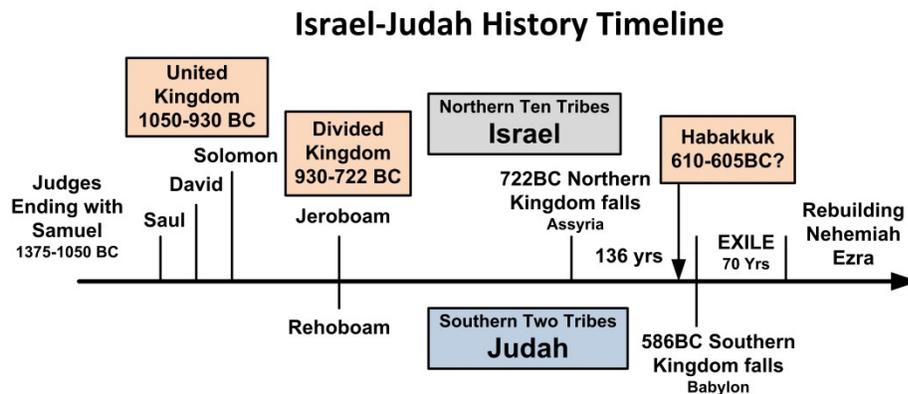


Habakkuk - Theme and message: The God of justice who governs the nations by His Providence can be trusted to be a source of Joy and Strength even in the midst of bitter circumstances for the righteous who live by faith. God will be faithful to accomplish His Word in His time!

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1 John 5:4-5 - 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and **this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith**. 5 And who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? NASB

Ephesians 1:9-12 - 9 **He made known to us the mystery of His will**, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him 10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fulness of the times, that is, **the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things upon the earth**. In Him 11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, 12 **to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ should be to the praise of His glory**. NASB

Isaiah 13:17-20 - 17 Behold, I am going to stir up the Medes against them, Who will not value silver or take pleasure in gold, 18 And their bows will mow down the young men, They will not even have compassion on the fruit of the womb, Nor will their eye pity children. 19 **And Babylon, the beauty of kingdoms, the glory of the Chaldeans' pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah**. 20 It will never be inhabited or lived in from generation to generation; Nor will the Arab pitch his tent there, Nor will shepherds make their flocks lie down there. NASB

1 Peter 5:5-7 - 5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, **clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives**

grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you. NASB

Psalm 145:18-21 - 18 The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth. 19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them. 20 **The Lord keeps all who love Him; But all the wicked, He will destroy.** NASB

Deuteronomy 32:35-43 - 35 **'Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, In due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, And the impending things are hastening upon them.'** 36 "For the Lord will vindicate His people, And will have compassion on His servants; When He sees that their strength is gone, And there is none remaining, bond or free. 37 "And He will say, 'Where are their gods, The rock in which they sought refuge? 38 'Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, And drank the wine of their libation? Let them rise up and help you, Let them be your hiding place! 39 **'See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded, and it is I who heal; And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.** 40 'Indeed, I lift up My hand to heaven, And say, as I live forever, 41 If I sharpen My flashing sword, And My hand takes hold on justice, I will render vengeance on My adversaries, And I will repay those who hate Me. 42 'I will make My arrows drunk with blood, And My sword shall devour flesh, With the blood of the slain and the captives, From the long-haired leaders of the enemy.' 43 "Rejoice, O nations, with His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, **And will render vengeance on His adversaries, And will atone for His land and His people.**" NASB

Philippians 2:9-11 - 9 Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 **that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.** NASB

In this section of Habakkuk we learn these **3 very important lessons.**

- God will use the **wicked** to **accomplish His purposes** and they will eventually and surely **get justice** and it will be a woeful and terrible judgment indeed.
Habakkuk 2:16 - 16 You will be filled with disgrace rather than honor. Now you yourself drink and expose your own nakedness. **The cup in the Lord's right hand will come around to you, And utter disgrace will come upon your glory."**
- There will come a **time in History** when **God's glory and goodness** will be manifested for **all the world** to see and for the faithful to **enjoy forever**. The wicked nations will not always rule with terror and violence but the day will come when they will be no more!
Habakkuk 2:14 - "14 For **the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,** As the waters cover the sea."
- **God** is in fact **in control** and mindful of those who are His and **we must learn to trust the Lord and wait for His Word** to be fulfilled even when our **life is hard** and we are touched with **suffering** or bitter circumstances. In the end God's people will be **saved and live forever**.
Habakkuk 2:3-4 -3 "For the vision is yet for the appointed time; **It hastens toward the goal, and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.** 4 "Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; **But the righteous will live by his faith.**