

JEREMIAH AND LAMENTATIONS **TIME LINE**

800 BC-701 BC

745 BC

Tiglath-Pileser III becomes ruler of Assyria

740 BC

Isaiah begins his prophetic work in Judah.

725 BC

Shalmaneser V of Assyria begins a three-year siege of Samaria.

721 BC

Samaria falls to the Assyrians.

715 BC

King Hezekiah of Judah leads a temple reform in Jerusalem.

701 BC

Assyria's King Sennacherib attempts to capture Jerusalem, but God intervenes and rescues the city.

700 BC-601 BC

670 BC

Israel is deported and exiles from other nations come to Samaria.

648 BC

Assyrians put down an internal rebellion, but the four-year conflict weakens the nation.

627 BC

Nabopolassar rebels against Assyria and makes Babylon his capital.

627/26 BC

Jeremiah begins his prophetic ministry.

609 BC

Judah's King Josiah dies in battle against Pharaoh Neco of Egypt.

605 BC

Babylon defeats the Assyrians and Egyptians at Carchemish.

605 BC

First deportation of Jews to Babylon, including the prophet Daniel.

604 BC

Nebuchadnezzar begins his reign over Babylonians.

600 BC-501 BC

598/97 BC

The second deportation of Jews to Babylon, including King Jehoiachin and the prophet Ezekiel. Zedekiah becomes Judah's final king.

593 BC

God calls Ezekiel to prophetic ministry in exile.

587/86 BC

Final deportation of Jews to Babylon. Jerusalem and the temple are destroyed.

586 BC

Jeremiah writes the book of Lamentations.

562 BC

Nebuchadnezzar's son, Evil-Merodach, becomes king and releases King Jehoiachin from prison.

539 BC

Persian King Cyrus (possibly Darius) conquers the Babylonian Empire.

539 BC

Edict from Cyrus allows Jews to return to Jerusalem.

515 BC

Second temple completed under Zerubbabel.

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PROPHETS OF THE SEVENTH CENTURY

Before the Northern Kingdom fell to Assyria in the eighth century BC, God sent prophets to warn His people. As the Babylonians gained power during the seventh century BC, God raised up a new generation of prophets for His people in the Southern Kingdom. These men ministered to Judah in the days leading up to the eventual fall of Jerusalem in 586 BC.

PROPHET	DATES OF MINISTRY (APPROXIMATE)	GENERAL MESSAGE
Nahum	663–612 BC	Nahum preached against the wickedness of the Assyrian Empire and the city of Nineveh. He also emphasized God’s sovereign rule over all nations.
Zephaniah	620–603 BC	Using the theme of “the Day of the Lord,” Zephaniah predicted God’s judgment on Judah’s sin. Yet, he also provided a word of hope for God’s people.
Habakkuk	609–605 BC	Habakkuk asked God to judge Judah’s sinful ways. God responded by announcing His judgment through the Babylonians.
Jeremiah	626–586 BC	God called Jeremiah to preach during the reigns of the final four evil kings of Judah. Despite opposition, he faithfully warned the people of God’s judgment until he was kidnapped and taken to Egypt after Jerusalem’s fall in 586 BC.

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