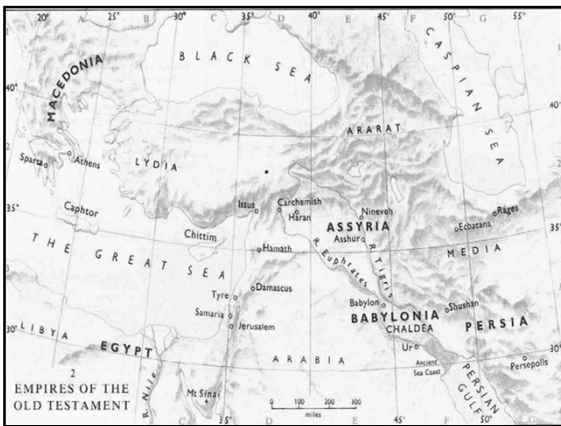
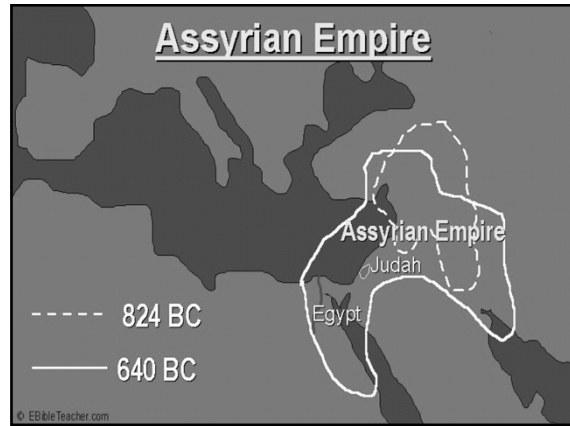
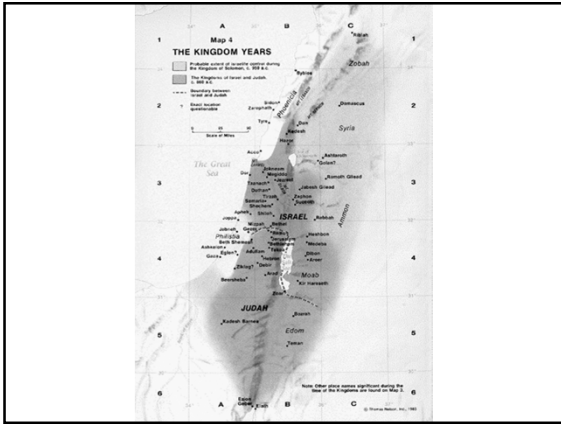
**Overview of Israel & Judah**

**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