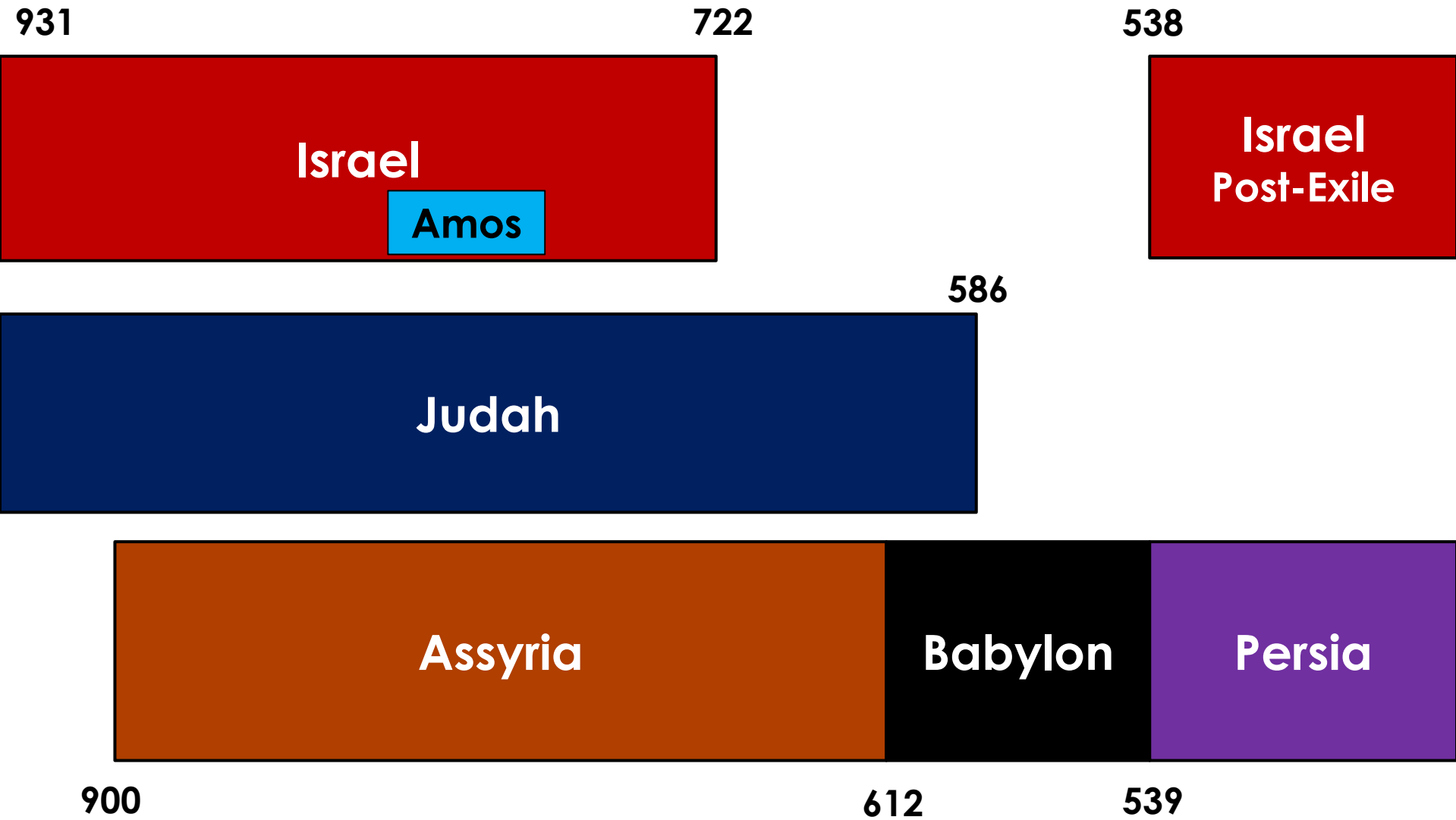


# The Minor Prophets

**Amos**



# Background Information

- **Amos, the man**
  - Shepherd and farmer (1:1; 7:14)
  - From Tekoa, 12 miles south of Jerusalem
- **Date**
  - 1:1 – reign of Jeroboam II (793-753)
  - “Two years before the earthquake” (1:1; Zech. 14:5)
  - Amos prophesied between 765-755
- **Message**
  - Direct, stern, negative

# Outline of Book

- Messages against Israel's neighbors, including Judah (1:1-2:5). Israel too (2:6-16).
- Israel's sins and her judgment (3:1-6:14).
- 5 visions of Amos (7:1-9:10).
- Messianic Hope (9:11-15).

# Conditions in Israel

- Material prosperity (3:15; 5:11; 6:1, 4-6)
- Moral degradation (2:7b; 2:6-7; 5:10-12; 4:1)
- Calf worship / formalism (3:14; 4:4-5; 5:21-24)
- Prideful attitudes (6:1)

# “Prepare to Meet Your God!”

- Judgment is certain (4:12)
- God’s past efforts to reach them (4:6-11)
- Vision of the plumb line (7:7-9)
- Amos’ preaching not received (7:10-17)

# Seek the Lord!

- A little hope extended to Israel (5:14-15)
- But a time without God's words would come (8:11-12)

# Applications

1. The danger of trusting in wealth (Matt. 19:23; Deut. 6:10-15)
2. Riches cannot come at the expense of righteousness (Prov. 11:1; 20:10; Col. 4:1, 3:22-24)
3. Religious formalism is no substitute for personal righteousness.



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