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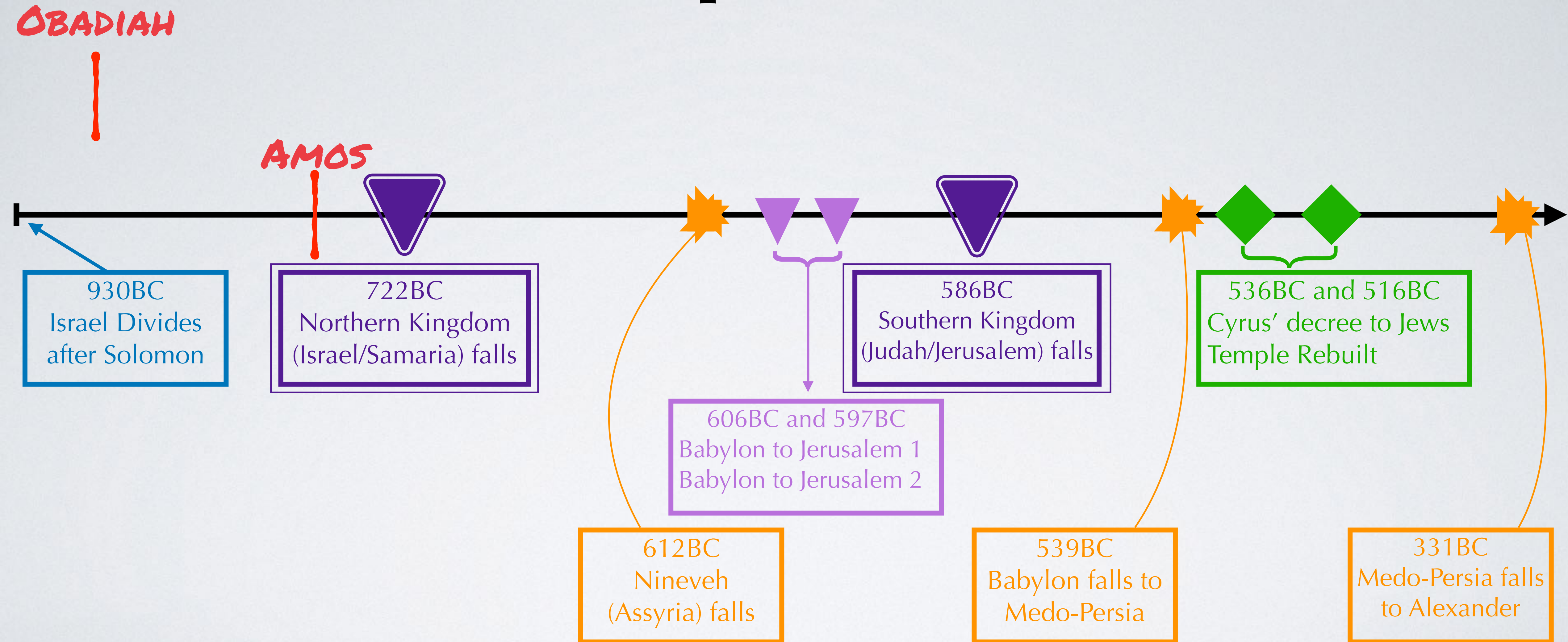
The Messages of the Minor Prophets

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The Book of Obadiah



Minor Prophets Timeline



OBADIAH INITIALLY:

- ➔ A message concerning Edom (1)
- ➔ Judgment is going to come to Edom (2)
 - ⦿ There would be no escaping God's judgment (3-4)
 - ⦿ Utter ruin was coming to Edom (5-6,9)
- ➔ Judgment was coming because of “unbrotherliness” (10-14)
- ➔ The future of God's people is pictured as flourishing (17-21)



ESTABLISHING A CHRONOLOGY

➔ **What makes Obadiah's chronology difficult:**

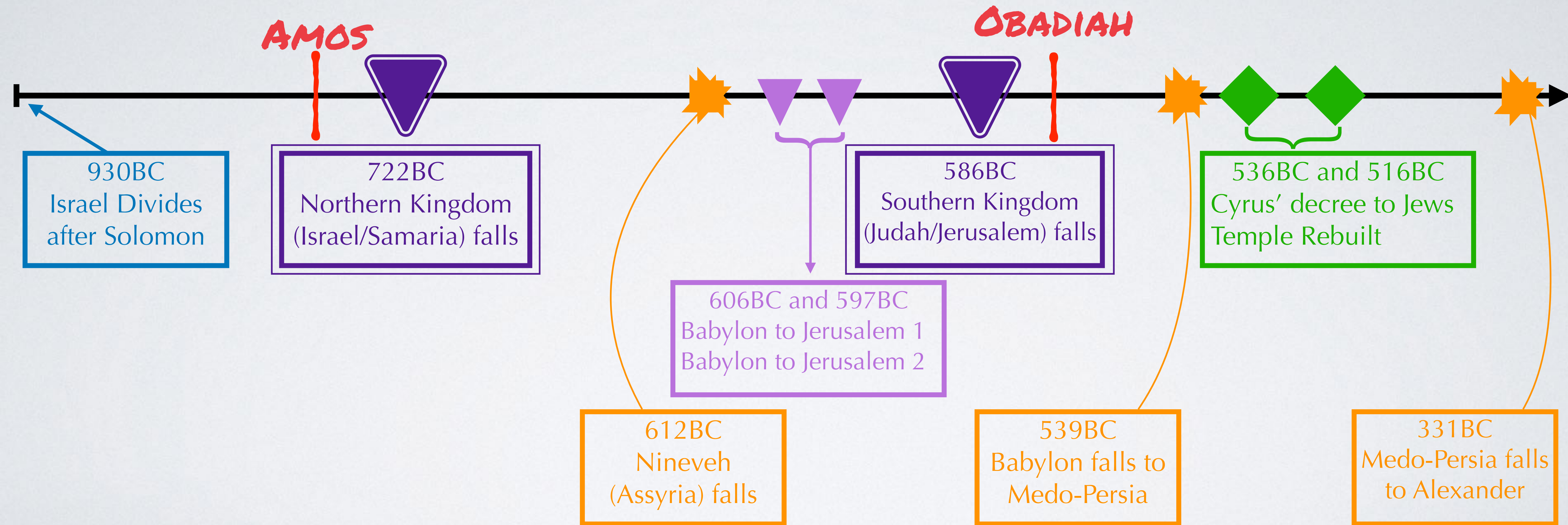
- ⦿ No kings are mentioned
- ⦿ Edom is referenced as still being a nation
- ⦿ Babylon, Assyria, and Persia are not mentioned

➔ **Most accept either a mid-800s date or a mid-500s date**

- ⦿ Edom falls to Nabonidus and Babylon in ~550BC
 - *Nabonidus came to the throne 8 years after Nebuchadnezzar*



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WHAT TO LEARN:

➔ The growth, development, and end of sin (3)

- ⦿ Sin begins with pride, followed by indifference (11) and then violence (14)
- ⦿ Judgment ultimately comes (4)

➔ Neutrality to God's people is not an option

- ⦿ Edom and Israel were brothers — there should have been compassion
- ⦿ They permitted and rejoiced in violence done to another (12-13)



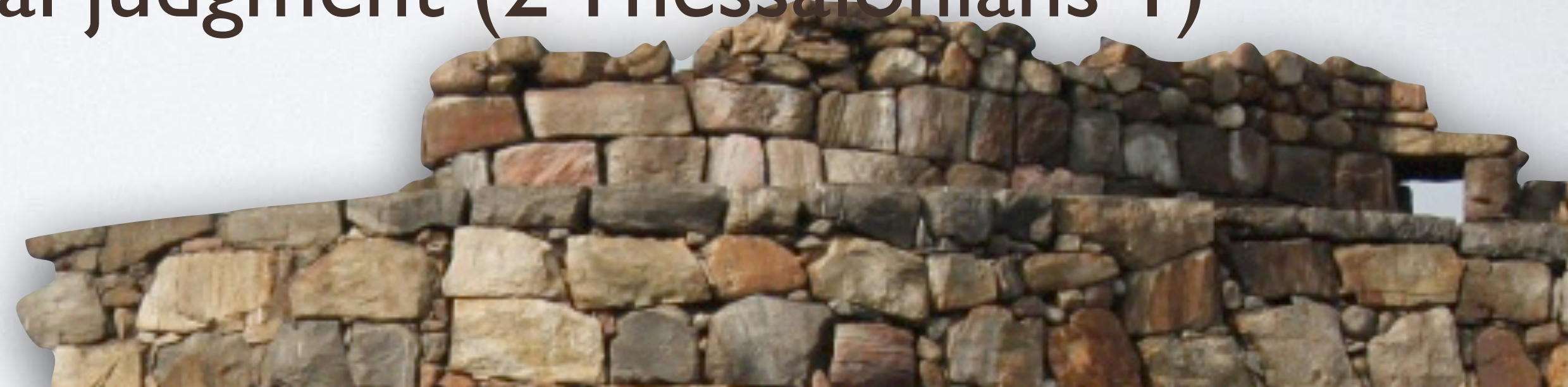
WHAT TO LEARN:

➔ **Pride is deceitful:**

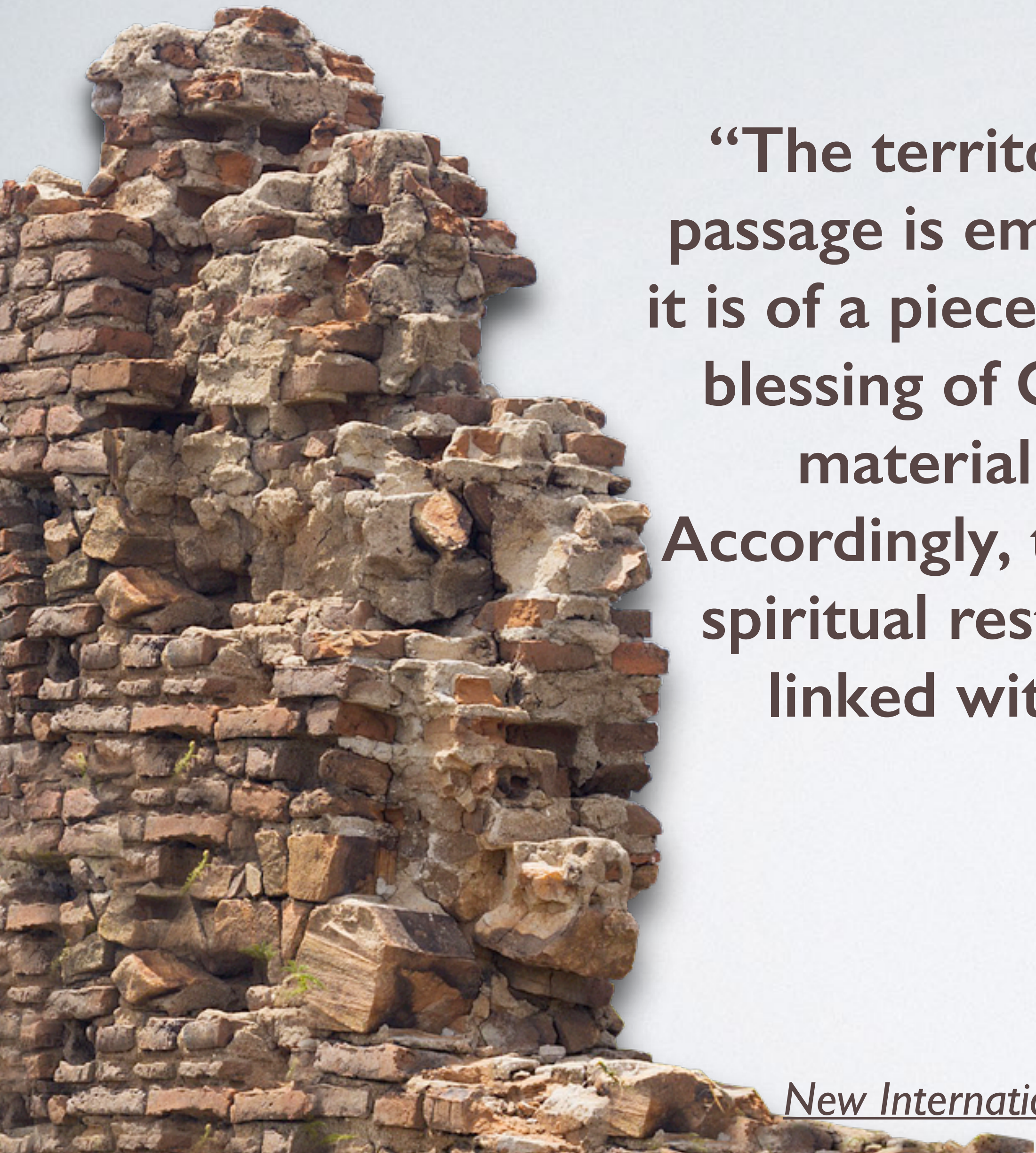
- ◎ Makes us think we are stronger than we are (3)
- ◎ Makes us think we are more secure than we are (7)
- ◎ Makes us think we are smarter than we are (8)

➔ **Injustice will ultimately be addressed by God in judgment**

- ◎ God would avenge those who abused Judah (14-16)
- ◎ God will avenge His people at the final judgment (2 Thessalonians 1)



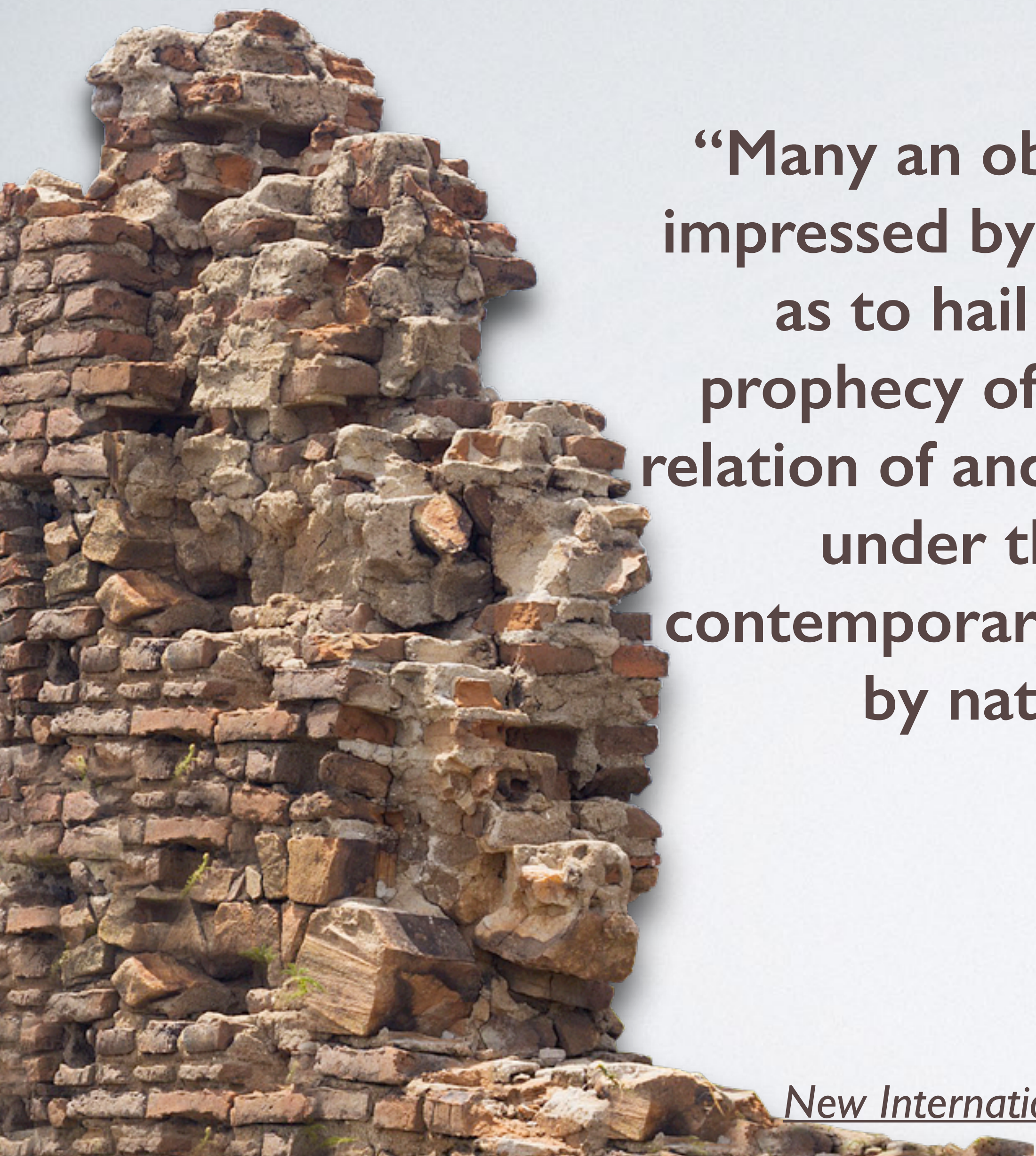
THE KINGDOM WILL BE THE LORD'S:



“The territorial and imperialistic emphasis of the passage is embarrassing to the Christian reader, but it is of a piece with general OT theology whereby the blessing of God was intimately bound up with the material possession of the land of promise. Accordingly, the land had a sacramental significance: spiritual restoration to divine favor is inextricably linked with material restoration to Palestine.

Leslie Allen

New International Commentary on the Old Testament: Obadiah p 172



“Many an observer of modern history has been so impressed by the establishment of the state of Israel as to hail it as the long-awaited fulfillment of prophecy of the present type. Unfortunately, this relation of ancient hope to modern happenings labors under the theological difficulty that, in its contemporary form, Israel is a secular state inspired by nationalism rather than by religion.

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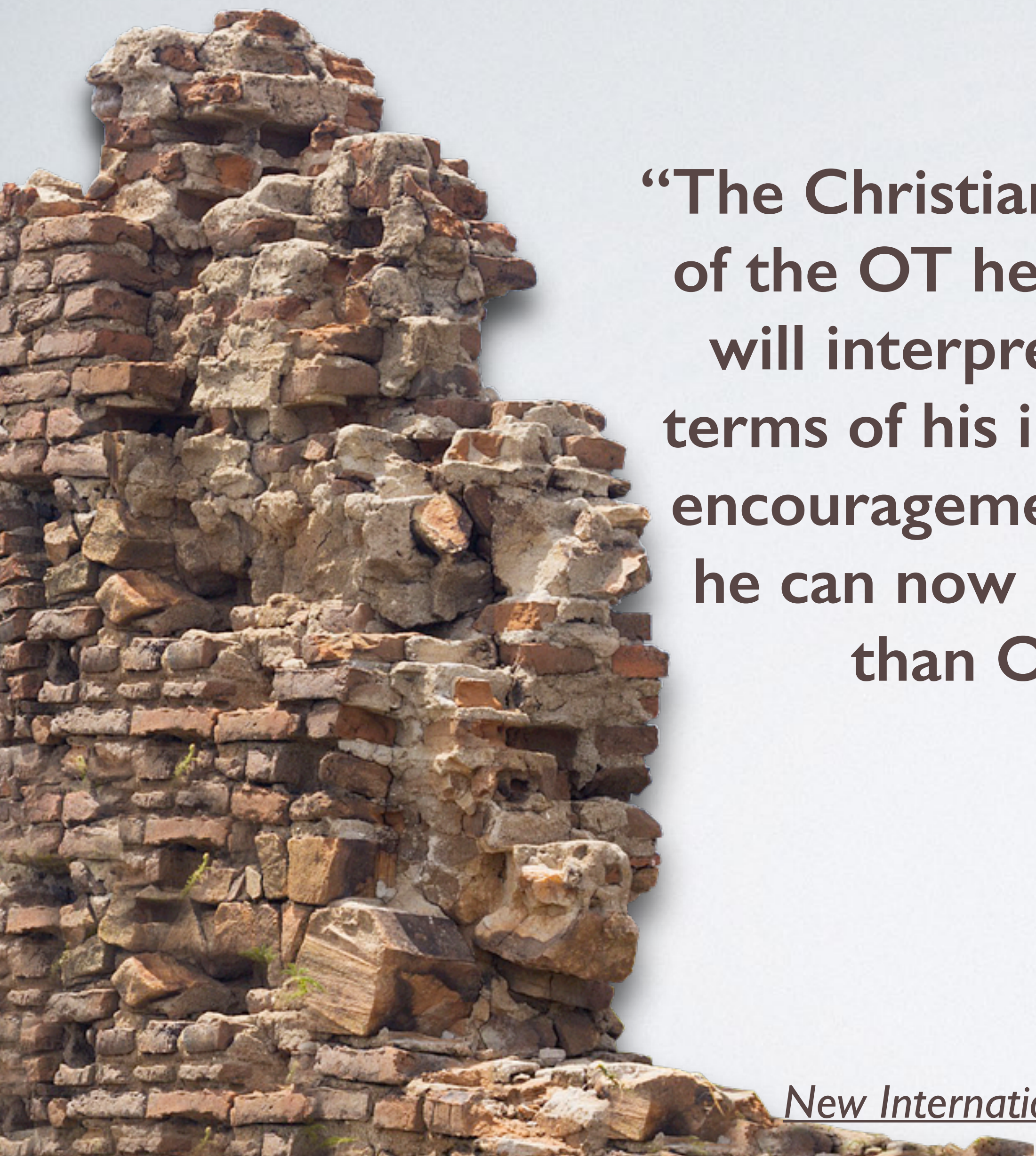
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“Diverse eschatological expectations among Christians are influenced by presuppositions concerning the relation between the old covenant and new. Certainly the NT transmutes the territorial into the celestial, that material into the supernatural. It holds forth the hope of a heavenly country, Jerusalem, and a temple which Christ has entered and to which the Christian already has some access... Since it is Christians... who are henceforth the heirs of Abraham and the promises made to him, according to Paul’s teaching in Galatians and Romans, it is difficult to see how any Christian can contemplate turning the theological clock back to a limited, pre-Christian point of expectation.

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“The Christian is handed the book of Obadiah as part of the OT heritage he has received with Christ. He will interpret the hope of territorial expansion in terms of his inspired teachers of the NT, finding in it encouragement to possess the land whose horizons he can now understand to be far wider and higher than Obadiah was privileged to grasp.”

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El libro de Abdías



OBADIAH INICIALMENTE:

- ➔ Mensaje sobre Edom (1)
- ➔ El juicio vendrá a Edom (2)
 - ⦿ No habría forma de escapar al juicio de Dios (3-4)
 - ⦿ A Edom le esperaba la ruina (5-6,9)
- ➔ Se avecinaba el juicio por la "falta de hermandad" (10-14)
- ➔ El futuro del pueblo de Dios se presenta como floreciente (17-21)



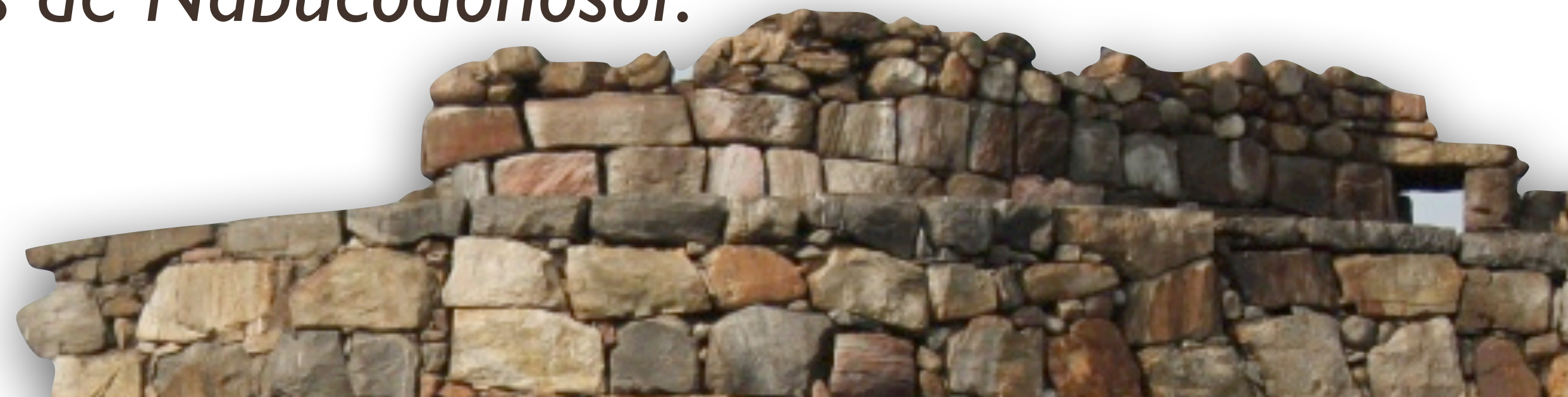
ESTABLECER UNA CRONOLOGÍA

➔ **Lo que dificulta la cronología de Abdías:**

- ⦿ No se menciona a ningún rey
- ⦿ Se dice que Edom sigue siendo una nación
- ⦿ Babilonia, Asiria y Persia no se mencionan

➔ **La mayoría acepta una fecha ~800s a.C. o ~500s a.C.**

- ⦿ Edom cae ante Nabonido y Babilonia en ~550 a.C.
 - *Nabonido subió al trono 8 años después de Nabucodonosor.*



QUÉ APRENDER:

➔ Crecimiento, desarrollo y fin del pecado (3)

- ⦿ El pecado empieza con la soberbia, sigue con la indiferencia (11) y luego con la violencia (14)
- ⦿ Al final llega el juicio (4)

➔ La neutralidad ante el pueblo de Dios no es una opción

- ⦿ Edom e Israel eran hermanos - debería haber habido compasión
- ⦿ Permitían y se regocijaban en la violencia hecha a otro (12-13)



QUÉ APRENDER:

➔ El orgullo es engañoso:

- ⦿ Nos hace creer que somos más fuertes de lo que somos (3)
- ⦿ Nos hace creer que estamos más seguros de lo que estamos (7)
- ⦿ Nos hace creer que somos más listos de lo que somos (8)

➔ Dios juzgará las injusticias en última instancia

- ⦿ Dios vengará a los que maltrataron a Judá (14-16)
- ⦿ Dios vengará a su pueblo en el juicio final (2 Tesalonicenses 1)

