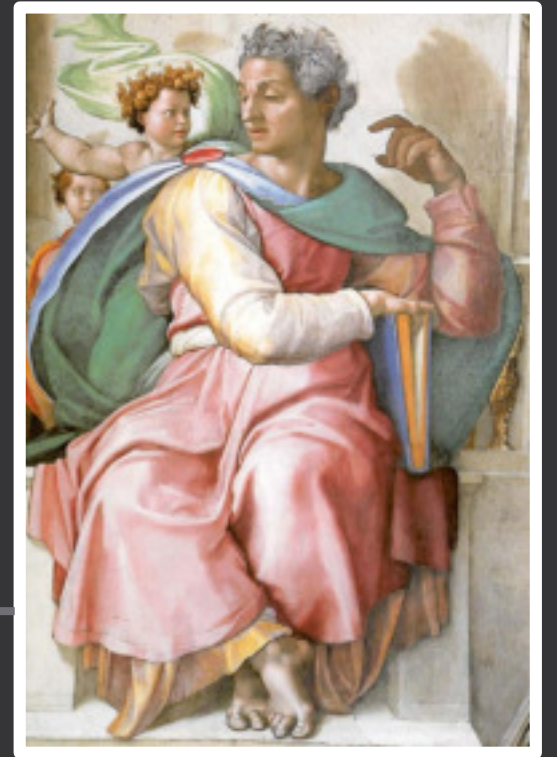


Book of Isaiah

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Prophecy

Definition: Prophet

- ✓ anyone who speaks God's words
- ✗ anyone who claims to speak for God

*READ Exodus 7:1-2.

“To see the prophets as **primarily predictors** of future events is to miss their primary function, which was **to speak for God** to their own contemporaries.”

Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*

God determined the **CONTENT** of the message.
God determined the **TENSE** of the message.

Prophecy

Biblical Qualifications: Prophet

PROPHET

“I will raise up a prophet from among their countrymen.” (DT 18:18a)

“I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.” (DT 18:18b)

“Let him who has my word speak word in truth. What does straw have in common with grain? Is not my word like fire? declares the Lord” (JER. 23:28-29a)

FALSE PROPHET

“I did not send these prophets, but they ran.” (JER. 23:21a)

“I did not speak to them, but they prophesied.” (JER. 23:21b)

“When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken.” (DT 18:22a)

Overview of Isaiah



- one of the three “major” prophets

Jeremiah
Ezekiel

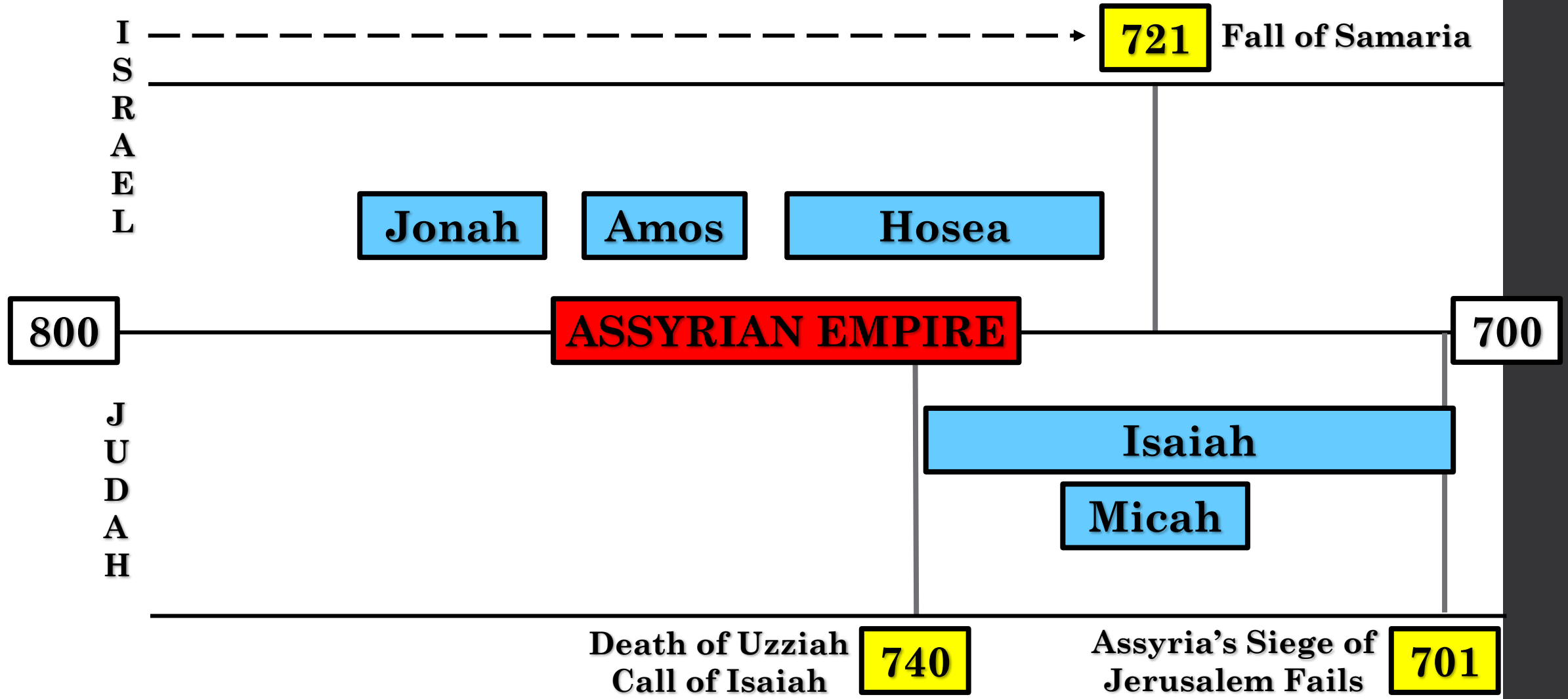
- one of five eighth-century prophets

Amos
Hosea
Jonah
Micah

- one of the Apostle Paul’s “favorite” books

Genesis

Historical Context



Biographical Data

Family of Orientation

Father: Amoz (1:1)

According to the Talmud (*Megillah* 10:b), he was a cousin of Uzziah or a nephew of Amaziah, therefore related to David.

Ministry

Calling (6:1-8)

“in the year of King Uzziah’s death” (c. 740 BC)

Location and Time: 8th Century Judah (Southern Kingdom) coinciding with the reign of four Southern Kingdom kings, Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah (1:1)

Biographical Data

Family of Procreation

SONS

- ① Shear-jashub | “a remnant shall return” (7:3)
- ② Maher-shalal-hash-baz | “swift is the booty, speedy is the prey” (8:3-4)
- ? Immanuel | “God with us” (7:10-16)

Death

executed by Manasseh, “sawn in two” (Heb. 11:37)

“Manasseh shed very much innocent blood until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another.” (2 Kg. 21:16)

SEE also the *Assumption of Isaiah*.

Outline of Isaiah

PART ONE: Judgment (**chapters 1-39**)

- 1-12 Judah
- 13-23 Nations (10)
- 24-27 Woe to the Earth—Promises to Judah and Israel
- 28-35 Warnings and Promises to Judah
- 36-39 Historical Interlude: Hezekiah

PART TWO: Comfort (**chapters 40-66**)

“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God.” (**40:1**)

The Hebrew verb, translated “comfort,” occurs 14 times in this section of the book.

Note the roles of the ❶ Servant and ❷ Cyrus.

Highlights of Isaiah

1:3-20

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.” (1:18)

5:1-7

Song of the Vineyard

Compare to Jesus’ Parable of the Wicked Vine-Growers (Mt. 21:33-46; Mk. 12:1-12; Lk. 20:9-19).

6:1-8

Call of Isaiah

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts.” (6:3)

The adjective “holy” describes God 35 times in the book.

Holy One of Israel

Highlights of Isaiah

Remnant

7:3; 10:20-22; 11:11-16; 28:5; 37:30-32; 46:3-4

Messiah

7:10-16 (Immanuel); 9:6-7; 11:1-9

14:11-14

**Taunt against the King of Babylon | Fall of Satan (?)
SEE Ezekiel 28:11-19.**

Hezekiah

Isaiah 36-39 = 2 Kings 18:13-20:21 and 2 Chronicles 32:1-33



Highlights of Isaiah

40:3-5

SEE Matthew 3:1-12; Mark 1:2-8; Luke 3:1-6.

Servant

42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12

“He was pierced through for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon him, and by his scourging we are healed.” (53:5)

65:17-66:24

New Heavens and New Earth

SEE 2 Peter 3:10-13 and Revelation 21:1.

