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Nehemiah appointed • Governor of Judah 445
Nineveh, Assyria's • capital, falls 612
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Jerusalem falls to the Babylonians; all leading citizens exiled to Babylon 586
• Babylonia falls to the Persians; exiled Jews begin to return home 539
Habakkuk soon after 605 Why do the cruel Babylonians prosper?
Lamentations after 586 Five poems lamenting the destruction of Jerusalem
Isaiah of Babylon about 540 Redemption is coming soon
Micah about 742–687 Concerned for justice and true religion; hated worship separated from morality
Nahum before 612 rejoices at Nineveh's decline; God is Lord of nations
Obadiah after 586 Against Edomites for adding to Jerusalem's misfortunes
Haggai 520 People should put God first and get on with rebuilding Temple
Malachi about 460 God's blessing will only come if his laws are obeyed
Daniel about 605 Stands out for a faithfulness to the law
Zephaniah from about 640 on into Jeremiah's time Jerusalem is doomed, but purified remnant will survive
Isaiah of Jerusalem about 740–700 Great vision of God; nation must depend on God alone for protection from Assyrians; predicts a coming king
Zechariah from 520 Restored nation will inherit new age; prophecies of Messiah
Joel Prophesied temporary plagues and famine preceding the inauguration of the new age
Jeremiah about 627–587 Jerusalem will fall; deep concern for faith and repentance; prophet's inward grief; promise of new covenant
Ezekiel about 593–570 Prophesied in Babylon; Jerusalem will finally fall; promise of future return and revival
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