

BIBLICAL

A STUDY THROUGH THE SCROLLS OF SCRIPTURE

REVIEW



Jonah

Minor Prophets

Hosea

Nahum

Joel

Habakkuk

Amos

Zephaniah

Obadiah

Haggai

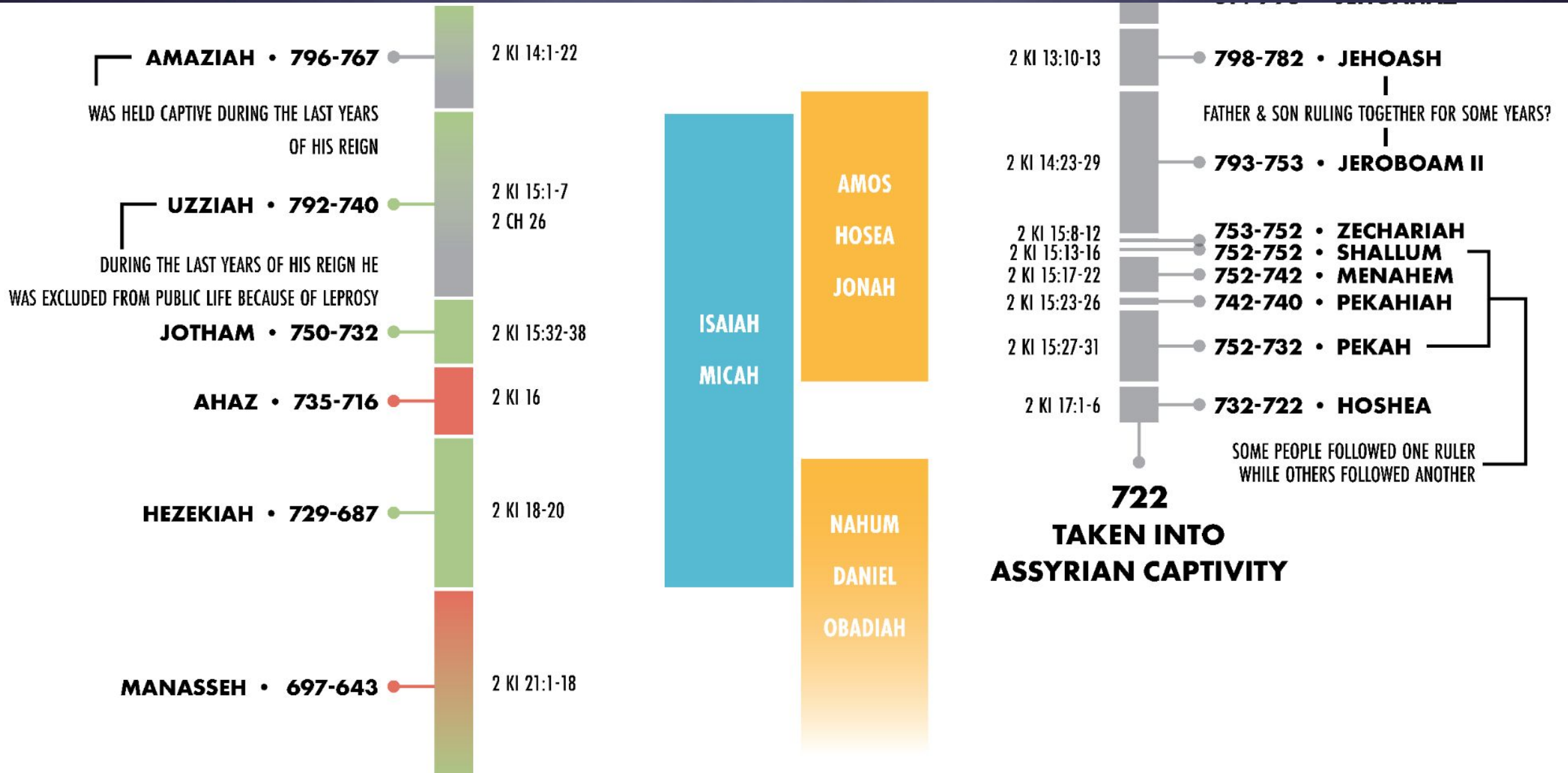
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Zechariah

Micah

Malachi

Kings & Prophets Timeline



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- Book begins with Jonah deciding he didn't want to be a part of what God wanted.

Clear intentions





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 - We will explore this understanding.

Jonah 1-4



Chapter 2

- To survive after spending 3 days in a fish is nothing less than a miracle.
- It is no less likely than a dead man being raised back to life.
- It is not logical.

Miracle of God's Power over Death

“...no sign will be given to it (this generation) but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth...”

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Matthew 12:39-40

Chapter 3

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Obedient Proclamation

“The Lord said, ‘Go to Nineveh and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you.’ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the Lord...and he cried out and said, “Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown...”



Jonah 3:2-4

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- The people and their leaders believed God and repented. When God saw their deeds and their turning from wickedness, He relented.
- Jesus mentioned Nineveh's repentance; it was true and widely understood to have occurred. Matt. 12:41

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First Dialogue

Jonah said, “...I know that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and One who relents concerning calamity. Therefore, O Lord, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life.”

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Jonah 4:2-3

First Dialogue

“Then the Lord said, ‘Do you have good reason to be angry?’”



Jonah 4:4

Second Dialogue

“Then God said to Jonah, ‘Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?’ Jonah said, ‘I have good reason to be angry, even to death.’”



Jonah 4:9

Second Dialogue

“You had compassion on the plant...which came up overnight and perished overnight. Should I not have compassion on...more than 120,000 persons who don't know the difference between their right and left hand....?”



Jonah 4:10-11

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- God is the one who has the right to be offended when people reject His plans. If He is choosing to not be offended and seek reconciliation, we need to not get in the way.

Don't be offended for God

“...Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?’ But Jesus turned and rebuked them and said, ‘You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them.’”



Luke:9:51-56

God's heart on display

- Don't cheer destruction
- Ask God for help in our relationships as:
Parents, Mentors, Friends, Classmates
- Ask God, in what areas am I not trusting You as much as You want me to?