

Author and Date: Habakkuk the prophet probably near the end of the reign of Josiah (640-609) and/or near the beginning of Jehoiakim's (609-598).

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!

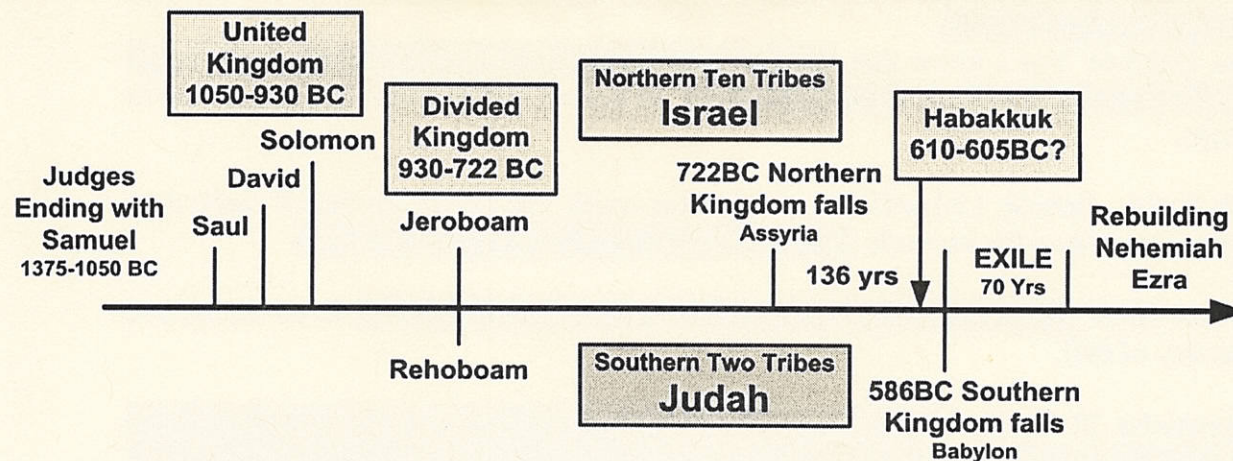
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Psalm 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah.... 8 Come, **behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.** 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. 10 **"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"** 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Romans 3:19-20 - Now we know that **whatever the Law says**, it speaks to those who are under the Law, **that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God**; 20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. NASB

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 - 13 The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because **this applies to every person**. 14 **For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil**. NASB

Psalms 47:7-8: ⁷For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with a skillful psalm. ⁸**God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne**.

Isaiah 40:22-25: ²²It is He who sits above the vault of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. ²³**He it is who reduces rulers to nothing, Who makes the judges of the earth meaningless**. ²⁴**Scarcely have they been planted, Scarcely have they been sown, Scarcely has their stock taken root in the earth, But He merely blows on them, and they wither, And the storm carries them away like stubble**. ²⁵"To whom then will you liken Me That I should be his equal?" says the Holy One.

Job 12:16-22: ¹⁶With Him are strength and sound wisdom, The misled and the misleader belong to Him. ... ²³**He makes the nations great, then destroys them; He enlarges the nations, then leads them away**.

Psalms 103:19: The LORD has established His throne in the heavens; And **His sovereignty rules over all**.

Psalms 135:5-6: ⁵For I know that **the LORD is great, And that our Lord is above all gods**. ⁶**Whatever the LORD pleases, He does**, In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.

Isaiah 54:16: Behold, I Myself have created the smith who blows the fire of coals, And brings out a weapon for its work; **And I have created the destroyer to ruin**.

Proverbs 16:4: **The LORD has made everything for its own purpose**, Even the wicked for the day of evil.

1 Chronicles 29:11-13: ¹¹**Thine, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Thine is the dominion, O LORD, and Thou dost exalt Thyself as head over all**. ¹²Both riches and honor come from Thee, and Thou dost rule over all, and in Thy hand is power and might; and it lies in Thy hand to make great, and to strengthen everyone. ¹³Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee, and praise Thy glorious name.

Revelation 15:3-4 - "**Great and marvelous are Thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty**; Righteous and true are Thy ways, Thou King of the nations. 4 "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? For Thou alone art holy; For all the nations will come and worship before Thee, **For Thy righteous acts have been revealed**." NASB