

The background features a light beige wall with several fragments of ancient parchment scattered across the top and bottom edges. On the left side, there is a colorful illustration of a prophet with a long white beard, wearing a blue robe and a purple head covering, with his right hand raised in a gesture of prayer or proclamation. In the center, the title "HABAKKUK" is written in a large, bold, black serif font. Below it, the subtitle "EMBRACE OR EMBRACER" is written in a similar font, enclosed in quotation marks. To the right of the prophet, the date "OCTOBER 31, 2013" is displayed in a blue serif font. Further to the right, a scroll is unrolled, showing the text "BI 305 HEBREW PROPHETS" in a brown serif font. The scroll is held by two dark wooden rollers.

HABAKKUK

“EMBRACE OR EMBRACER”

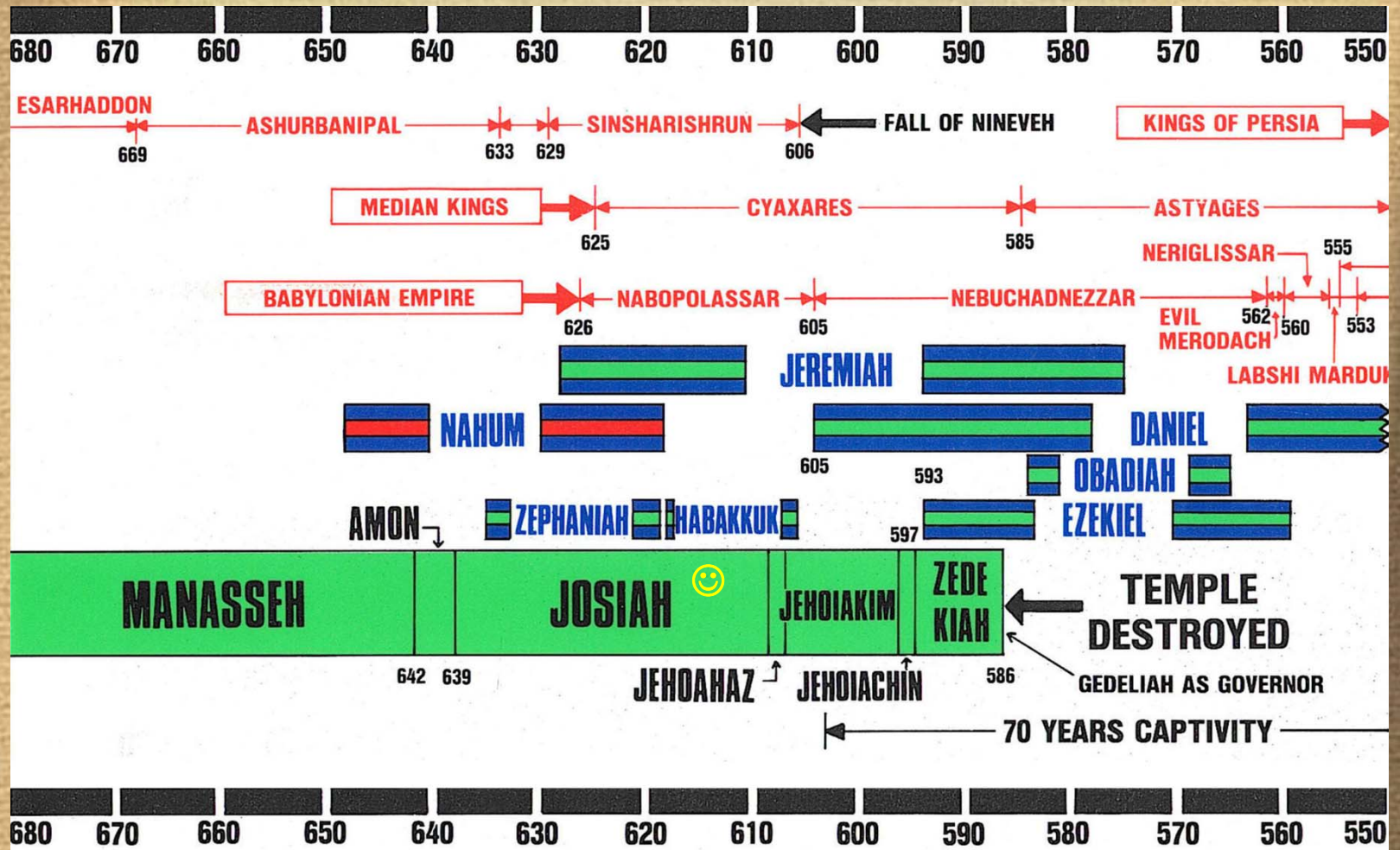
OCTOBER 31, 2013

BI 305
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Theme

***THE HOLINESS
OF GOD IN JUDGING
JUDAH.***





HABAKKUK – “EMBRACE, OR EMBRACER”

Audience: Judah

Historical Setting:

After the death of Josiah king (609 B.C.), the spiritual conditions of the people in Judah rapidly degenerated. Wickedness, injustice, and disregard of the law (1:3-4) came to characterize the moral attitudes and actions of the Judeans.

Although Egypt's Pharaoh Necho challenged the ascendancy of the Babylonians, he was defeated at Carchemish in 605 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar then advanced against Palestine to secure the newly won territory of Judah. His destruction of Jerusalem and exile of the people fulfilled the predictions of Jeremiah and Habakkuk.

Purpose

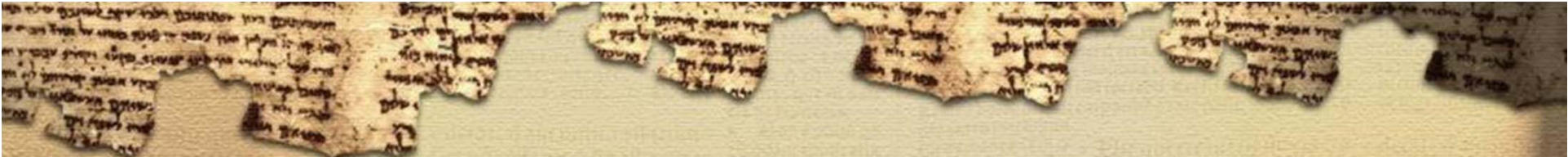
Habakkuk is intended to provide comfort and hope during one of the darkest periods of Israel's history. Although God would judge, He would "remember mercy" (3:2). The book also deals with the moral dilemma of how a holy God could allow a wicked enemy nation to punish a people more righteous than itself (1:13).

Theology

Habakkuk sets forth the principle of faith righteousness, a theme developed in the NT (Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11, Heb. 10:38).

PROBABLE DATE FOR BOOK
~607-606 B.C.





OUTLINE OF HABAKKUK

LEVEL

I
A

- I. Habakkuk's Perplexity (1-2)
- II. Habakkuk's Prayer (3)

2A 

2B 



I. HABAKKUK'S PERPLEXITY (1-2)

LEVEL

2

A

- A. Superscription (1:1)
- B. Perplexity: Judah's Unpunished Iniquity (1:2-4)
- C. God's Solution: Chaldean judgment (1:5-11)
- D. Perplexity: God's use of a wicked instrument (1:12-2:1)
- E. God's Solution: Divine Recompense (2:2-4) ▶▶ 3A
- F. The Taunt-Song against the Chaldeans (2:5-20) ▶▶ 3B





I.E. GOD'S SOLUTION: DIVINE RECOMPENSE (2:2-4)

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Habakkuk and Paul

The same message, but two points of emphasis

**The man justified
by faith lives**

**The Justified man
lives by faith.**



I.F. THE TAUNT SONG AGAINST THE CHALDEANS (2:5-10)

LEVEL

3

Woe to him ...

B

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|------|--------------------|--|
| i. | First Woe (6-8) | <i>Theft – lust of control</i> |
| ii. | Second Woe (9-11) | <i>Greed – unjust gain</i> |
| iii. | Third Woe (12-14) | <i>Violence</i> |
| iv. | Fourth Woe (15-17) | <i>Drunkenness</i>
<i>– corrupting others</i> |
| v. | Fifth Woe (18-20) | <i>Idolatry</i> |



II. HABAKKUK'S PRAYER (3)

LEVEL

2

B

A. Superscription (3:1)

B. Habakkuk's Petition(3:2)

i. God's work among His people (2a)

ii. God's mercy in judgment (2b)

C. The splendor of God's appearing (3:3-4)

D. The Effects of God's Appearance (3:5-15)

i. God's judgment on the nations (3:5-12)

ii. Salvation of God's people (3:13-15)

E. Response of Habakkuk





II.E. RESPONSE OF HABAKKUK'(3:16-19)

LEVEL

3

C

i. Fear (16)

ii. Praise (17-19)

a. The ruin of Judah (17)

b. The exultation in Yahweh (18)

c. The confidence in God's strength (19)





LESSONS IN HABAKKUK

- There is nothing wrong with having doubts (1:2-4)
- God may use the wicked to accomplish his purposes (1:6)
- The sovereignty of God in using a wicked instrument does not annul human responsibility (2:4-20).
- God will not lead us into a trial without providing the device enablement to endure it (3:19)



HABAKKUK 3:18-19 (ESV)

¹⁸YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD; I WILL
TAKE JOY IN THE GOD OF MY SALVATION.

¹⁹GOD, THE LORD, IS MY STRENGTH;
HE MAKES MY FEET LIKE THE DEER'S;
HE MAKES ME TREAD ON MY HIGH PLACES.
TO THE CHOIRMASTER:

WITH STRINGED INSTRUMENTS.

