

Table 2: Exodus to Exile texts and their perspectives

TIME OF COMPOSITION	TEXT	AUTHOR(S)	BASIC PERSPECTIVE
10 th century (i.e., during or shortly after the reign of Solomon)	The David/Solomon story, 1 Samuel 13- 1 Kings 10	Royal scribes in Jerusalem	YHWH's promise is with the Davidic monarchy; Solomon is the rightful successor to the throne
9 th century-8 th century	Exodus	Northern royal scribes	Moses represents true, YHWH-authorized leadership and legitimates the reign of Jeroboam, YHWH's rightful king of the "true" people of God, Israel (not Judah)
8 th century (i.e., amidst the struggle with Assyria)	The bulk of 1 –2 Kings up to the time of Hezekiah	Royal scribes in Jerusalem	Hezekiah is YHWH's "chosen" king; the northern kingdom will fall because of its "evil" (= worshipping YHWH outside Jerusalem)
8 th century (as above)	Isaiah 1-39; Judges (?)	Prophetic circles among the royal elite	Hezekiah is YHWH's "chosen" king: peace comes via the true Davidic king reigning in Jerusalem (Zion)
8 th century (as above)	Amos, Hosea	Southern, Jerusalem-centered prophets and supporters	Northern kingdom of Israel is condemned because of its sins (= injustice against poor and marginalized)
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8 th century	Micah	Southern voices in support of the "people of the land," i.e., the landed gentry	Monarchy itself is condemned
7 th century (after Assyria conquers Israel and before Babylon arises)	Deuteronomy, Joshua, 1 Samuel 1-12 and 1-2 Kings up to Josiah	Royal scribes in Jerusalem working with scribal "refugees" from the north to find a "compromise"	Josiah is the greatest king of all and Moses is the great liberating prophet: together, they express and embody <i>torah</i> and legitimate Jerusalem as the sole "place" at which to worship YHWH.

Late 7 th –early 6 th century	Jeremiah	Southern, Jerusalem-centered prophets and supporters	Even Jerusalem cannot stand in the face of the leaders' deafness to the voice of YHWH
	Zephaniah	Anti-Jerusalem prophet	Josiah's Jerusalem is no better than previous versions