



## Getting started with the minor prophets

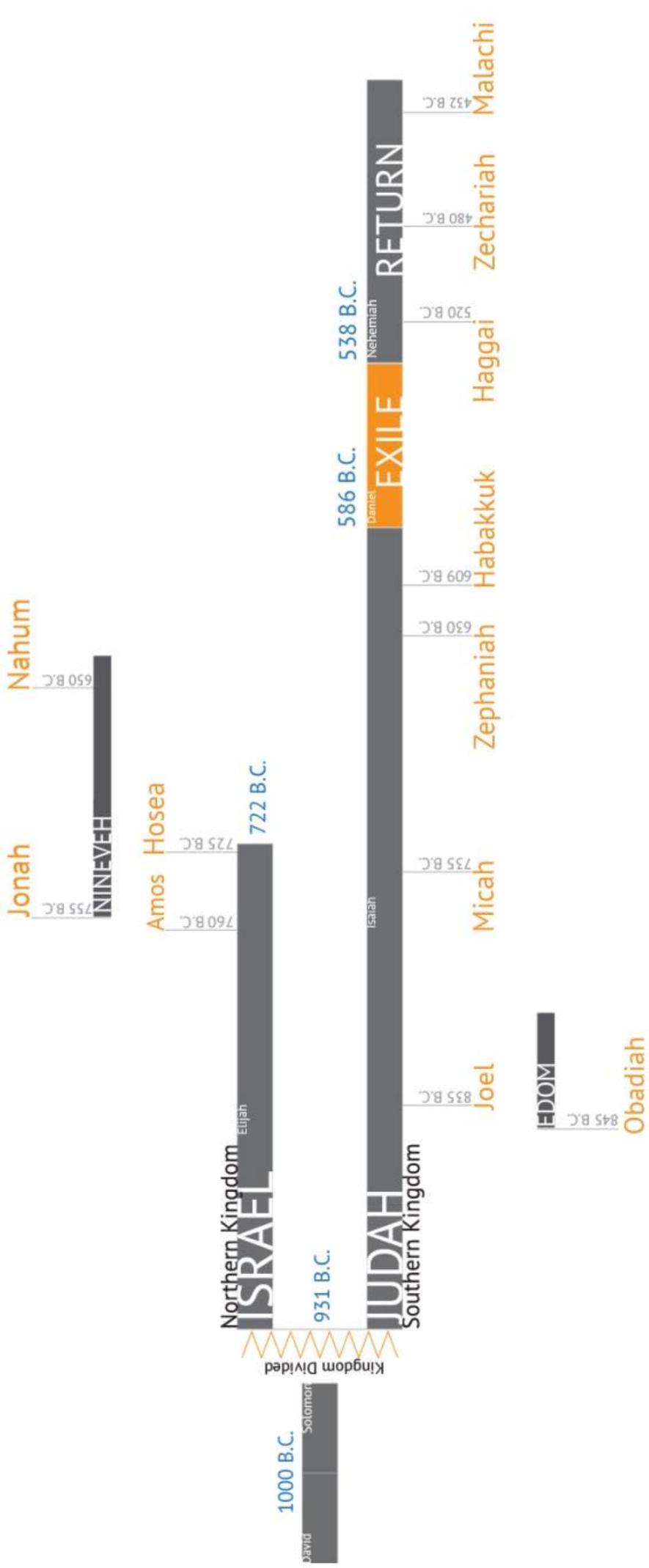
The minor prophets are so called not because their message is less important but because their books are shorter.

A prophet is someone who speaks God's Word. Despite His people's rebellion, God keeps speaking to them. The emphasis of each book is different depending on the exact circumstances – the prophets are explaining past, present and future history from God's point of view; addressing the northern Kingdom of Israel, the southern Kingdom of Judah and even the nations around.

The warnings and promises have deep roots in the OT story so far, particularly linking back to God's promises of blessings and curses (Deut 28). God is in complete control, bringing judgement on sin, rebellion and idolatry, yet working out his purposes to bring salvation to his people and ultimate judgement on His enemies.

In this way, it's another step along the journey pointing us to the Lord Jesus.

<b>Prophet</b>	<b>Theme</b>
Hosea	God is faithful even when his people are adulterous.
Joel	The day of the LORD is coming – so repent and call on the name of the Lord.
Amos	The LORD roars – judgement on sin is coming.
Obadiah	God will bring low the proud enemies of God's people, and lift His people up.
Jonah	Salvation comes from the LORD.
Micah	Idolatry deserves judgement, but God will restore His people.





## RBT Grow Group is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Bring along some things from your reading of  
the minor prophets to share with others.

### **Some RBT reading ideas:**

- Meet up once a week to read it with a friend.
- Listen online at [Biblegateway.com](http://Biblegateway.com)
- Write down a verse that struck you that day.
- Encourage someone by texting them a thought from what you've read.

### **Grow 1:1 questions to unlock the passage:**

**What** does this teach me about God?

**How** does this point me to the Lord Jesus and His cross?

**What** does this teach me about myself?

**How** does this help me to pray?

**What** difference will this make to my week?



Here are some questions the Bible wants you to ask of itself. Use these to help you as you read your way through this month's book: (please don't feel like you have to fill in every question in loads of detail. These are a guide to help you learn from what you are reading.)

- What did you learn about Jesus and what it means to trust him? (Luke 24:45-47)
- What did you learn about yourself? (James 1:23 & 2 Tim 3:16-17)
- How were you corrected or rebuked or equipped for every good work? (2 Tim 3:16-17)
- What did you learn from the book that will help you keep going as a follower of Jesus? (Romans 15:4)
- What did you learn that will help you serve and build up the church? (Eph 4:11-16)
- What have you learnt that helps you love the Lord your God with all your heart & with all your soul & with all your mind? (Matt 22:37-40)
- What has helped you love your neighbour as yourself? (Matt 22:37-40)