

## ASSYRIAN EMPIRE

**793BC (-753BC)** Jeroboam II becomes king of Israel

- Golden age of Israel—wealthy merchant class, territorial boundaries expanded to almost what they had been during the time of David and Solomon

**790BC (-740BC)** Uzziah becomes king of Judah

- Judah also experienced prosperity and renaissance during this time

**770BC** Jonah delivered a message to Assyria

- Assyria was powerful but was going through a period of decline

**760BC (-750BC)** Amos (northern prophet)

- Warned against the violent and unjust practices of Jeroboam's regime

**760BC (-730BC)** Hosea (northern prophet)

- Warned the people about the idolatry rampant in the nation

**752BC (-742BC)** Menahem becomes king and makes Israel a vassal state of Assyria

**742BC (-732)** Pekah becomes king of Israel

**740BC** Isaiah (southern prophet)

- Warned people about captivity because of their injustice and failure to trust Yahweh

**737BC (-690BC)** Micah

- Spoke against the injustice of the upper class toward the poor

**735BC (-715BC)** Ahaz becomes king of Judah

**732BC** King Ahaz asks Tiglath-pileser III to make an alliance with him against Pekah of Israel and Rezin of Damascus (Pekah and Rezin were trying to force Ahaz into an alliance with them against Assyria)

**732BC** Tiglath complies and forces Damascus to surrender// Pekah is assassinated by Hoshea

**732BC (-722BC)** Hoshea becomes puppet hit of Israel under Assyrian control

- King Hoshea declared himself free of Assyria and withheld the tribute payment

**725BC** Shalmaneser V comes to Israel to demand Hoshea's loyalty, begins siege on Israel

**722BC** Samaria falls // Assyrian Exile

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**715BC (-686BC)** Hezekiah becomes king, asserts his loyalty to Yahweh and severs ties with Assyria (refuses to make tribute payment)

**701BC** Hezekiah rebels with the encouragement of Egypt, Sennacherib attempts to siege Jerusalem but Yahweh intervenes

**697BC (-642BC)** Manasseh becomes king of Judah

- His reign was marked by increased religious syncretism and moral failure
- Towards the end of his reign, he does repent

**668BC** Ashurbanipal comes to the Assyrian throne

**Mid 650s** Egyptian Pharaoh began to push Assyria out of Egypt and Ashurbanipal was unable to stop it because of a civil war happening in Assyria

- Ashurbanipal's brother, Shamash-shum-ukin, was attempting to wrest control of Babylon from Ashurbanipal

**642BC** Amon becomes king of Judah and revived the paganism of his father Manasseh's earlier years.

**640BC** Josiah becomes king of Judah and attempts spiritual reformation

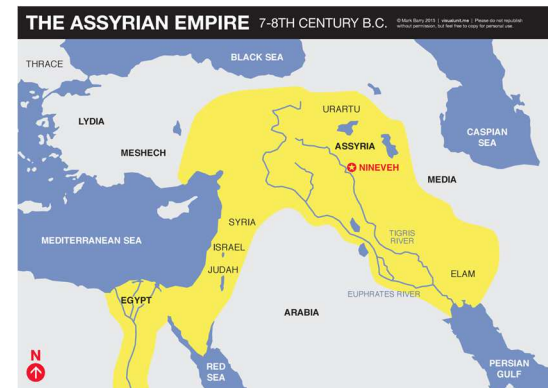
**640BC (-627BC)** Nahum foretells Assyria's fall

**630BC** Habakkuk learn that Babylon will be the nation to judge Judah

**630BC** Ashurbanipal gave his son Ashur-etil-ilani the reigns of the Assyrian empire

**627BC** Ashurbanipal dies and Babylon was seized by Shamash-shum-ukin

**627BC** Commissioning of Jeremiah and Zephaniah as prophets to Judah



## BABYLONIAN EMPIRE

**626BC** the Chaldeans push out Shamash-shum-ukin and establish an independent Babylonian state under the rule of Nabopolassar

**622BC** King Josiah celebrates Passover

**612BC** fall of Nineveh

**609BC**

- King Josiah dies in battle against Neco
- Jehoahaz becomes king
- Assyria falls to Babylon
- Jehohaz taken into exile by Neco
- Jehoiakim becomes king

**605BC** Nebuchadnezzar invades Judah, 1<sup>st</sup> deportation

- Daniel deported

**598BC** Jehoiakim rebels

**597BC** Jehoiachin taken into exile, 2<sup>nd</sup> deportation

- Ezekiel taken into exile
- Zedekiah is made king

**593BC** Ezekiel's commissioning

**589BC** Zedekiah rebels, Babylon moves to destroy Jerusalem

**586BC** Babylonian exile

**562BC** Nebuchadnezzar dies and is succeeded by Evil-Merodach (562-560) who released Jehoiachin from prison

**555BC** Nabonidus comes to the throne

**539BC** Belshazzar's vision of the end of the Babylonian empire is interpreted by Daniel



## PERSIAN EMPIRE

**539BC** Babylon falls to Persia

**538BC** Cyrus' decree

**536BC** First Group returns under Zerubbabel which rebuilt the temple (sometimes dated to 538 or 537)

**520BC** Zechariah and Haggai

- Haggai calls for the temple to be completed
- Zechariah calls for spiritual renewal to accompany the building

**515BC** temple completed

**483BC** story of Esther takes place

**480BC (-470BC)** Malachi (also placed 450-430BC)

**458BC** Second group of Jews returned in 458 B. C. They were led by Ezra, a scribe of God's law. Ezra focused on reorganizing temple worship.

**444BC** Third group to return were led by Nehemiah in 444 B.C. Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem.

## YEARS OF SILENCE

*PROPHETS UNABLE TO BE DATED:* Joel and Obadiah



