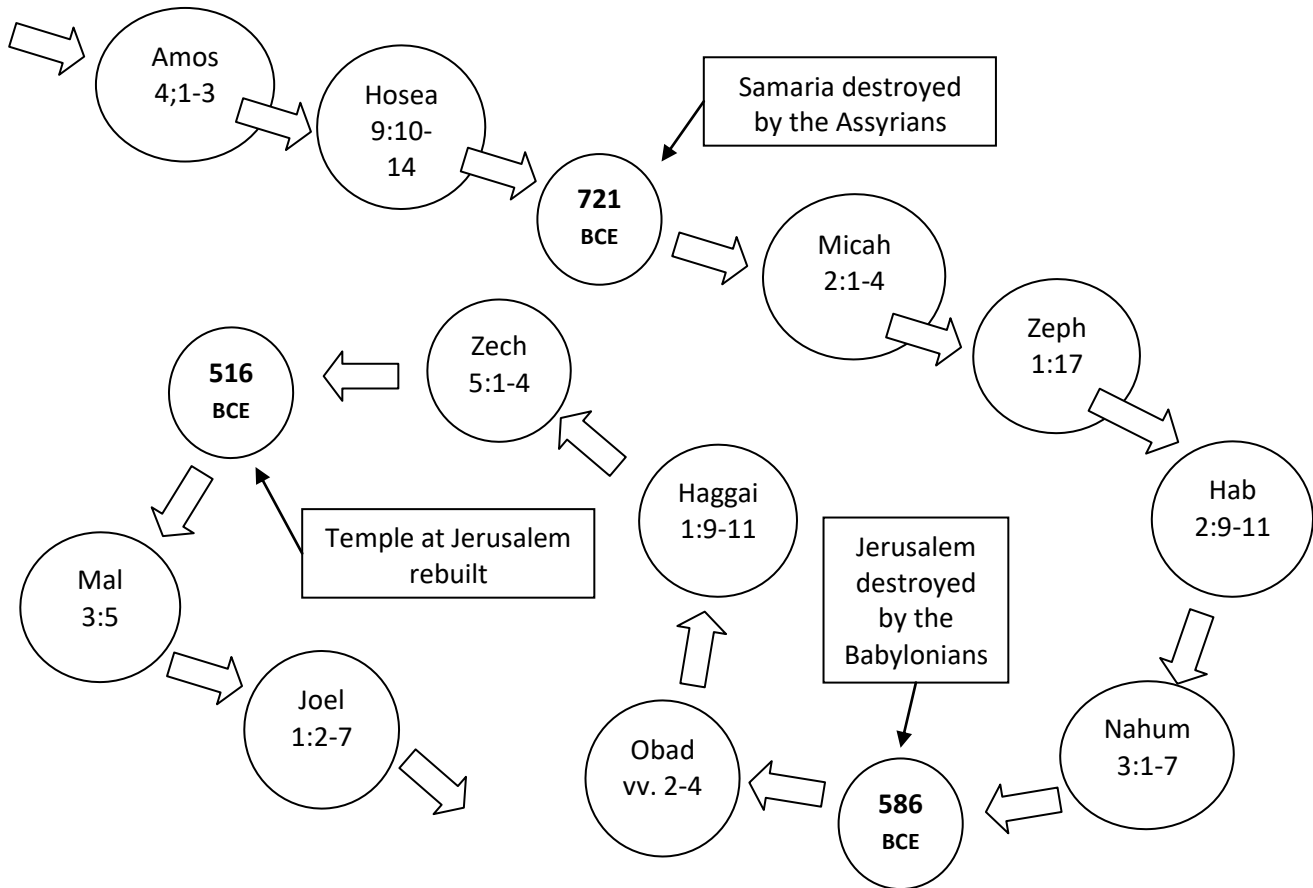


## The Prophets' Bad News and Good News

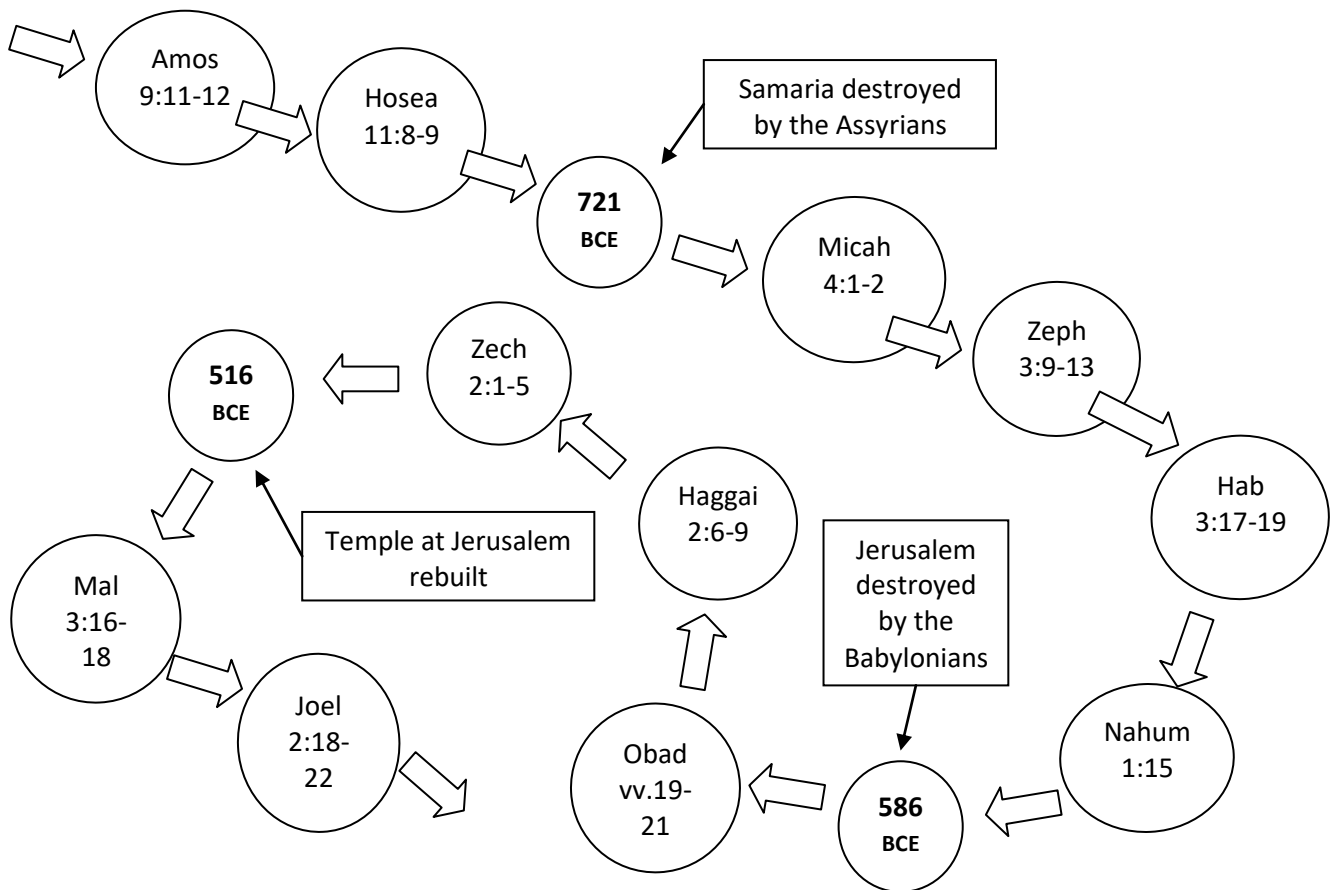
1. Over the centuries the prophets found dramatic ways to announce the bad news that Yahweh would punish his people for their sins. Put the letters of the summaries in the correct circles below.



- The stone walls will cry out against a violent, shameful nation.
- A flying scroll cursed the thieves and liars.
- The people of Israel will be left without any babies or children.
- An invasion of locusts has destroyed the crops.
- Even though they live on top of a mountain, Yahweh will destroy the Edomites.
- The fat women of Samaria will be caught like fish on hooks.
- On the Day of the Lord, the bodies of sinners will lie around bloody and rotten.
- Yahweh destroyed the crops because the people wouldn't rebuild his temple.
- Yahweh will testify against magicians, adulterers, false witnesses, and cheaters.
- The people who plot evil will be turned into a bad example.
- Nineveh will be humiliated like a naked prostitute.

2. Which of these passages is your favorite? Why?

3. But the prophets also had some good news to share with God's people. Again, put the letters of the summaries in the correct circles below.



- L. Yahweh will be icing when the Judean exiles recapture the land.
- M. Yahweh will be merciful to his repentant people.
- N. People from as far away as the Sudan will worship with Israel.
- O. David's house, now fallen down, will be rebuilt.
- P. The temple hill will be taller than any other mountain.
- Q. Jerusalem will be too large to measure, and Yahweh will protect it like a wall of fire.
- R. Yahweh has removed the locust army and renewed the field.
- S. Even when the crops don't grow, Yahweh is a Savior.
- T. Yahweh loves his people too much to destroy them.
- U. The rebuilt temple will be filled with wealth.
- V. A messenger runs to say that Judah will not be invaded.

4. After reading samples of the prophets' bad and good news, what do you suppose they wanted God's people to do? How are we supposed to live?