



# God's Plan

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Amos 9:5-15

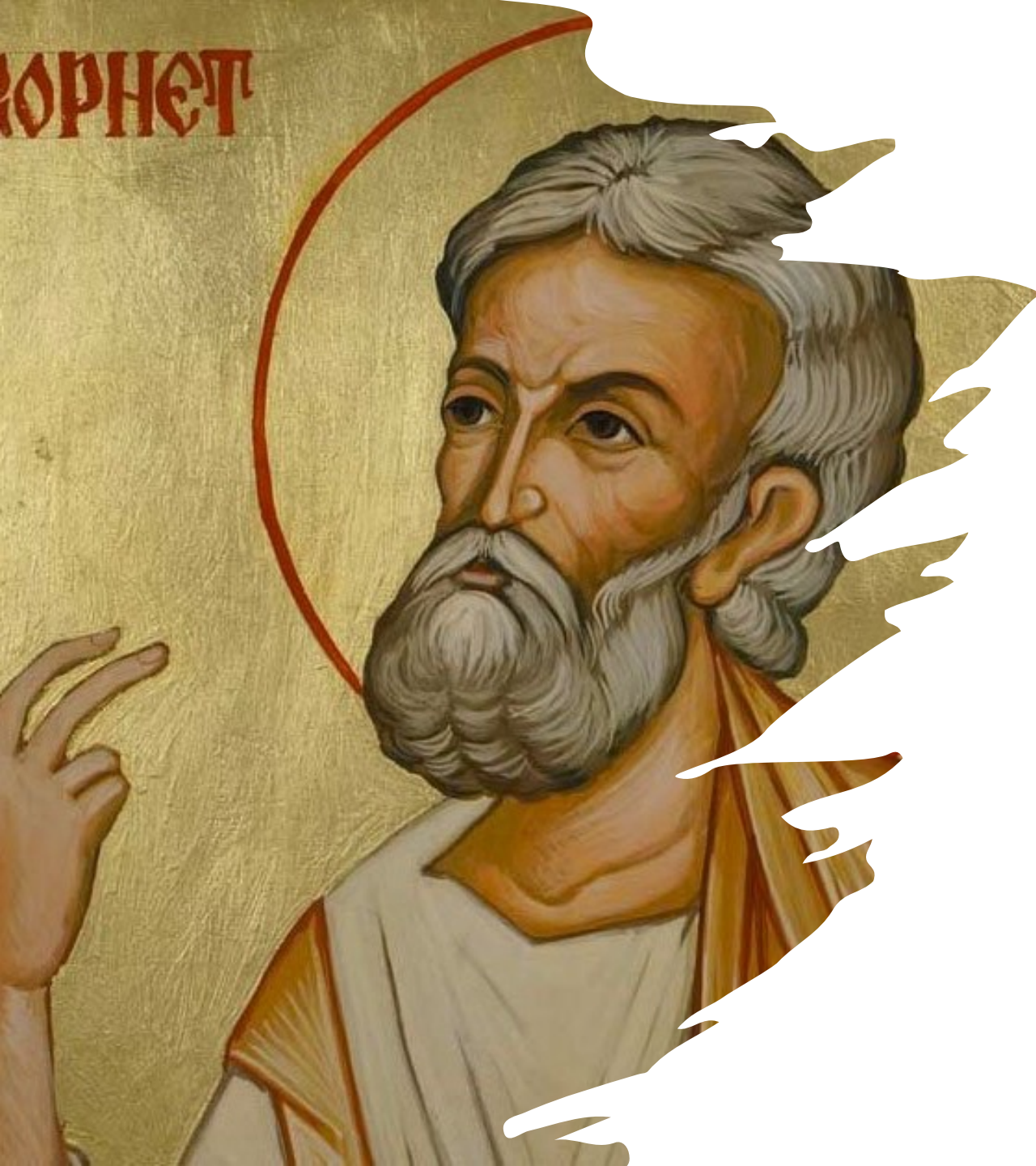




# Amos Outline

- Judgements Against Nations (Amos 1:1 – 2:16)
  - *Against Israel's Enemies*
  - *Against Judah*
  - *Against Israel*
- Condemnations Against Israel (Amos 3:1 – 6:14)
  - *Sin of Irresponsibility*
  - *Sin of Idolatry*
  - *Sin of Moral/Ethical Decay*
- Visions of Judgement and Restoration (Amos 7:1 – 9:15)
  - *The Lord with spare (Locusts and fire)*
  - *The Lord will no longer spare*
    - Plumb line
    - Fruit Basket
    - Altar
  - *The Lord will restore (Amos 9:11 – 9:15)*





# Who is Amos?

- From Tekoa – Small Village South of Jerusalem (Amos 1:1)
- Sheep breeder (Amos 1:1) & Tender of Sycamore Fruit (Amos 7:14)
- Prophet during the rule of Uzziah, King of Judah & Jeroboam II, King of Israel (Amos 1:1) – 760-753 B.C.
- Called by God to Prophesize to northern tribes of Israel (Amos 7:15)

# God Uses Unlikely People

<sup>27</sup> But **God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;** <sup>28</sup> **God chose what is low and despised in the world**, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that **no human being might boast in the presence of God.** <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us **wisdom from God**, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “**Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.**”

1 Corinthians 1:27–31 (ESV)

## King of Israel (Northern Kingdom)



Jeroboam II

Amos 2:4–5; 3:1-15; 4:1-13; 5:1-6:14

- Irresponsibility
- Idolatry
- Moral & Ethical Decay
- Self-Centered Worship

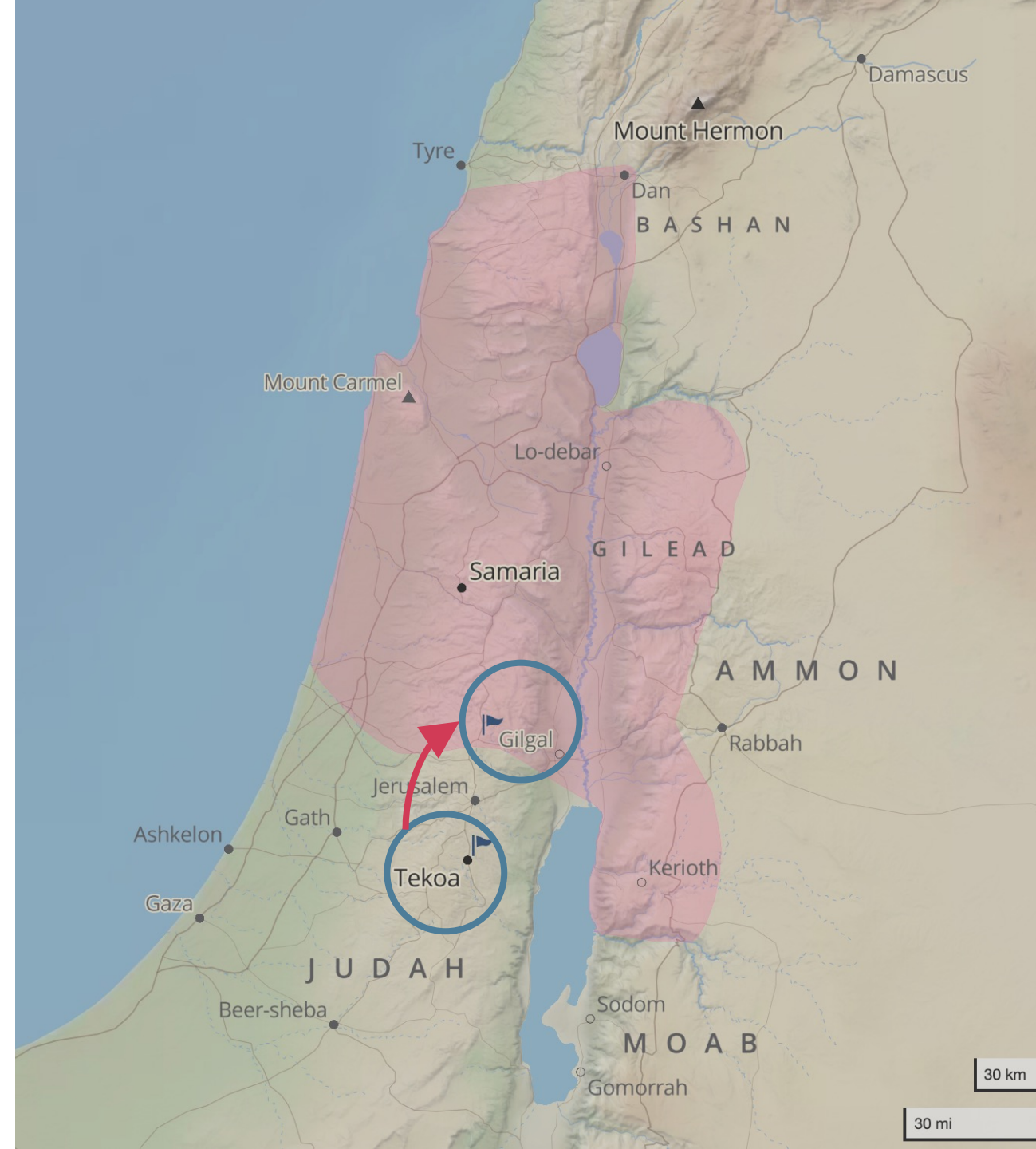
## King of Judah (Southern Kingdom)



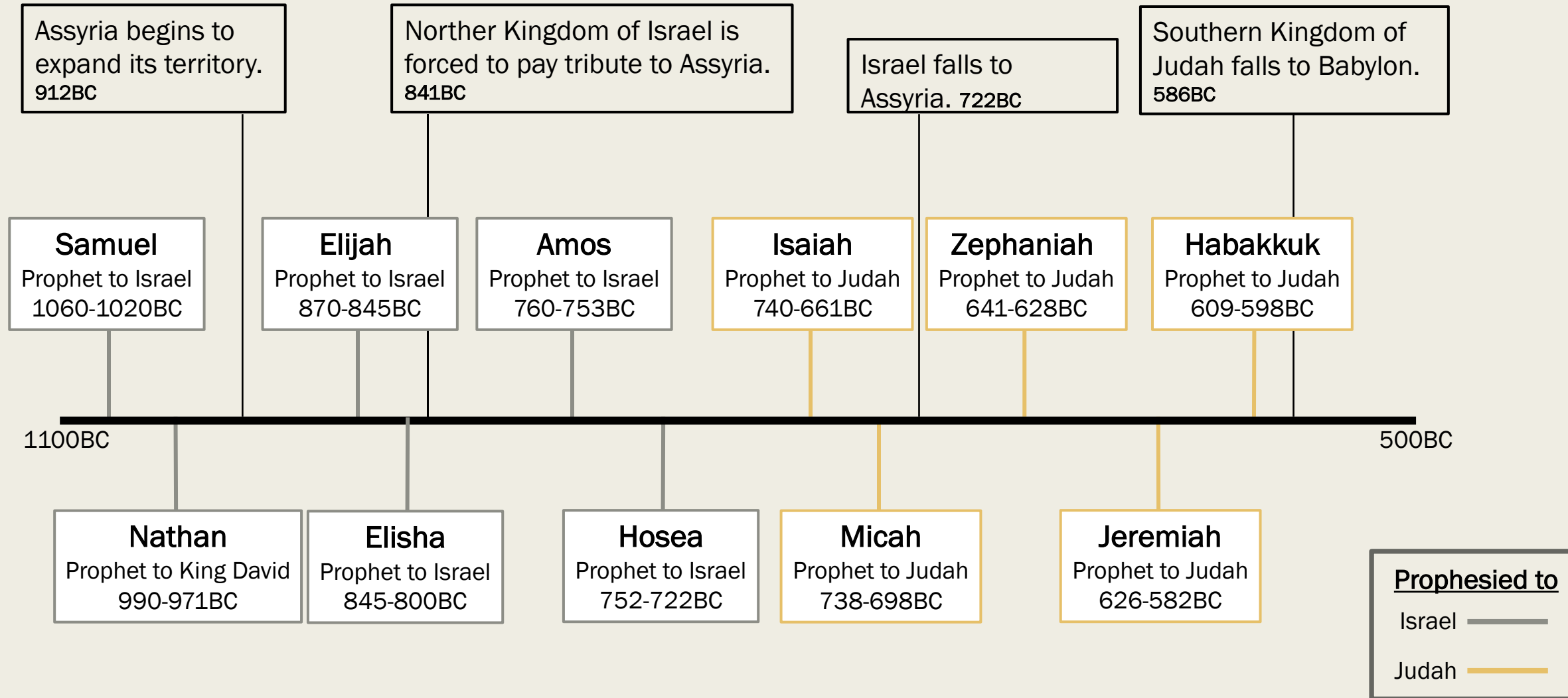
Uzziah

Amos 2:6–16

- Rejected the law of the LORD
- Lies have led them astray



# Rise of Assyria: Israel & Judah's Warnings





<sup>5</sup> The Lord God of hosts,  
**he who touches the earth and it melts,**  
and all who dwell in it mourn,  
and all of it rises like the Nile,  
and sinks again, like the Nile of Egypt;  
<sup>6</sup> who builds his upper chambers in the heavens  
and founds his vault upon the earth;  
**who calls for the waters of the sea**  
**and pours them out upon the surface of the earth—**  
**YAHWEH** is his name.

Amos 9:5–6 ESV



7 “**Are you not like the Cushites to me,**  
O people of Israel?” declares **YAHWEH**.  
“**Did I not bring up** Israel from the land of Egypt,  
and **the Philistines from Caphtor and the Syrians from Kir?**”

Amos 9:7 ESV

<sup>8</sup> Behold, **the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom,**  
and **I will destroy it from the surface of the ground,**  
except that **I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,”**  
declares **YAHWEH.**

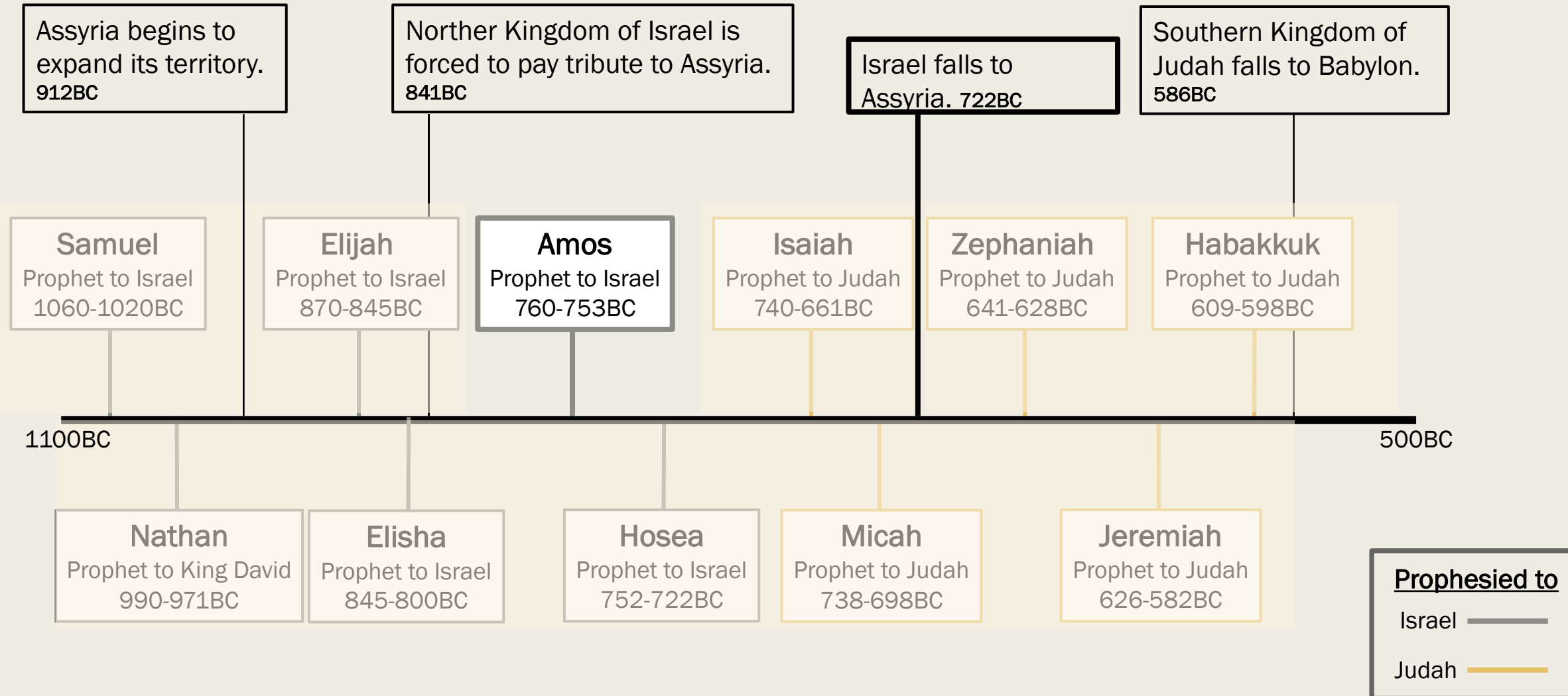
<sup>9</sup> “For behold, I will command,  
and shake the house of Israel among all the nations  
as one shakes with a sieve,  
but **no pebble shall fall to the earth.**

<sup>10</sup> **All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword,**  
**who say, ‘Disaster shall not overtake or meet us.’**

Amos 9:8–10 ESV

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<sup>11</sup> “In that day **I will raise up**  
**the booth of David that is fallen**  
and **repair** its breaches,  
and **raise up** its ruins  
and **rebuild** it as in the days of old,  
<sup>12</sup> that they may possess the remnant of Edom  
and all the nations who are called by my name,”  
declares **YAHWEH** who does this.

Amos 9:11–12 ESV

<sup>13</sup> “Behold, the days are coming,” declares **YAHWEH**,  
“when **the plowman shall overtake the reaper**  
and the **treader of grapes him who sows the seed**;  
the **mountains shall drip sweet wine**,  
and all the hills shall flow with it.

<sup>14</sup> I will **restore the fortunes of my people Israel**,  
and they shall **rebuild** the ruined cities and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,  
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

<sup>15</sup> I will plant them on their land,  
and they **shall never again be uprooted**  
out of the land that I have given them,”  
says **YAHWEH** your God.

Amos 9:13–15 ESV

# Actions

- Focus on **Yahweh** – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22
- Worship **Yahweh** – Luke 10:27-28
- Trust in **Yahweh** – Proverbs 3:5-8

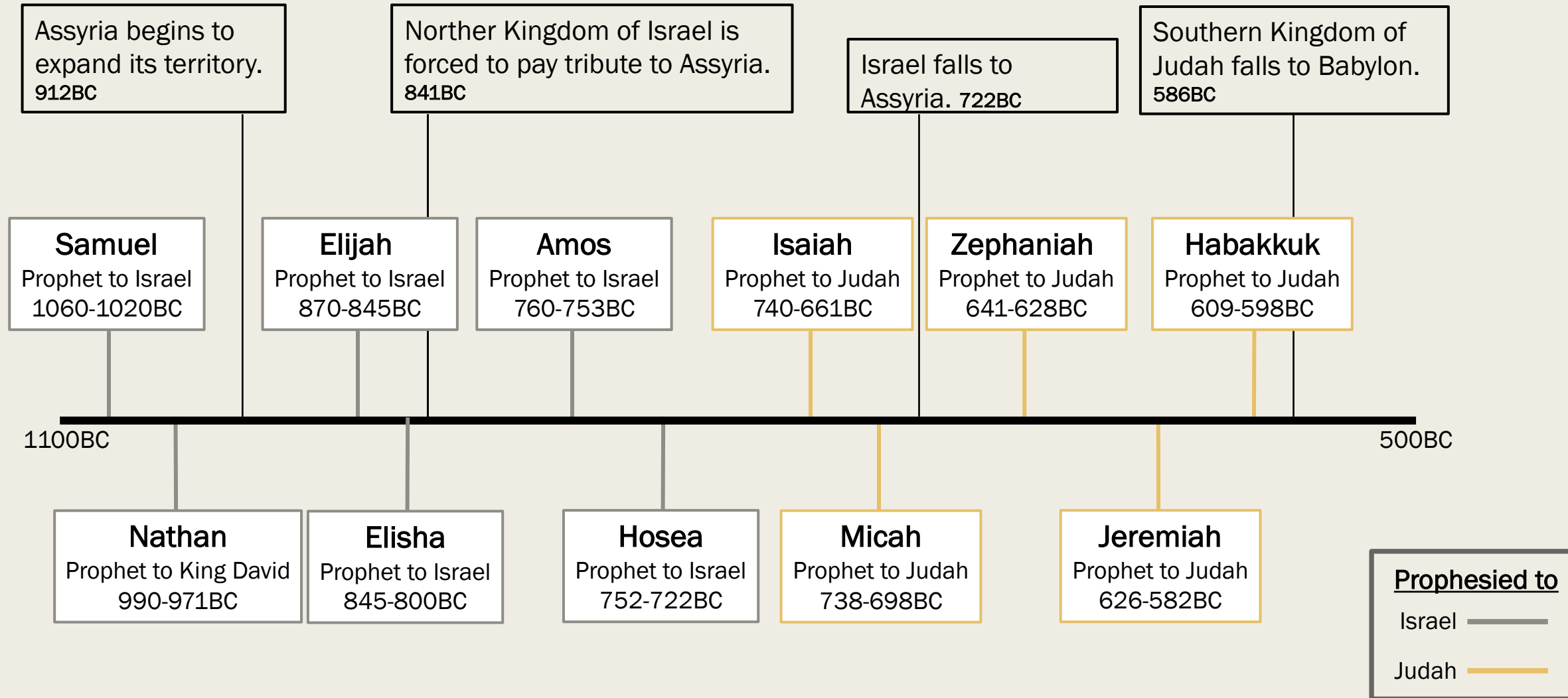
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# Talking Points

- God uses unlikely people to do His work
  - *God can and does use anyone – Amos 1:1*
- God is Sovereign – He's over all things
  - *Everyone is part of God's Kingdom – Amos 9:7*
  - *Every Nation is under the Authority of God*
- No one is exempt from God's judgement
  - *Jesus did not do so that we could sin*
  - *God's absence is worse than a famine of food and water – Amos 8:11*
  - *Greater Blessing brings greater responsibility*
  - *God Expects His people's worship to be an expression of sincere devotion to Him and His Word*
  - *It is impossible to offer acceptable worship to God and at the same time to take advantage of others or neglect those in need*
  - *When people are unfaithful to God and lack concern for others, God's judgement is imminent*
- God keeps His promises – Amos 9:8
  - *God's message of judgement through His messengers is a demonstration of His mercy and grace*
  - *God would someday restore and bless His people through the person and work of the Messiah*
- God's ending is a spectacular one
  - *The day of the Lord will be a day of darkness and calamity for anyone who is ungodly*

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### The Destruction of Israel

9 I saw the Lord standing beside the altar, and he said: “Strike the capitals until the thresholds shake, and shatter them on the heads of all the people; and those who are left of them I will kill with the sword; not one of them shall flee away; not one of them shall escape. 2 “If they dig into Sheol, from there shall my hand take them; if they climb up to heaven, from there I will bring them down. 3 If they hide themselves on the top of Carmel, from there I will search them out and take them; and if they hide from my sight at the bottom of the sea, there I will command the serpent, and it shall bite them. 4 And if they go into captivity before their enemies, there I will command the sword, and it shall kill them; and I will fix my eyes upon them for evil and not for good.” 5 The Lord God of hosts, he who touches the earth and it melts, and all who dwell in it mourn, and all of it rises like the Nile, and sinks again, like the Nile of Egypt; 6 who builds his upper chambers in the heavens and founds his vault upon the earth; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth—the Lord is his name. 7 “Are you not like the Cushites to me, O people of Israel?” declares the Lord. “Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor and the Syrians from Kir? 8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the surface of the ground, except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,” declares the Lord. 9 “For behold, I will command, and shake the house of Israel among all the nations as one shakes with a sieve, but no pebble shall fall to the earth. 10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, ‘Disaster shall not overtake or meet us.’

### The Restoration of Israel

11 “In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, 12 that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name,” declares the Lord who does this. 13 “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. 14 I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. 15 I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them,” says the Lord your God.

Amos 9:1–15 (ESV)