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Habakkuk 2-2-3 ESV

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Habakkuk is unusual as a prophetic book. It never addresses the people of Judah directly. Rather it is a dialogue between the prophet and God. The prophet Habakkuk was probably a **contemporary of Zephaniah and Jeremiah**, and possibly even of Ezekiel and Daniel. He probably prophesied no later than the end of Josiah's reign (640–609 B.C.).



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Habakkuk prophesied during the time where the Chaldeans (Babylonians) rose to power and prominence around 612 BC.

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Jeremiah also prophesied during this time around 626 BC and 580 BC)



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Jeremiah was a Hebrew prophet who was involved in various political and religious events. His faithfulness to God and spiritual leadership to the people helped them to survive disasters that included the capture of Jerusalem by the Babylonians around 586 BC and the exile of the Judeans to Babylonia.

The Assyrian empire, which had been dominant for two centuries, declined and fell. Its capital, Nineveh, was captured in 612 by the Babylonians and Medes. Egypt had a brief period of resurgence under the 26th dynasty (664–525) but did not prove strong enough to establish an empire. The new world power was the Neo-Babylonian empire, ruled by a Chaldean dynasty whose best known king was Nebuchadnezzar.



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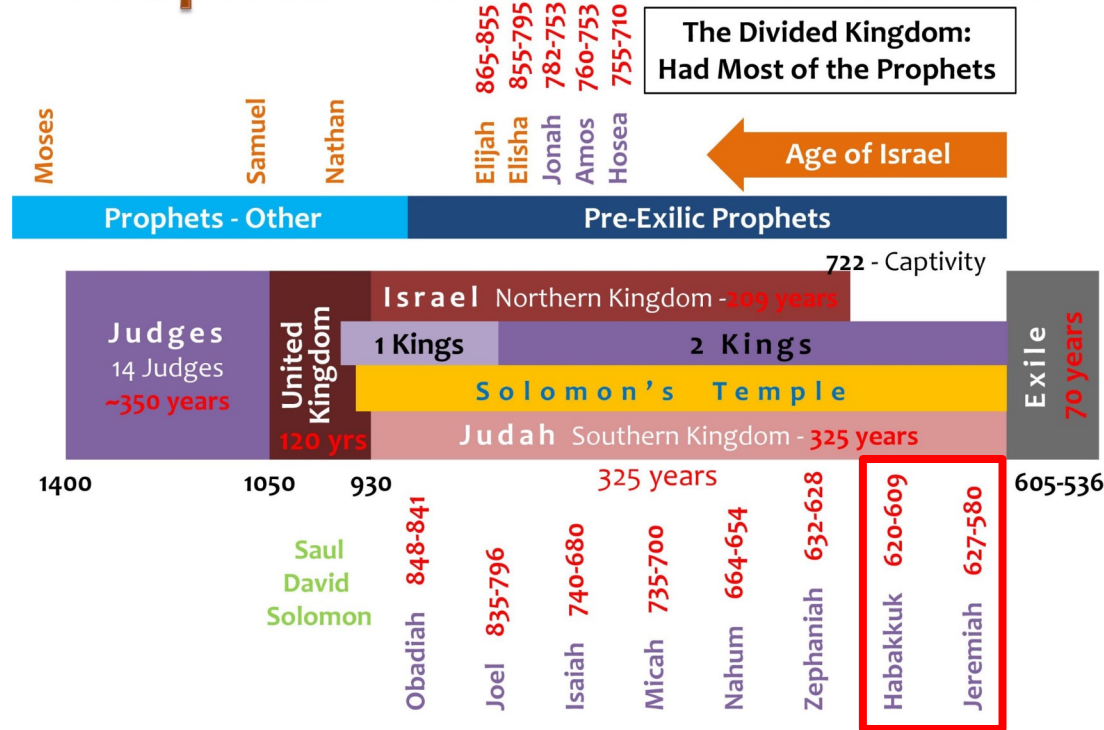
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WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Both Habakkuk & Jeremiah saw a moral and spiritual decline in the southern kingdom.

Prophet	Ministry Period
Habakkuk	620-609 BC
Jeremiah	627-580 BC

Prophets – Moses to Habakkuk





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Habakkuk

How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?

Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.

Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

- Habakkuk 1:2-4 NIV

Jeremiah

"So do not pray for this people nor offer any plea or petition for them; do not plead with me, for I will not listen to you.

- Jeremiah 7:16 NIV



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WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Jeremiah 11:11-14

GOD's Message came to me: **"What do you see, Jeremiah?"** I said, "A walking stick—that's all." And GOD said, "Good eyes! I'm sticking with you! I'll make every word I give you come true."

GOD's Message came again: **"So what do you see now?"** I said, "I see a boiling pot, tipped down toward us." Then GOD told me, "Disaster will pour out of the north on everyone living in this land. Watch for this: I'm calling all the kings out of the north." GOD's Decree.



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Habakkuk 2:2, 3

Then the Lord answered me and said,
“Write the vision. And make *it* plain on tablets, That
he may run who reads it. For the vision *is* yet for an
appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it
will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it. Because it
will surely come, It will not tarry.”



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WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Matthew 6:1-34 ESV

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.