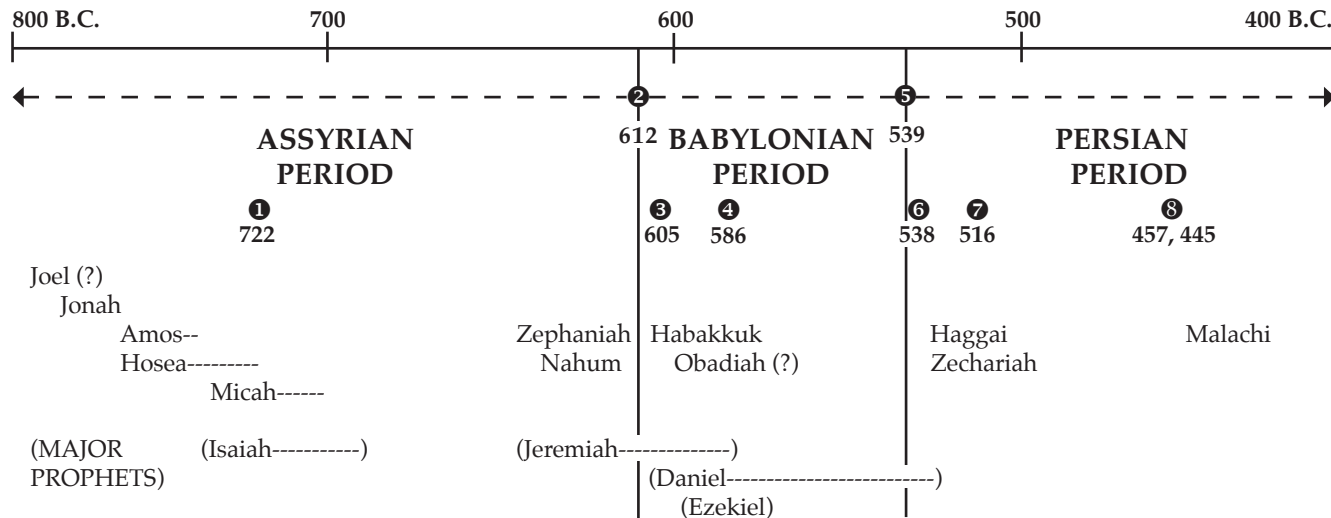


THE MINOR PROPHETS: HISTORICAL PERIODS AND IMPORTANT DATES¹



① 722—Fall of Israel to Assyria; ② 612—Fall of Nineveh to Babylonians, Medes, and Scythians; ③ 605—Battle of Carchemish, making Babylon dominant; ④ 586—Fall of Judah to Babylon; ⑤ 539—Fall of Babylon to Medes and Persians; ⑥ 538—Persian decree for return from exile; return to Judah led by Zerubbabel; ⑦ 516—Completion and dedication of the second temple; ⑧ 457 and 445—Return to Judah led by Ezra; rebuilding of Jerusalem walls led by Nehemiah.

¹It is uncertain when Joel and Obadiah prophesied.