

The Goodness and Patience of God

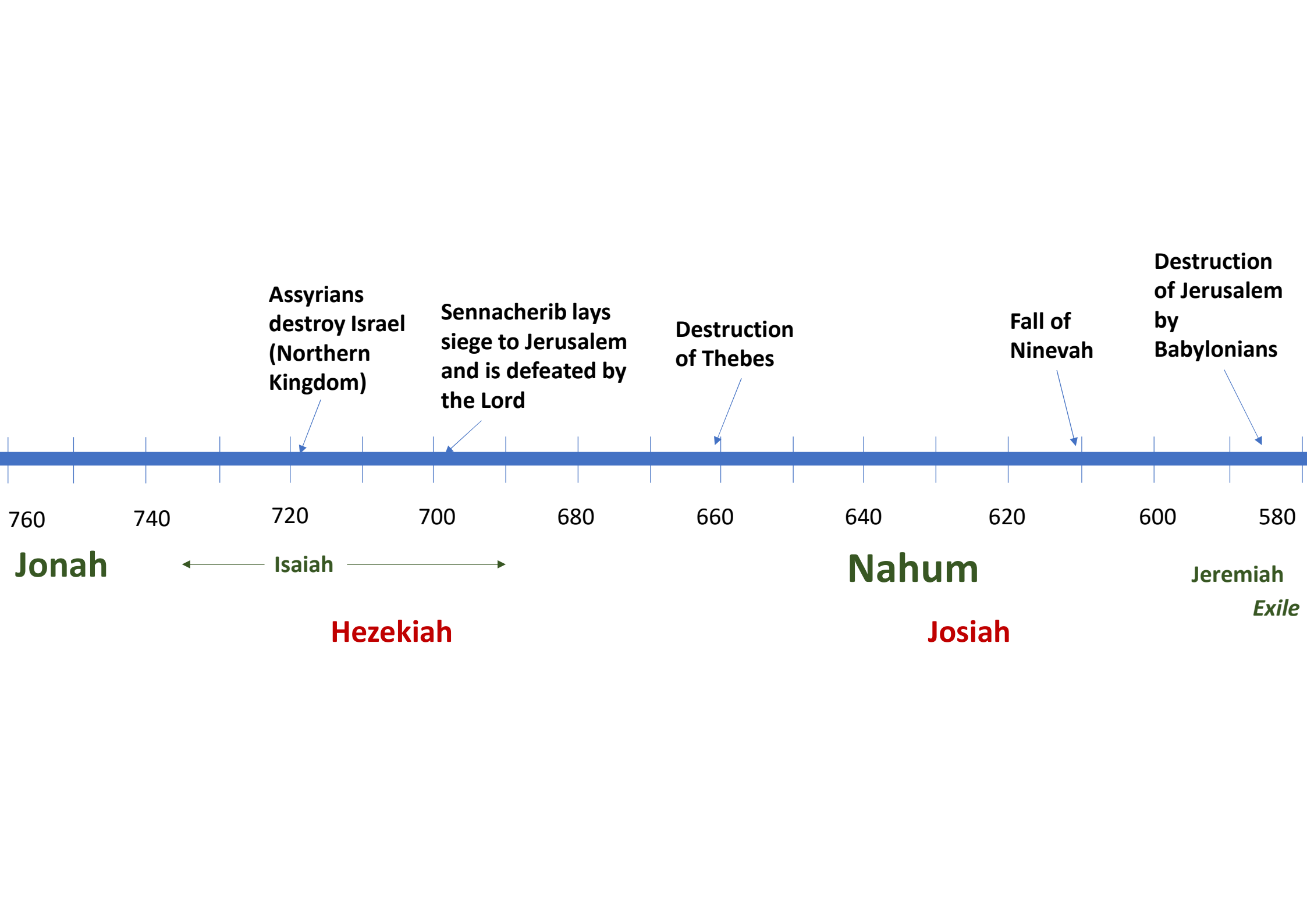
Nahum 1

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at the evening service
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NAHUM 1

- **God is patient**
- **God is just**
- **God is good.**





Assyrians
destroy Israel
(Northern
Kingdom)

Sennacherib lays
siege to Jerusalem
and is defeated by
the Lord

Destruction
of Thebes

Fall of
Ninevah

Destruction
of Jerusalem
by
Babylonians

760

740

720

700

680

660

640

620

600

580

Jonah

← **Isaiah** →

Hezekiah

Nahum

Josiah

Jeremiah
Exile



The Lord is a jealous and avenging God;

The Lord takes vengeance and is filled with wrath.

The Lord takes vengeance on his foes

And vents his wrath against his enemies.

Nahum 1:2

Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Exodus 34:14

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord.

Romans 12:17-19

Because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

Romans 2:5

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Exodus 34:6-7a

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The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. **2 Peter 3:9**

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. **1 Tim 1:15-16**

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‘You warned them in order to turn them back to your law, but they became arrogant and disobeyed your commands. They sinned against your ordinances, of which you said, “The person who obeys them will live by them.” Stubbornly they turned their backs on you, became stiff-necked and refused to listen. For many years you were patient with them. By your Spirit you warned them through your prophets. Yet they paid no attention, so you gave them into the hands of the neighbouring peoples. But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.’

Nehemiah 9:29-32

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Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.

Deuteronomy 24:16

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 - God is our refuge in troubled times (v7)
 - One day the affliction of God's people will cease (v12)
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'I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'

John 16:33

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

Romans 8:1-2

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