

THREAT OF BABYLON

INJUSTICE & IDOLATRY

FINAL DECADES OF ISRAEL'S SOUTHERN KINGDOM

- DOESN'T ACCUSE ISRAEL
- ADDRESSES GOD WITH HIS STRUGGLE: IS GOD GOOD WHEN THERE'S SO MUCH EVIL IN THE WORLD?
- **LAMENT:** DRAGGING GOD'S ATTENTION TO INJUSTICE

HABAKKUK

A **PAST** EXODUS BECOMES AN *image* OF A **FUTURE** EXODUS

WHEN GOD WILL

- DEFEAT EVIL
- BRING JUSTICE TO ALL
- RESCUE THE OPPRESSED

GOD'S ANSWER TO
Habakkuk → Later Generations

NOT UNIQUE! MOST NATIONS EVENTUALLY BECOME BABYLON...

1-2a HABAKKUK & GOD

1-2-1 COMPLAINT #1

HOW LONG WILL I CRY OUT? WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN? (1-2)

TORAH NEGLECTED

VIOLENCE & INJUSTICE

CORRUPT LEADERSHIP

1-5-11 RESPONSE #1

LOOK! I'M RAISING UP THE BABYLONIANS.

1-12-2-1 COMPLAINT #2

WHAT?! BABYLON IS EVEN WORSE THAN ISRAEL!

THEY DEIFY THEIR POWER
THEY TREAT HUMANS LIKE ANIMALS
THEY DEVOUR NATIONS

I'LL STAND WATCH & WAIT FOR GOD TO RESPOND TO ME. (2-1)

2-2-5 RESPONSE #2

- GOD WILL BRING BABYLON DOWN!
- GOD MAY USE CORRUPT KINGDOMS, BUT DOESN'T ENDORSE THEM.
- ALL NATIONS ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD'S JUSTICE.

VISION ABOUT AN APPOINTED TIME

"Righteous WILL LIVE BY THEIR Faith"

2b FIVE 'WOES'

THE OPPRESSIVE INJUSTICE OF BABYLON

- 1) UNJUST ECONOMICS
- 2) SLAVE LABOR
- 3) SLAVE LABOR
- 4) IRRESPONSIBLE LEADERS
- 5) IDOLATRY

3 HABAKKUK'S PRAYER

3-1-2 HABAKKUK PLEADS WITH GOD

RENEW YOUR WORK IN OUR DAYS! (3-2)

3-3-7 GOD APPEARS IN POWER!

SIMILAR TO MICAH 1 & NAHUM 1... & TO MT. SINAI (EXODUS 19-20)

ARCHETYPE OF EVIL NATIONS

"YOU CRUSH THE HEAD OF THE EVIL HOUSE." (3-12)

A FUTURE EXODUS

3-16-19 MORE PRAISE

EVEN IF THE FIELDS PRODUCE NO FOOD, I WILL FIND JOY IN GOD MY SAVIOR. (3-17-18)

SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE "Righteous LIVING BY Faith"