

The Twelve

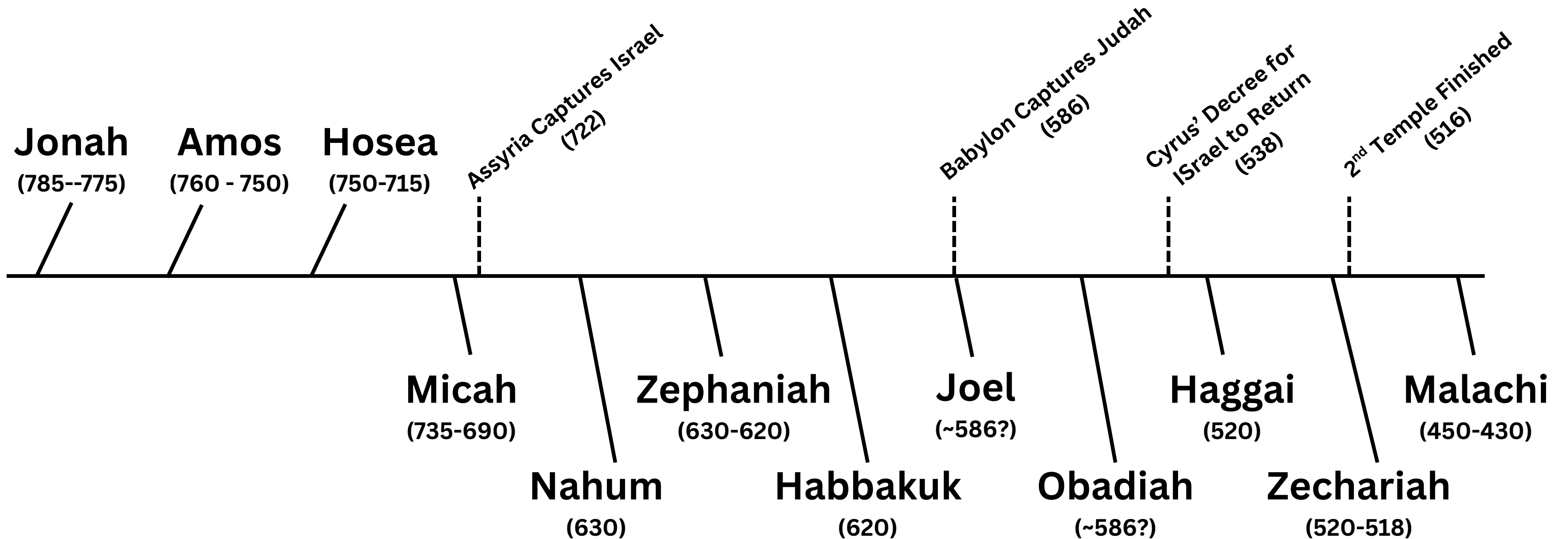


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Prophets to Israel



Prophets to Judah

Authorship of Amos

- Amos is mentioned as the author in 1:1
- Details on the person of Amos only come from this book:
 - Amos was a “shepherd” (1:1)
 - Amos was a “grower of sycamore figs” (7:4)
 - Amos was from the town of Tekoa in Judah
 - Amos was aware of the politics of his day
 - Amos was familiar with the Old Testament



Date of Amos



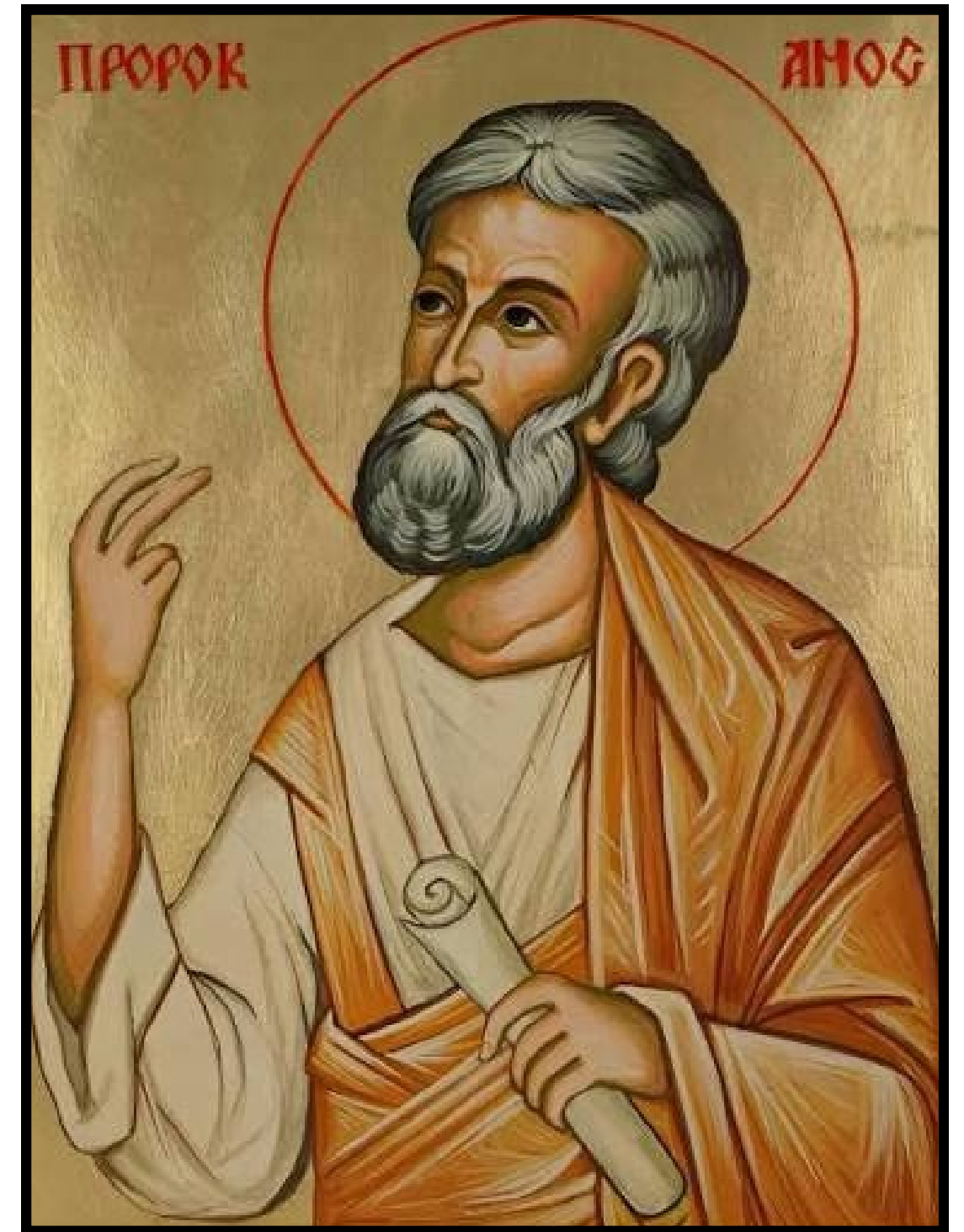
- “in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash, king of Israel.”
 - Uzziah reigned in Judah from 787-757BC
 - Jeroboam reigned in Israel from 787-747BC
- “two years before the earthquake.”
 - Archaeological evidence suggests an earthquake hit the area in 760BC
- Amos was written around 762BC

“You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah.”

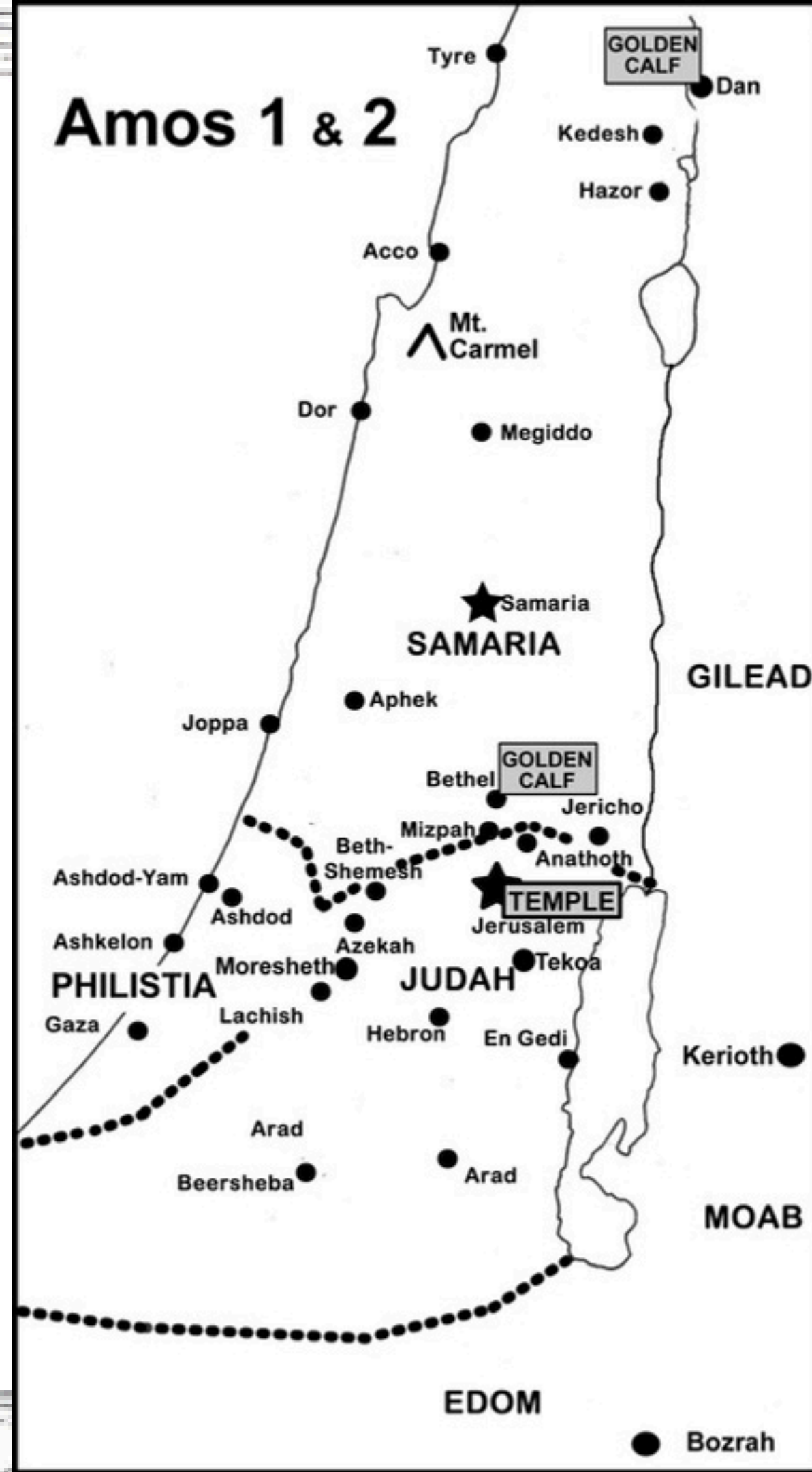
Zechariah 14:5

Audience of Amos

- Amos writes to the entire nation of Israel
 - Amos would have been considered a foreign prophet since he was from Judah
- Under Jeroboam II the nation of Israel experienced a time of great prosperity
 - territories were enlarged
 - wealth was expansive
 - military was superior
 - economy was booming
- Israel set up two locations for worship: Bethel and Gilgal.



Amos 1 & 2



InterprAmos

- To understand Amos one must know the geography, regional politics and current religious status of Israel.
- One must also grapple with Amos' use of imagery and how it helps the reader understand the message of Amos.
- Amos contains oracles, sermons, and visions.



Structure of Amos

- Two Major Sections: The Words of Amos (ch 1-6) & The Visions of Amos (ch 7-9)
- Five Major Sections: Introduction (1:1-2), Oracles Against the Nations (1:3-2:16), Sermons Against the Nation of Israel (ch 3-6), Visions of Judgment (7:1-9:10), and Promises of Hope (9:11-15).
- Seven Major Sections: For Three Sins, Even for Four, I Will Send Fire (ch 1-2), The Lion Has Roared (ch 3-4), Yahweh Demands Justice, Not Ritual (ch 5), Judgment on the Wealthy and Complacent (ch 6), Four Visions (7:1-8:3), Judgement on Israel (8:4-9:10), and Hope and Restoration (9:11-15).



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