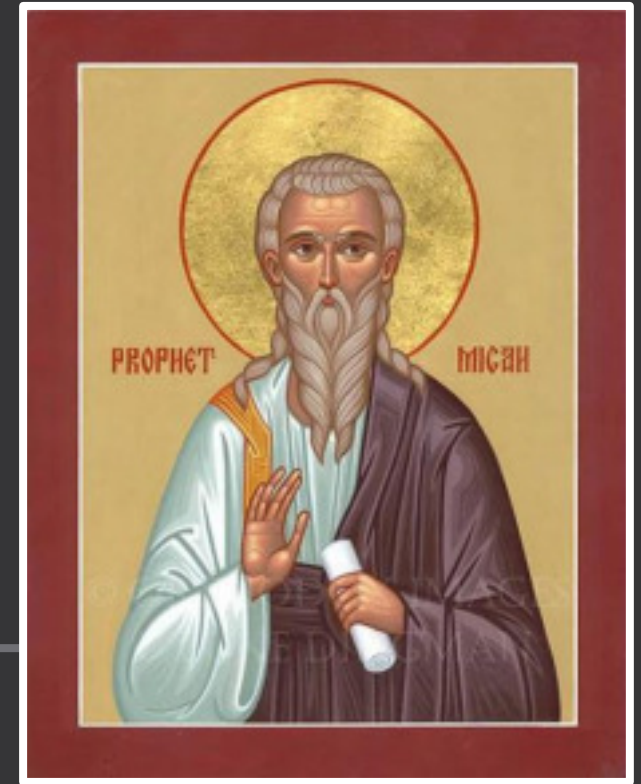
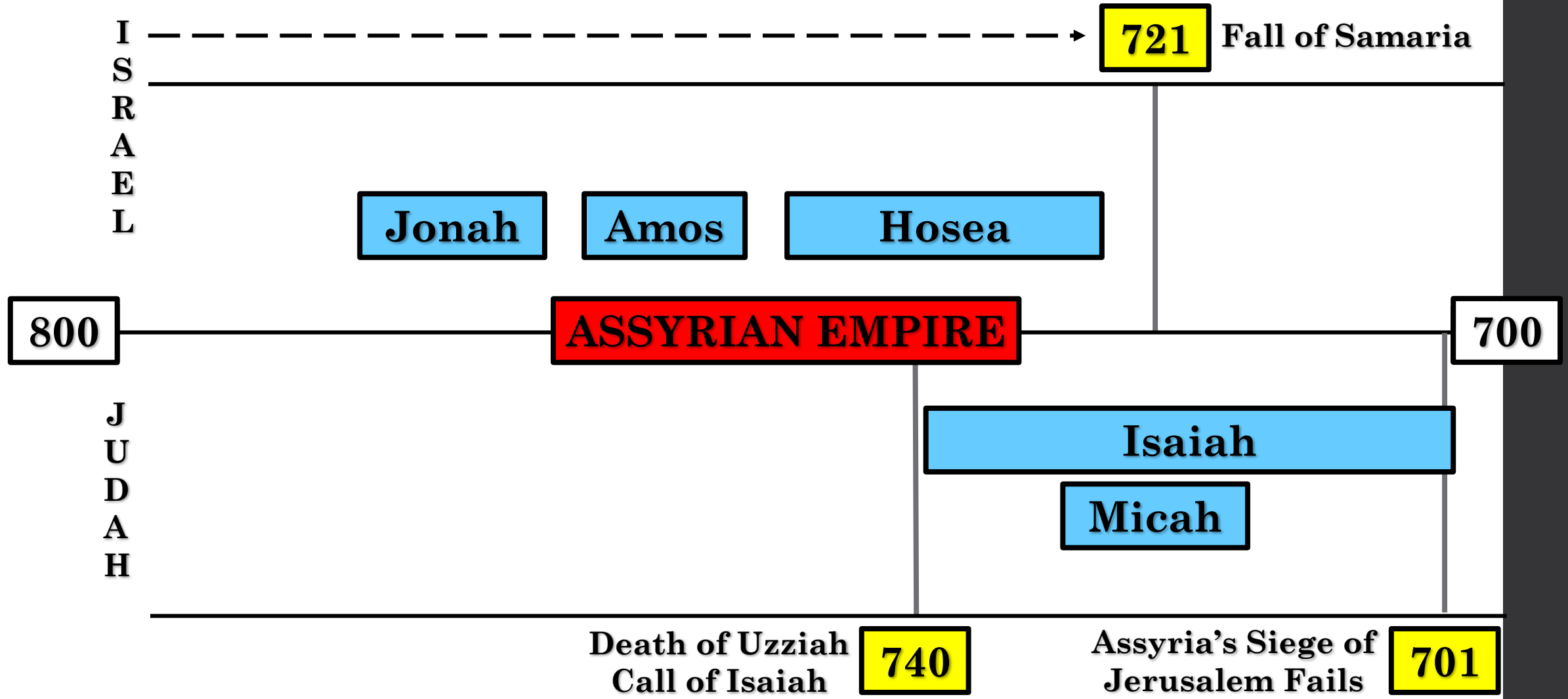


Book of Micah

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Historical Context



Biographical Data

The Book of Micah is 105 verses. Personal information about the prophet occurs in just one verse, the first verse.

Micah means “Who is like the Lord” (SEE 7:18).

No Information Available

Micah is identified by his birthplace, not by his occupation nor by his father’s name (compare to Nahum).

“His father was not important enough to be mentioned.”

John Tullock, Old Testament Story



Biographical Data

Hometown

Moresbeth-gath (1:1, 14; Jer. 26:18)

“small town . . . located in the hilly region of Judah”

Andrew E. Hill and John H. Walton, *A Survey of the Old Testament*

about 20 miles southwest of Jerusalem

Ministry

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

“*Micah of Moresbeth prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah*”
(Jer. 26:18)

Biographical Data

Impact

“He shocked his people by being the first prophet to predict the utter destruction of Jerusalem.”

B. Elmo Scoggin, *The Broadman Bible Commentary*

“Zion will be plowed as a field, Jerusalem will become a heap of ruins, and the mountain of the temple will become high places of a forest.” (3:12)

quoted in the Book of Jeremiah (SEE Jer. 26:18)

“Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put [Micah] to death? Did he not fear the Lord and entreat the favor of the Lord, and the Lord changed His mind about the misfortune which He had pronounced against them?” (Jer. 26:19)

inspired a nationwide spiritual reform (SEE 2 Chr. 29-31)

Historical Setting

What did the Prophet Micah witness?

- widening income gap between rich and poor (2:2, 8-9)
- crooked politicians (3:1-3, 9-11a; 7:3a)
- devaluing of life (3:10; 7:2)
- phony preachers (3:5-7, 11)
- superstition (5:12)
- misplaced faith (1:7; 5:13-14a)
- business fraud (6:10-12)
- justice for sale (7:3)

Those
were
The Days

“That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done, so there is nothing new under the sun.” (Ec. 1:9)

Contents of Micah

Micah pronounced **God's imminent judgment.**

JUDGMENT ORACLE	ADDRESSEE
1:6-9a	Samaria
1:9b, 12, 16	Judah
2:3-5, 10	Wealthy and Businessmen
3:5-7	Prophets
3:12	Leaders, Priests, and Prophets
6:13-16	Wealthy and Businessmen
7:4b-6	Leaders, Judges, and Wealthy

Micah also proclaimed **hope.**

HOPE ORACLES

2:12-13; 4:1-13; 5:1-15; 6:6-8; 7:7-20



Highlights of Micah

6:6-8

SEE also 1 Samuel 15:22; Psalm 51:16-17; Isaiah 1:10-17; Jeremiah 7:21-26; Hosea 6:6; and Amos 5:21-24.

7:6

quoted by Jesus (**Mt. 10:35-36; Lk. 12:53**)

7:18-20

How God forgives, according to the Old Testament

“He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. Yes, you will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.”

(7:19)

SEE also Psalm 103:6-14 and Jeremiah 31:34.

ACT JUSTLY.
LOVE MERCY.
WALK HUMBLY.