

## **Week Two: A Theological Introduction To The Twelve**

### **I. The decline of Israel**

The two major sins of Israel and Judah during the kingdom period:

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God sent the prophets to be: \_\_\_\_\_

Israel as Egypt

### **II. The Unfaithful Bride**

Ezekiel 16 & Isaiah 57

God is jealous for His bride (Ex. 20:4-6; 34:17; Lev. 19:4; Deut. 4:24; 6:15; 32:21; Josh. 24:19; Ps. 78:58; Ezek. 8:3; Nahum 1:2; 1 Cor. 10:22)

The inspection/ordeal of jealousy: Numbers 5:11-31 & Leviticus 2

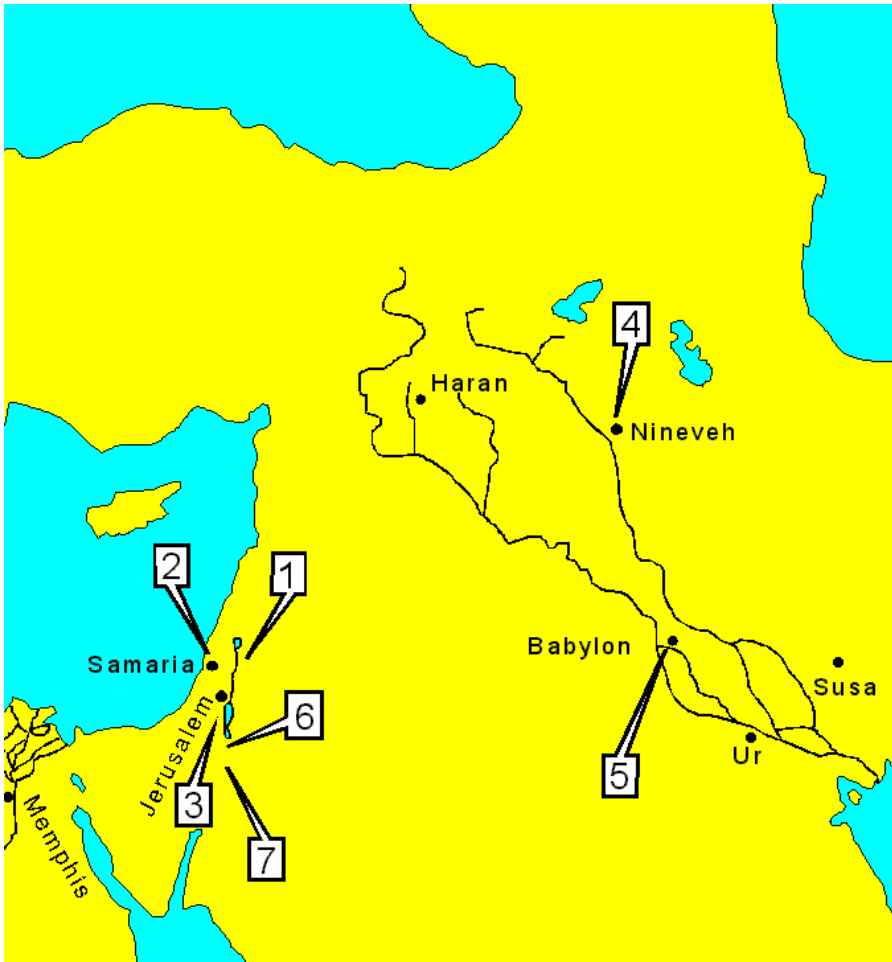
### **III. The Day of the Lord**

The phrase, “The Day of the Lord” occurs eighteen times in the Twelve

(Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14; Amos 5:18, 20 [Acts 7:42-43]; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7, 8, 14, 18; 2:2, 3; Zech. 14:1; Malachi 4:5).

# The Prophets Speak

**1 UNITED MONARCHY.** **Samuel** acted as prophet in the time of Saul, around 1050 BC, anointing both Saul and David king.



## **2 NORTHERN KINGDOM**

**Elijah** and **Elisha** prophesied in the 9th century BC. The 8th century prophets **Hosea** and **Amos** denounced the social injustices of Israel.

## **3 SOUTHERN KINGDOM.**

**Joel** (9th century BC) promised hope after a plague of locusts. **Isaiah** son of Amoz spoke in Jerusalem in the 8th century, **Jeremiah** and **Zephaniah** in the 7th. They warned that God would judge the faithless city. **Micah** spoke out against both north and south in the time of Isaiah.

## **4 NINEVEH.**

(Capital of the Assyrian Empire) The book of **Jonah** is about a message of doom preached to Nineveh, and its repentance. **Nahum** celebrated the destruction of the city by

the Babylonians.

## **5 BABYLON.**

(Capital of the Babylonian Empire) **Habakkuk**, at the end of the 7th century BC, asked why God had allowed this cruel empire to succeed. **Ezekiel**, exiled in Babylon in the 6th century BC, spoke to his fellow-prisoners about their future return to Israel. **Daniel** was in exile at the same time.

## **6 EDOM.**

**Obadiah** foretold of the doom of Edom after this country had taken advantage of Judah in the 9<sup>th</sup> century BC.

## **7 AFTER THE EXILE**

**Haggai** and **Zechariah** spurred the returned exiles to rebuild the Jerusalem temple. **Malachi** called Israel to be faithful as God's people.