

Micah

As for me, I look to the LORD for help.
I wait confidently for God to save me,
and my God will certainly hear me.



Some Contextual Reminders

- Contemporaries: Isaiah, Amos, Hosea
- “Micah has Amos’ passion for justice, Hosea’s heart of love, and Isaiah’s hope in the Messiah” Tom Constable
- Micah is the short version of Isaiah
- The Kings were Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah—all from Judah

MENAHEM	10 YRS
PEKAHIAH	2 YRS
PEKAH	20 YRS
HOSHEA	9 YRS

ISRAEL ASSIMILATED BY
ASSYRIA

SHALUM
PEK
HOS



JOT
UZZ
AHAZ
HEZ

JOTHAM	16/20 YRS
AHAZ	16 YRS
HEZEKIAH	29 YRS

MANASSEH	55 YRS
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AMON	2 YRS
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JOSIAH	31 YRS
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JEHOAHAZ	3 mos
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JEHOIAKIM	11 YRS
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JEHOIACHIN	3 mos
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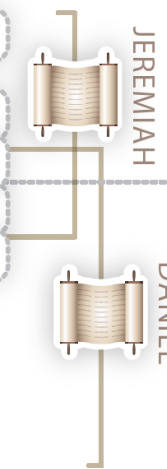
ZEDEKIAH	11 YR
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JUDAH
EXILED INTO
BABYLON

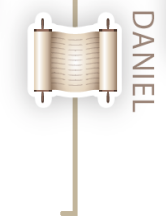
ESTHER & EZRA / NEHEMIAH



MICAH



HABAKKUK
ZEPHANIAH



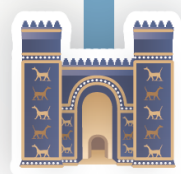
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LAMENTATIONS

HAGGAI ZECHARIAH

MALACHI

CHARACTER
OF REIGN

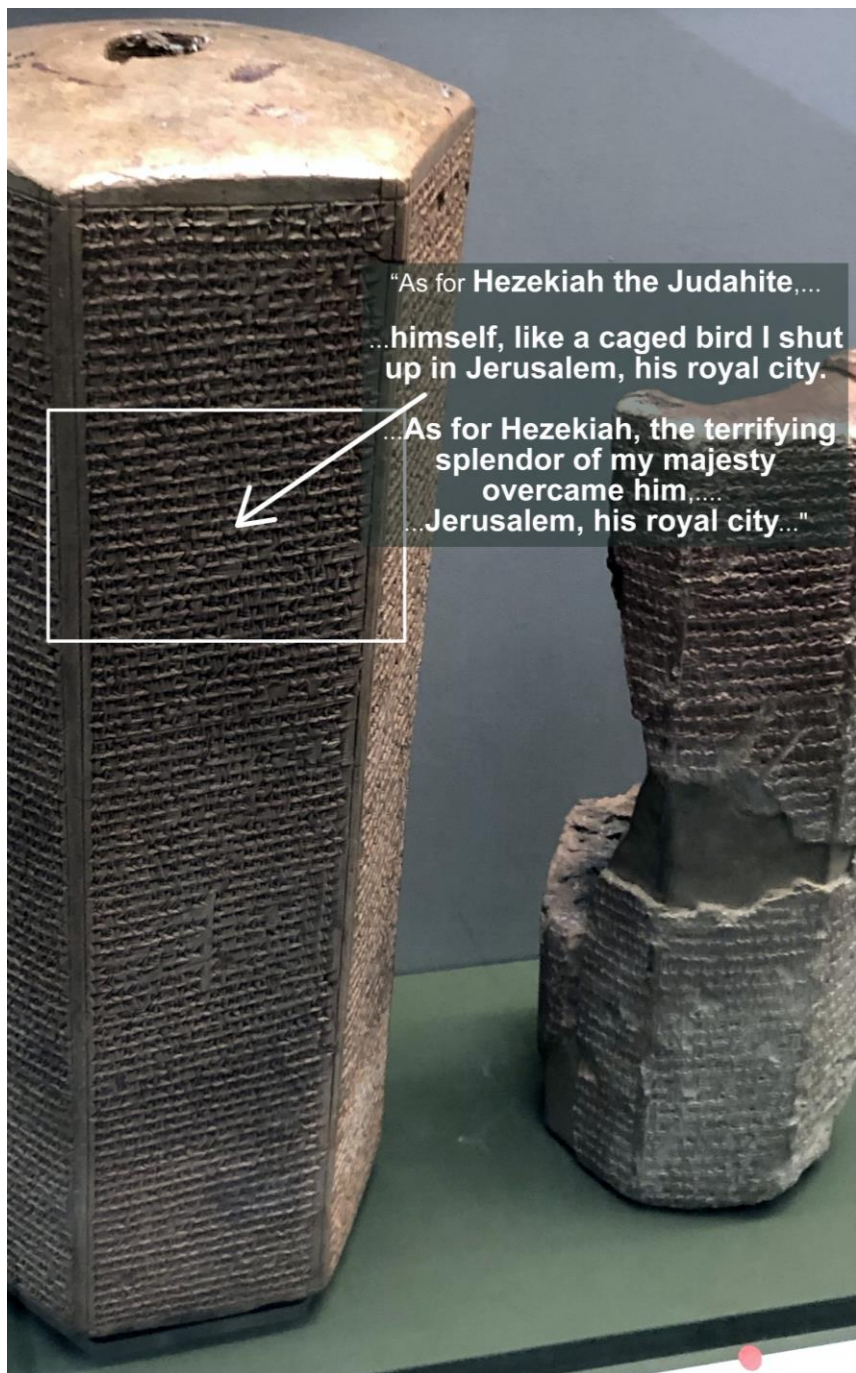
- EVIL
- GODLY
- MIXED



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Dating from *A Chronology of the Hebrew Kings* by Edwin R. Thiele,
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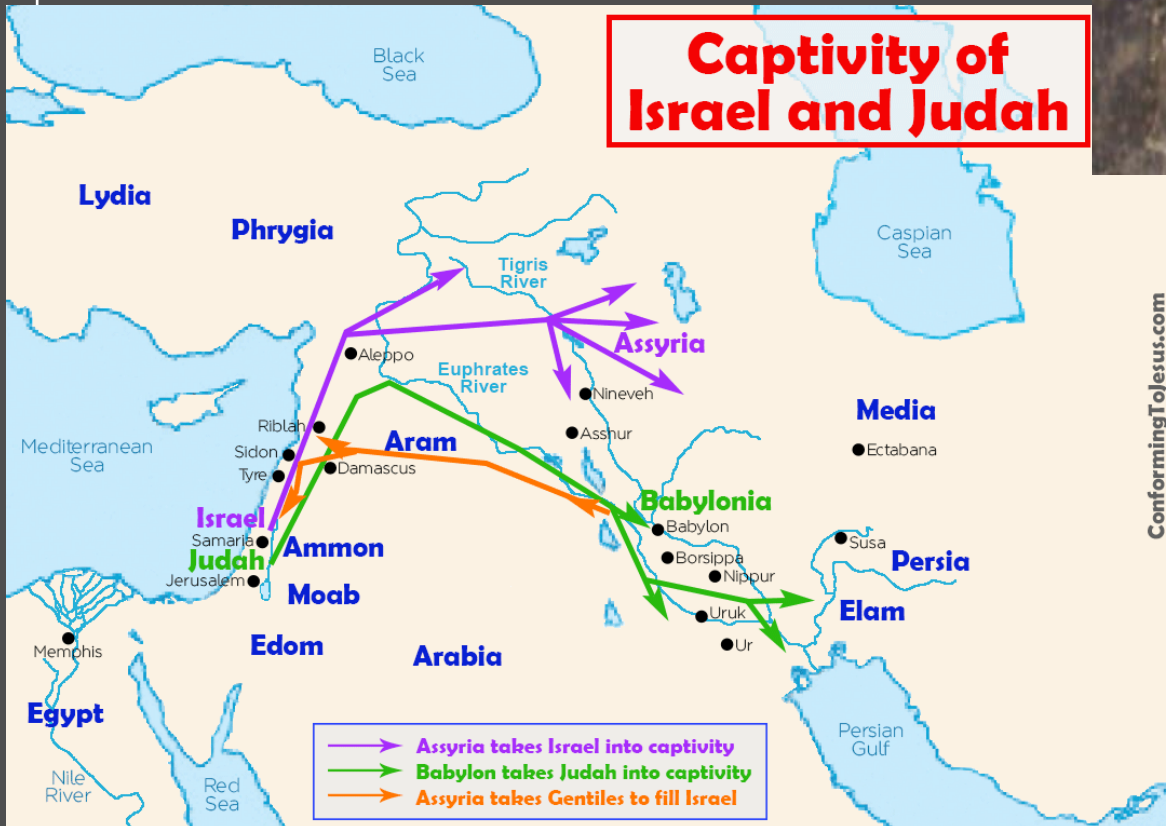


Istanbul Stele of Nabonidus which mentions the murder of Sennacherib by his son.

"In my first year of reign *** the people of Samaria *** to the number of 27,290 ... I carried away" *Sargon II*



Captivity of Israel and Judah



Panel A2 of the Black Obelisk showing Jehu king of Israel, who is designated as 'Jehu descendant of Omri', submitting to Shalmaneser III of Assyria (858-824 BC).
Photo by Ben James.

722 BC Sargon II captures Samaria and takes captives into exile and resettles the land. 2 Kings 17 & 18



Major Divisions

- Chapters 1-2 seem to be generally addressed to all Israel
- Chapters 3-5 seem to be addressed to the religious leaders of Israel
- Chapters 6-7 seem to be much more personal. There's admission of guilt, there's repentance, and a profound sense of personal forgiveness.

Micah is about
How God
responds to unjust
Israelite leaders

How does Micah exalt God and point specifically to the Messiah?

What kind of sin, what kind of injustice, is Micah calling out?

How does leadership, and your leadership in particular, affect people?

How is God going to solve Micah's and the Israelite—and our!—problems?