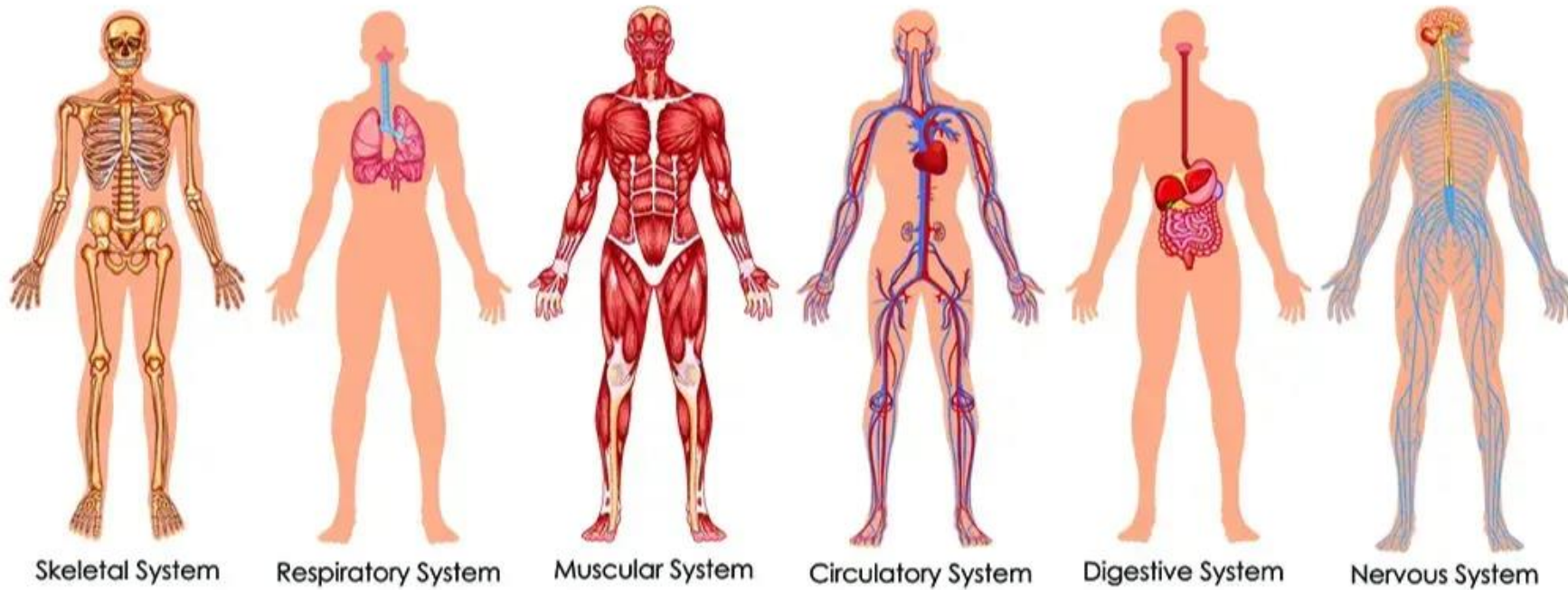


The OT Backbone #2

Review, Recall, & Apply

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The Importance of the **Backbone** in Anatomy



Have you
Identified the
“Backbone” of
your Bible?

Or do you
read with NO
regard to Its
“Bone”
Structure?

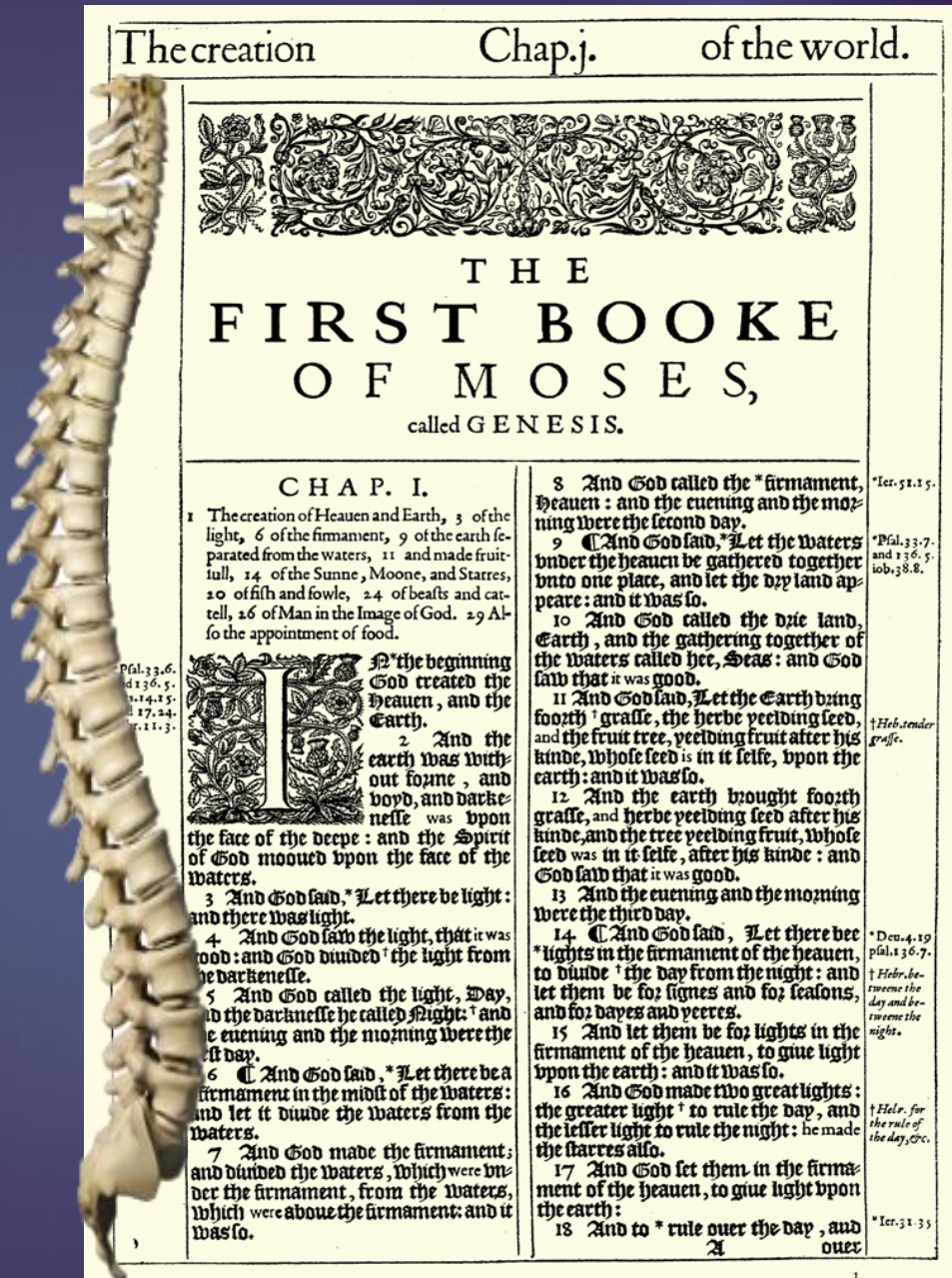
It is **NOT**
optimum for
the health &
efficiency of
the human
body,

& It is also **NOT**
effective with
a Bible!



Today's Lesson will
focus on the
Backbone of the
Old Testament
(a.k.a. "OT")

Can we observe a
structure that will
"open up" your
Bible Reading?



The Raw **Order** & **Symmetry** of the OT Books

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History Books 5 Major + 12 Minor = 17

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
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1Kings
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1Chronicles
2Chronicles
Ezra
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Esther

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Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel

Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

Experience Books 5

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Sol.

17 + 5 + 17 = 39 Total

3 Foundations of 5

Next We Account for 70 yr Babylonian Captivity

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Jer 25:11-13

Post-Captivity History

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“Coincidentally” The **Minor Prophets** are **Parallel**

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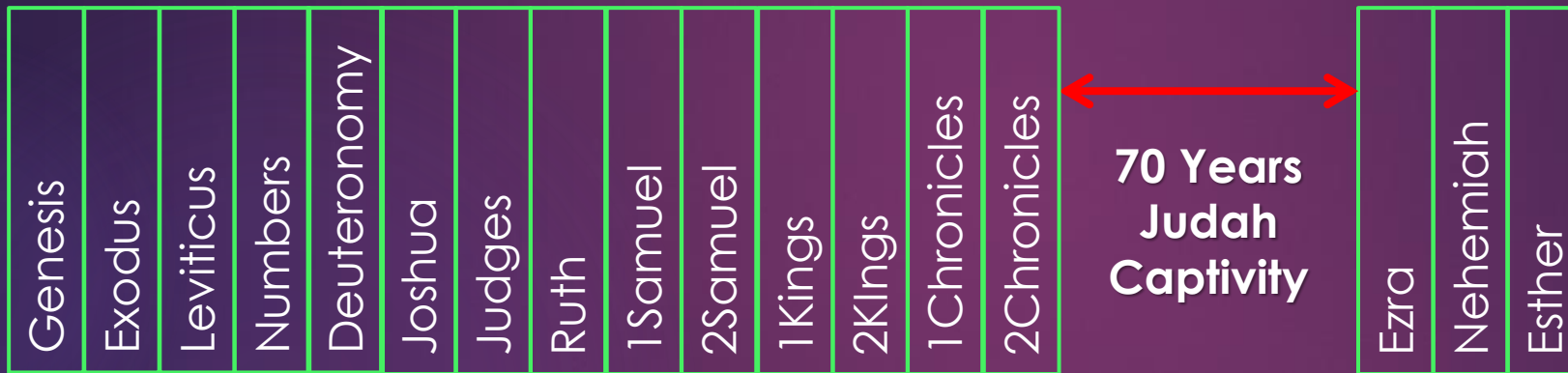
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The **Historical Storyline** is the Basic “OT Backbone”

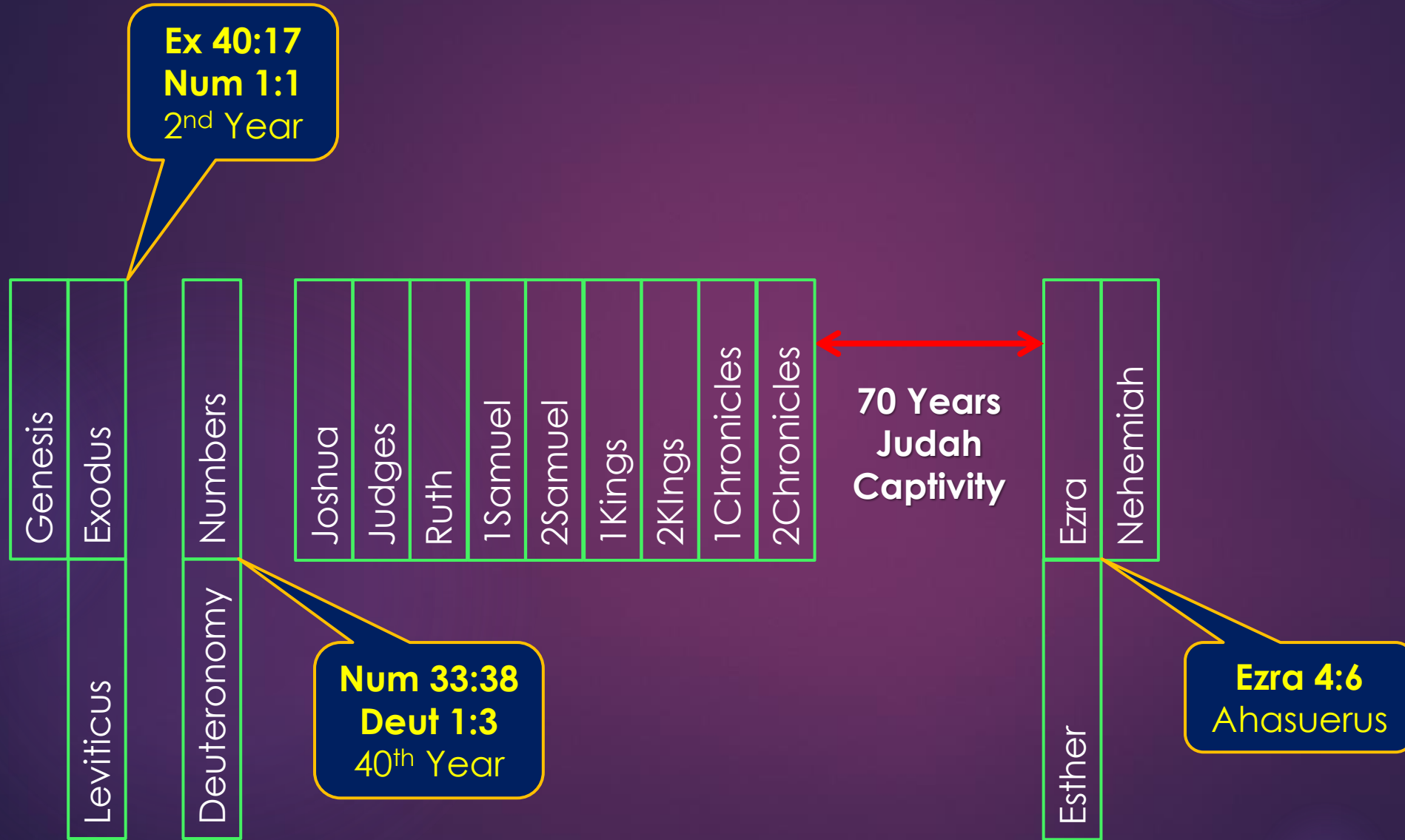
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Learn & Memorize this General OT Storyline “Backbone,”
& **EVERYTHING** Else Falls in Around It!



Streamline Storyline via **scripture** w/ **scripture**

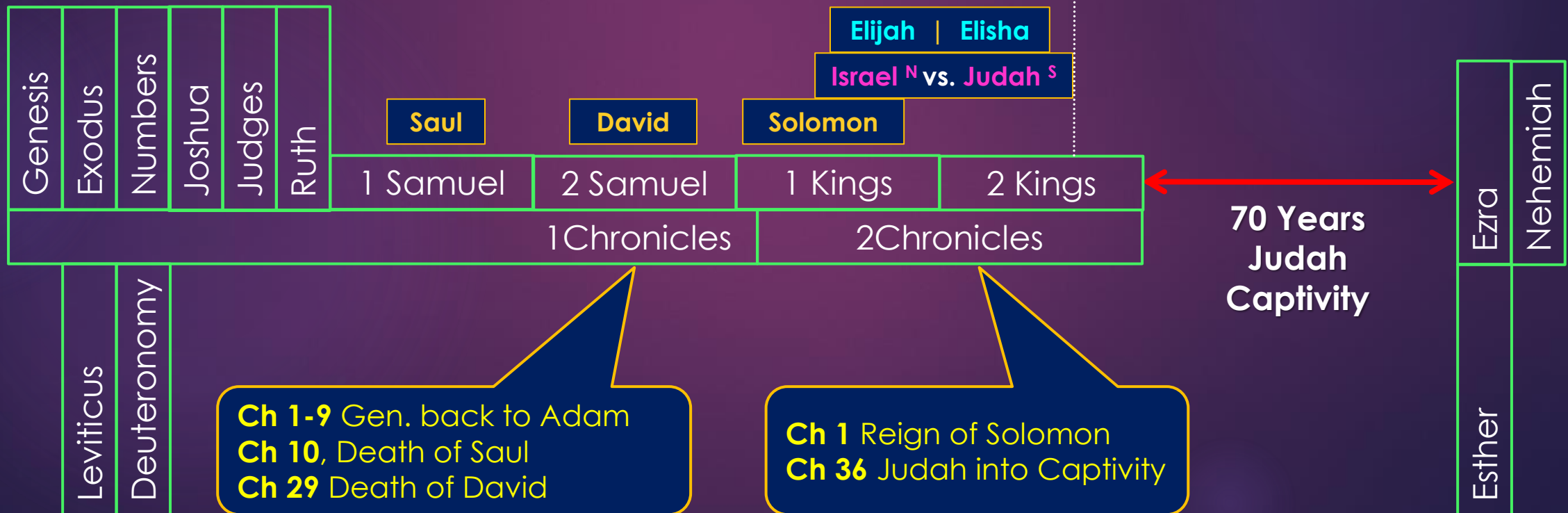
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Condense & Expand to Fit in Other Books & Key Historical Timeline Events

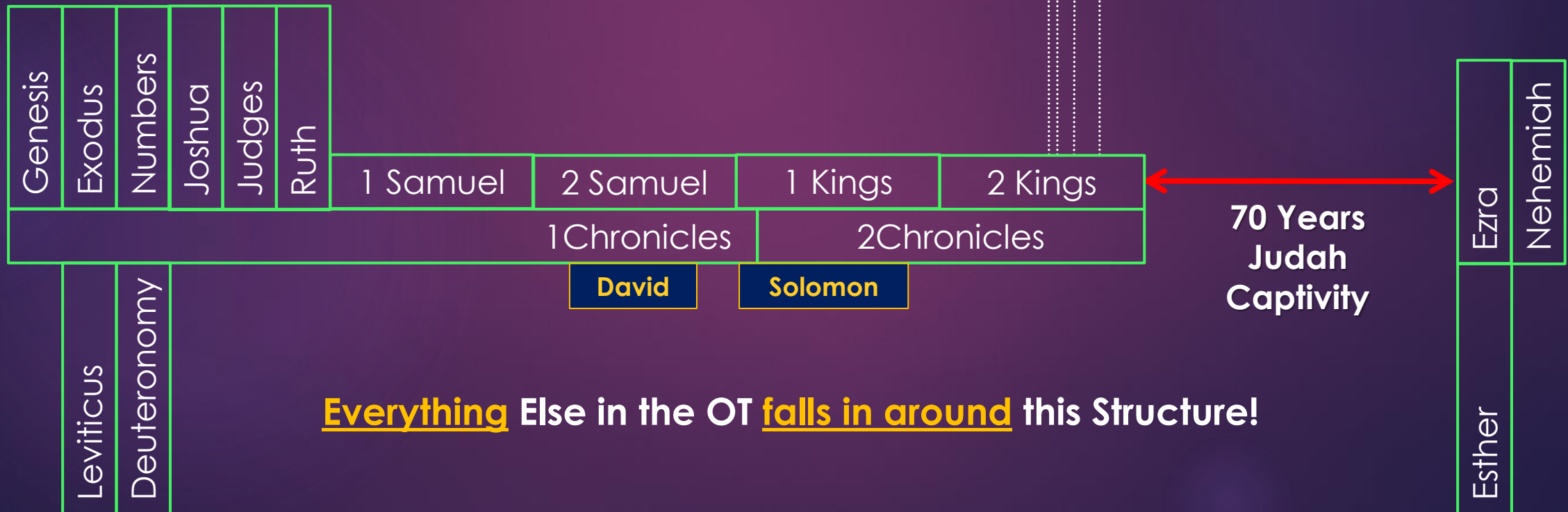
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In General, remember that 1 & 2 Chronicles are
“public records” focusing on the Kings of Judah.
Why would Judah be emphasized?
Rev 5:5

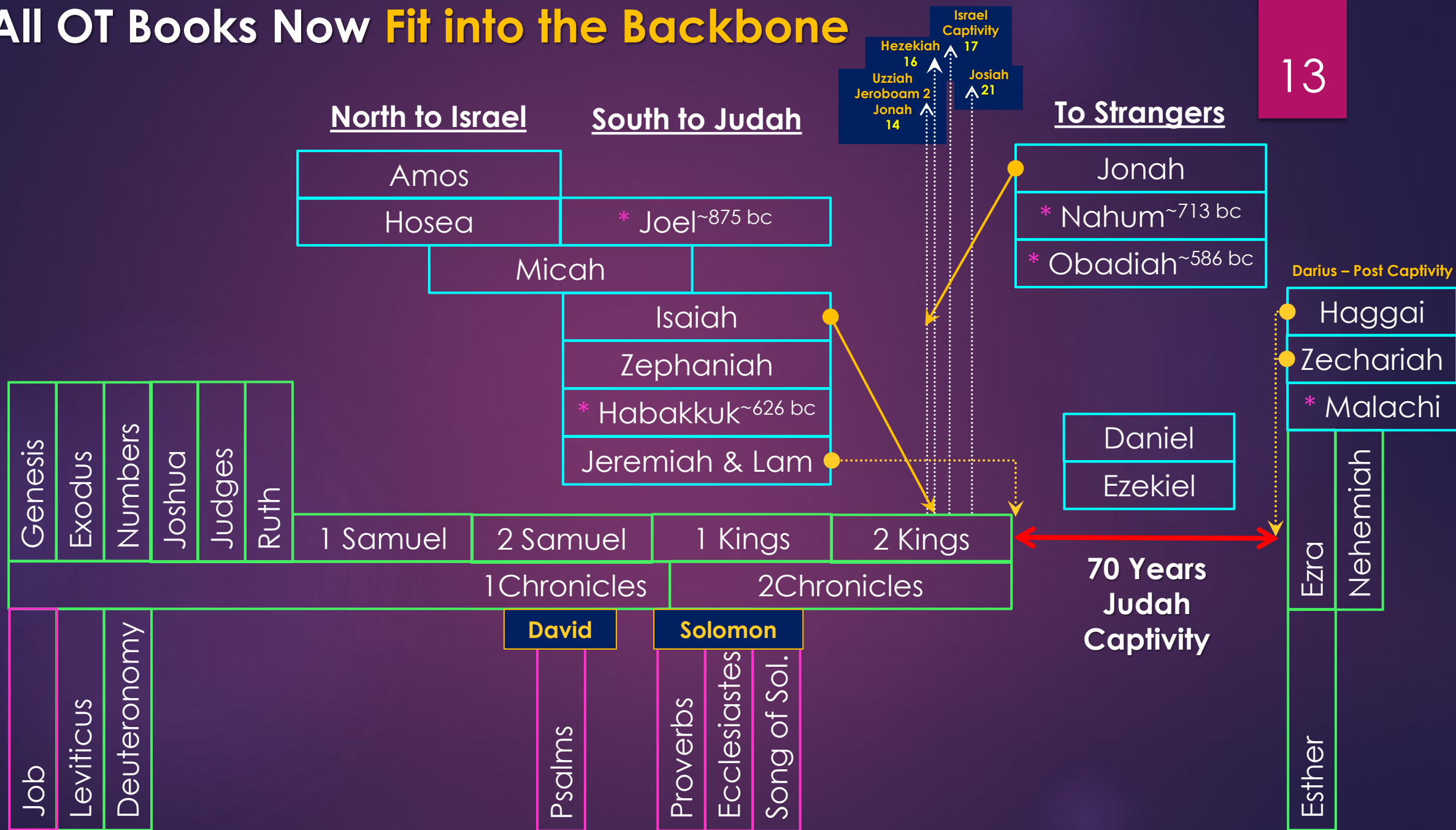


This is the OT Historical Backbone

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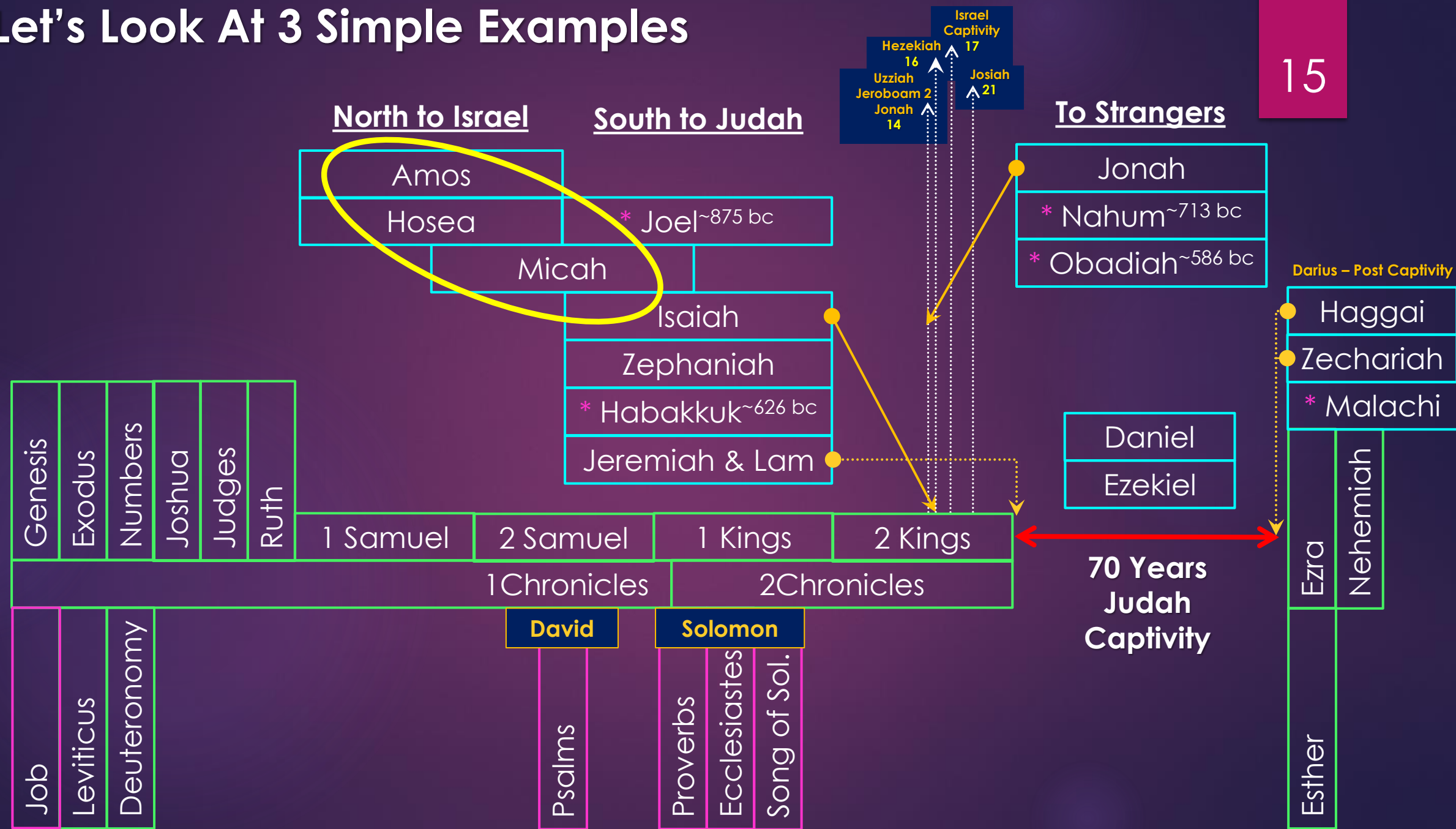
All OT Books Now **Fit into the Backbone**



How is any of this
Practical?

How Can this Build My Faith?

Let's Look At 3 Simple Examples

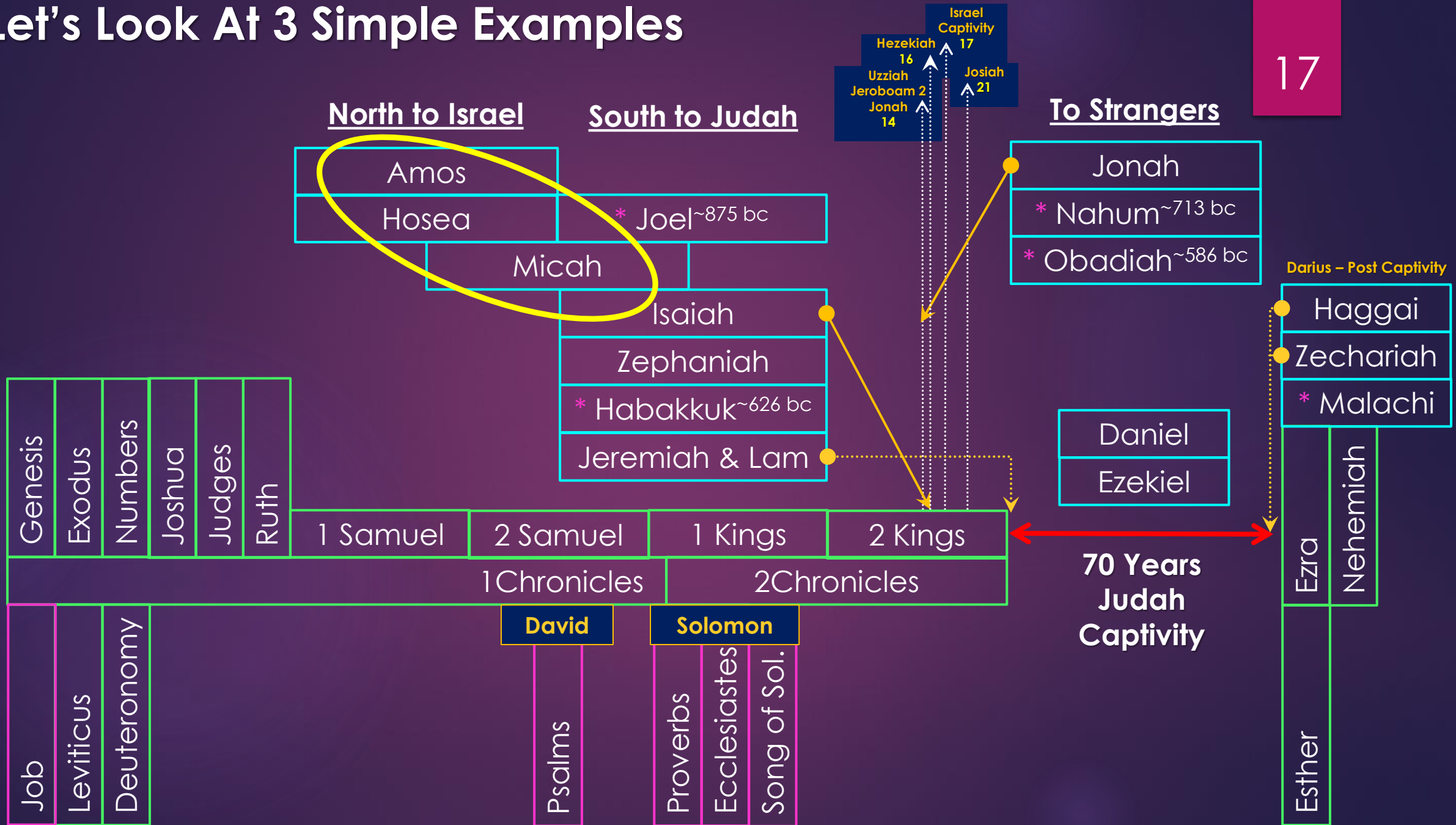


Some Observations in the Book of **Micah**

- ▶ **Micah 1:1-5**
A Morasthite
- **Samaria** the capital of Israel (**North**)
1Kings 16:24
- **Jerusalem** the capital of Judah (**South**)
- ▶ **Micah 3:9** Is very clear in whom it addresses
- ▶ Do you see how this confirms its place in the OT Backbone Chart?



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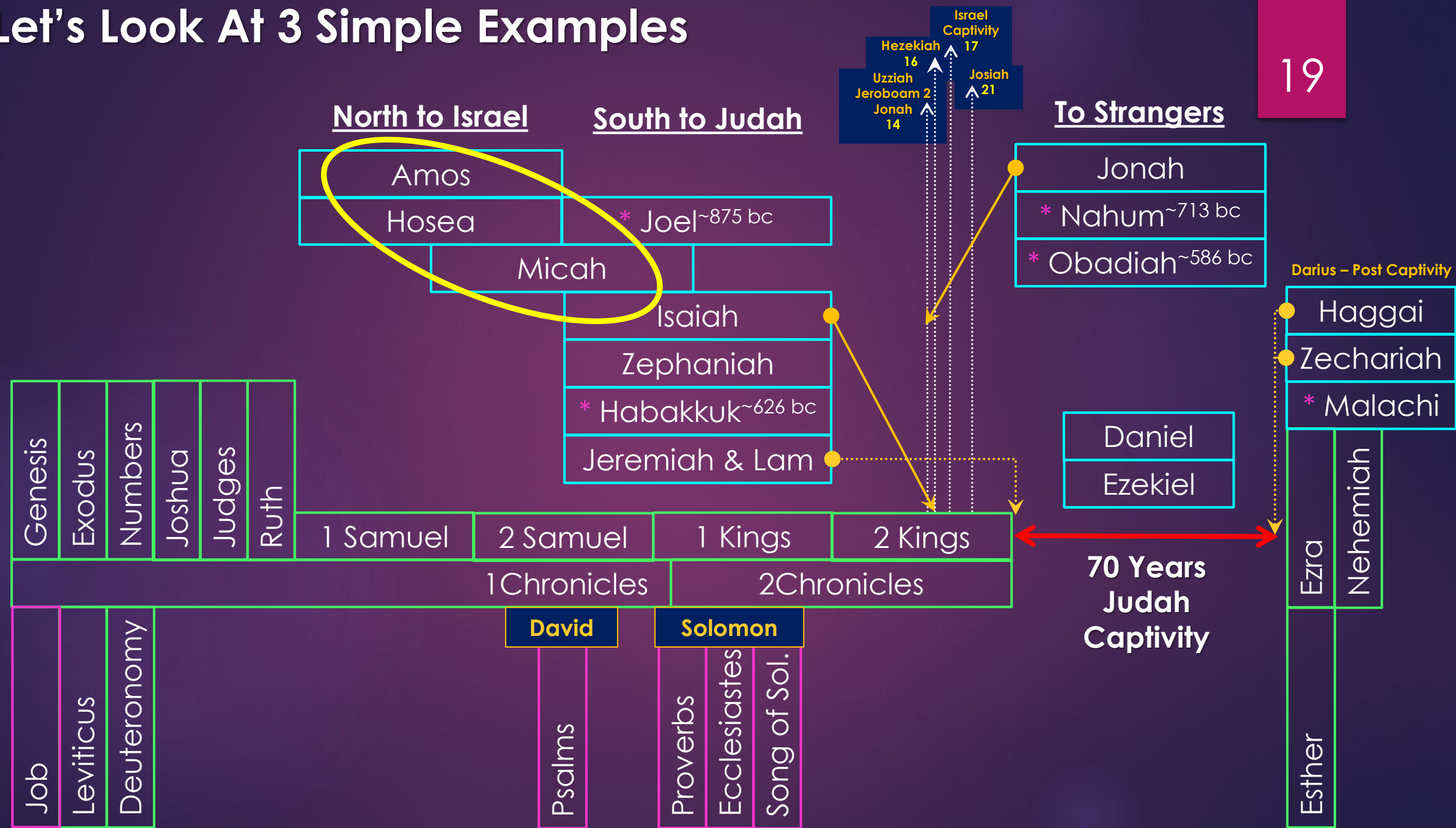


Some Observations in the Book of Hosea

- ▶ **Hosea 1:1**
- ▶ House of Israel
- ▶ **Jezreel** **1Ki 21** Naboth; **2Ki 9** Jezebel
- ▶ Baal Worship – North, Dan
- ▶ **4:13** Mountain Sacrifices
- ▶ **Ephraim**: Bethel (w/ Dan), Shiloh
- ▶ **Samaria**: **8:5** Calf



Let's Look At 3 Simple Examples



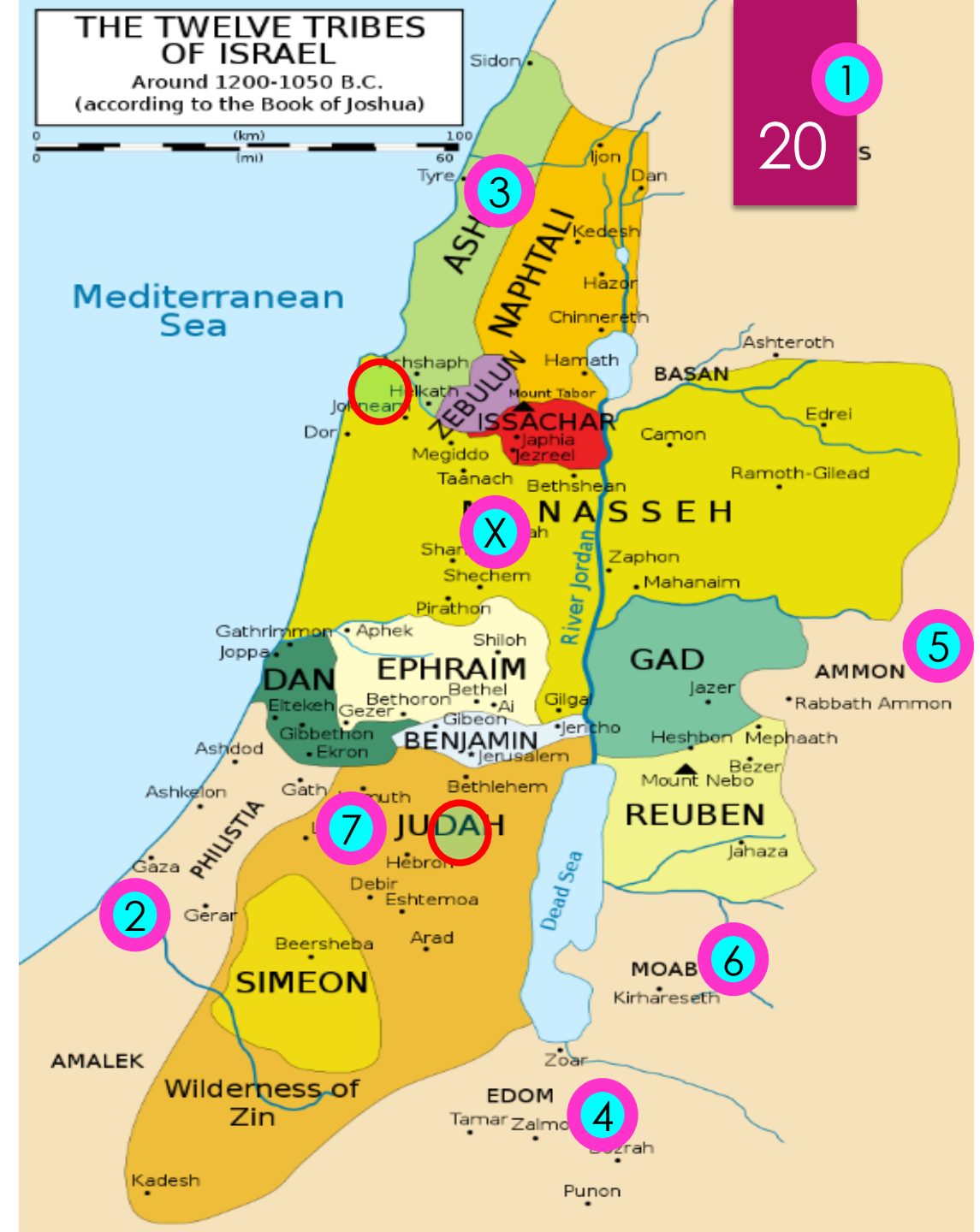
Some Observations in the Book of Amos

► Amos 1:1

- Tekoa
- V2. Top of Carmel

► “For three transgressions of” :

- **Damascus** - Syria
- **Gaza** - Philistines
- **Tyrus** – Phoenicians (w/ Sidonians)
- **Edom** - Esau
- **Ammon** – Lot’s Sordid Folly
- **Moab** – Lot’s Sordid Folly Again
- **Judah** – God’s Remnant, though sketchy
- **Israel**, “O Israel”



What About the Rest of These Books? *

