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# Tips For Reading The Prophets:

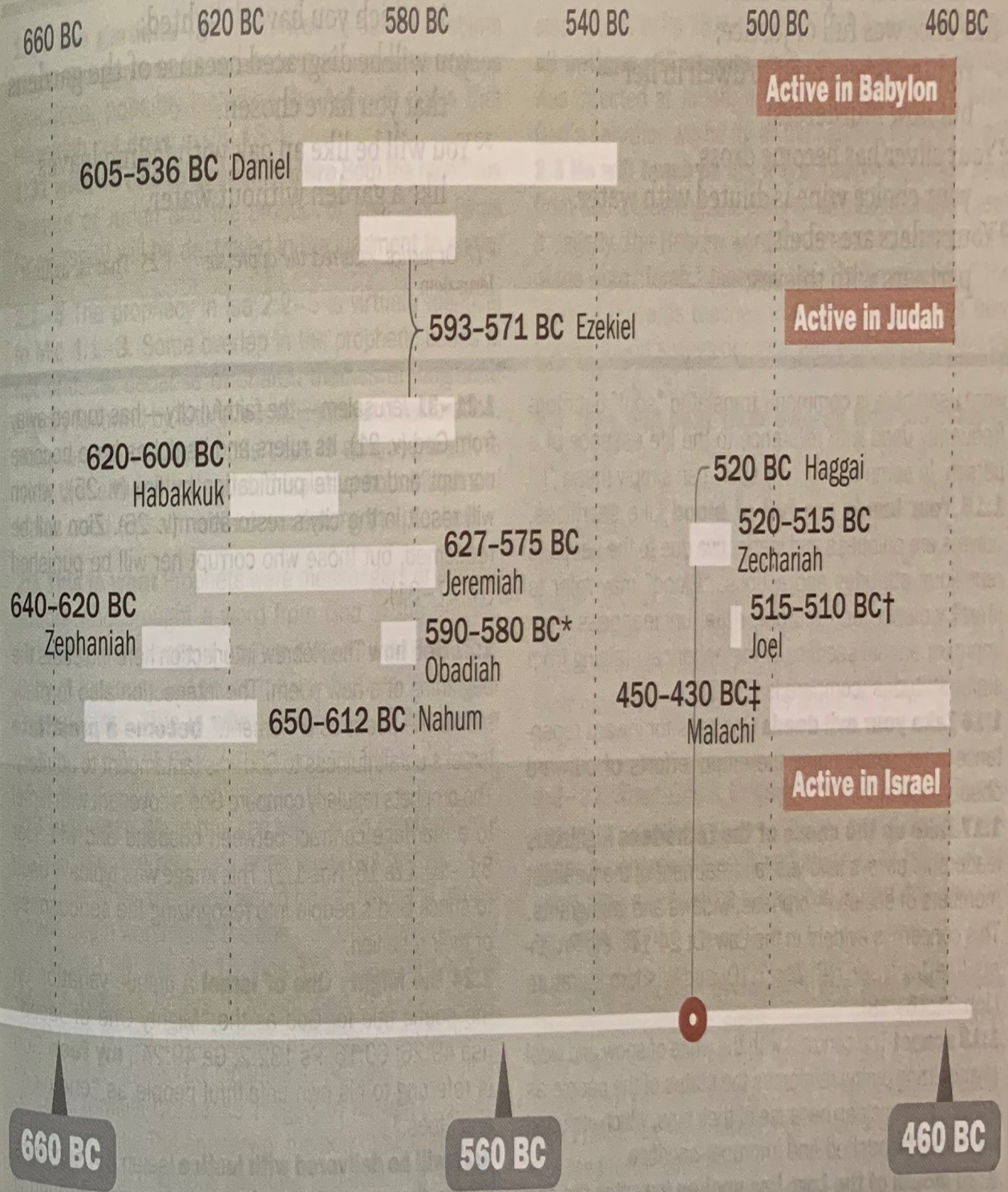
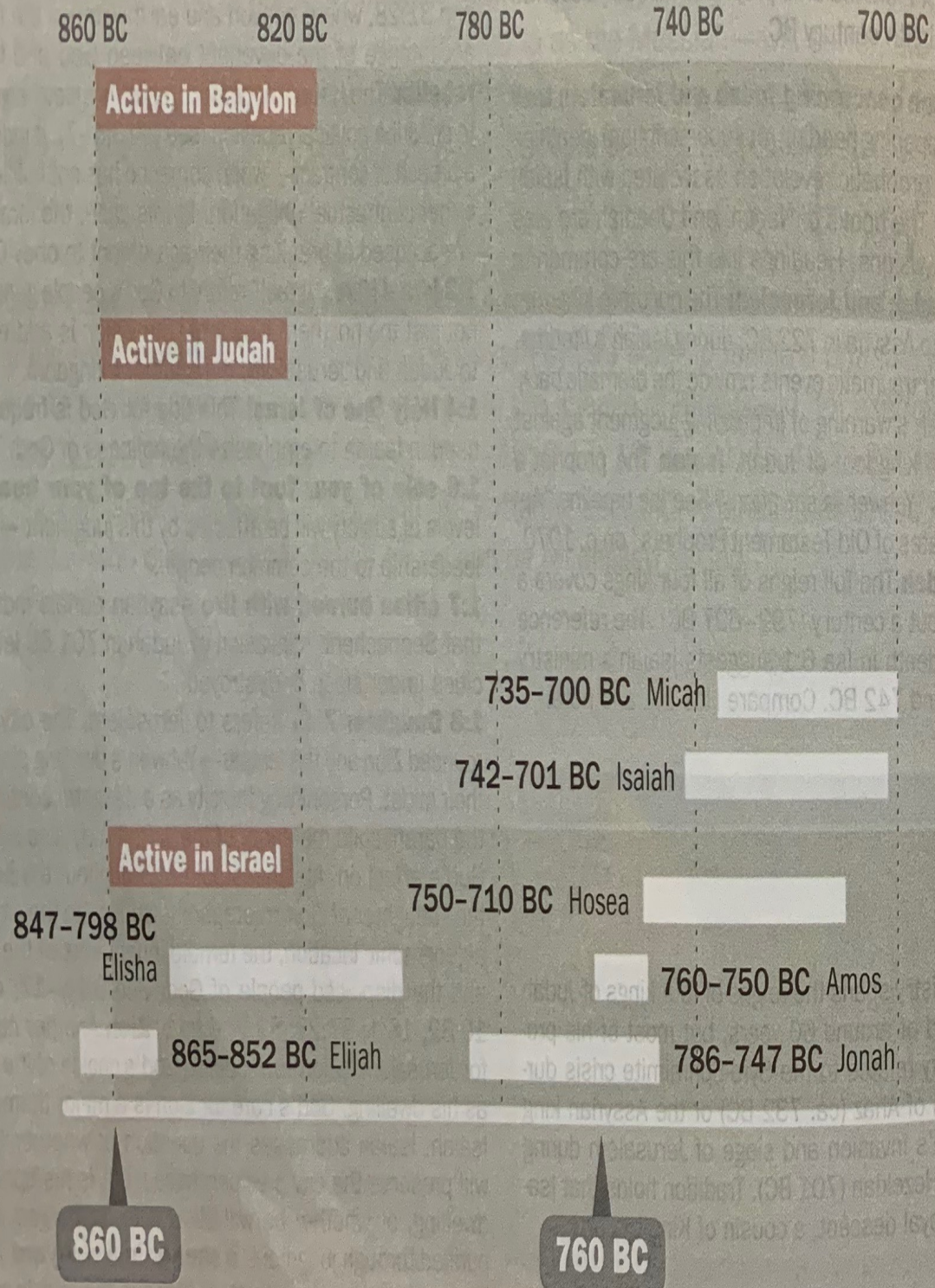
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# Approximate Dates of Old Testament Prophets



\* Or possibly 845-830 BC, † Or possibly 825-810 BC, ‡ Or possibly 500-460 BC  
All dates are approximate



**THE HEBREW PROPHETS IN HISTORY**  
**(9th–5th CENTURIES BC)**

PROPHET	APPROX. DATES (BC)	LOCATION/HOME	BASIC BIBLE PASSAGE	CENTRAL TEACHING	KEY VERSE
Elijah	875–850	Tishbe	1Kg 17:1–2Kg 2:18	Yahweh, not Baal, is God Judgment on Ahab; proof of prophecy	1Kg 18:21
Micaiah	856	Samaria	1Kg 22; 2Ch 18		1Kg 22:28
Elisha	855–800	Abel Meholah	1Kg 19:15-21; 2Kg 2–9; 13	God’s miraculous power	2Kg 5:15
Jonah	786–746	Gath Hepher	2Kg 14:25; Jonah	God’s universal concern	Jnh 4:11
Hosea	786–746	Israel	Hosea	God’s unquenchable love	Hs 11:8-9
Amos	760–750	Tekoa	Amos	God’s call for justice and righteousness	Am 5:24
Isaiah	740–698	Jerusalem	2Kg 19–20; Isaiah	Hope through repentance and suffering	Is 1:18; 53:4-6
Micah	735–710	Moresbeth Gath/Jerusalem	Jr 26:18; Micah	Call for humble mercy and justice	Mc 6:8
Oded	733	Samaria	2Ch 28:9-11	Do not go beyond God’s command	2Ch 28:9
Nahum	686–612	Elkosh	Nahum	God’s jealousy protects His people	Nah 1:2-3
Zephaniah	640–621	?	Zephaniah	Hope for the humble and righteous	Zph 2:3
Jeremiah	626–584	Anathoth/Jerusalem	2Ch 36:12; Jeremiah	Faithful prophet points to new covenant	Jr 31:33-34
Huldah (the prophetess)	621	Jerusalem	2Kg 22; 2Ch 34	God’s book is accurate	2Kg 22:16
Habakkuk	608–598	?	Habakkuk	God calls for faithfulness	Hab 2:4
Ezekiel	593–571	Babylon	Ezekiel	Future hope for new community of worship	Ezk 37:12-13
Obadiah	580	Jerusalem	Obadiah	Doom on Edom to bring God’s kingdom	Ob 21
Joel	539–531	Jerusalem	Joel	Call to repent and experience God’s Spirit	Jl 2:28-29
Haggai	520	Jerusalem	Ezr 5:1; 6:14; Haggai	The priority of God’s house	Hg 2:8-9
Zechariah	520–514	Jerusalem	Ezr 5:1; 6:14; Zechariah	Faithfulness will lead to God’s universal rule	Zch 14:9
Malachi	500–450	Jerusalem	Malachi	Honor God and wait for His righteousness	Mal 4:2



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- Begin by identifying the proper historical context to each writing.
- **Pre-exilic Prophets:** Jonah, Hosea, Amos, Isaiah, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Habakkuk, and Ezekiel.
- **Post-exilic Prophets:** Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.
- **Debated Prophets:** Obadiah & Joel

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# Tips For Reading The Prophets:

- Begin by identifying the proper historical context to each writing.
- Remember that the writings of the Prophets were not only foretellings of the future, but they were also forthtellings of present conditions.
- Read the writings of the Prophets with Deuteronomy in mind.
- Be patient and be willing to do some real digging and study in order to make best sense of the writings.

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# Tips For Reading The Prophets:

## Standard Message Of The Prophets:

- The people of God or of the nations are guilty of rebelling against God.
- If they repented, they would be spared of God's punishment for their sin.
- If they refused to repent, they would be punished by God for their sin.
- A future restoration was possible through future repentance.
- Ultimate restoration for all nations would come through the Messiah.

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# Tips For Reading The Prophets:

## Standard Message Of The Prophets:

## The Value Of The Prophets To The Disciple Of Jesus Christ:

- The Prophets remind us of how seriously God takes the covenants He has made with His people.
- We are impressed with the fact that God is active among the kingdoms of men in order to fulfill His purposes.
- We are encouraged to see God's faithfulness in making sure that His promises do come to pass.

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