

Logos Class – Book of Habakkuk

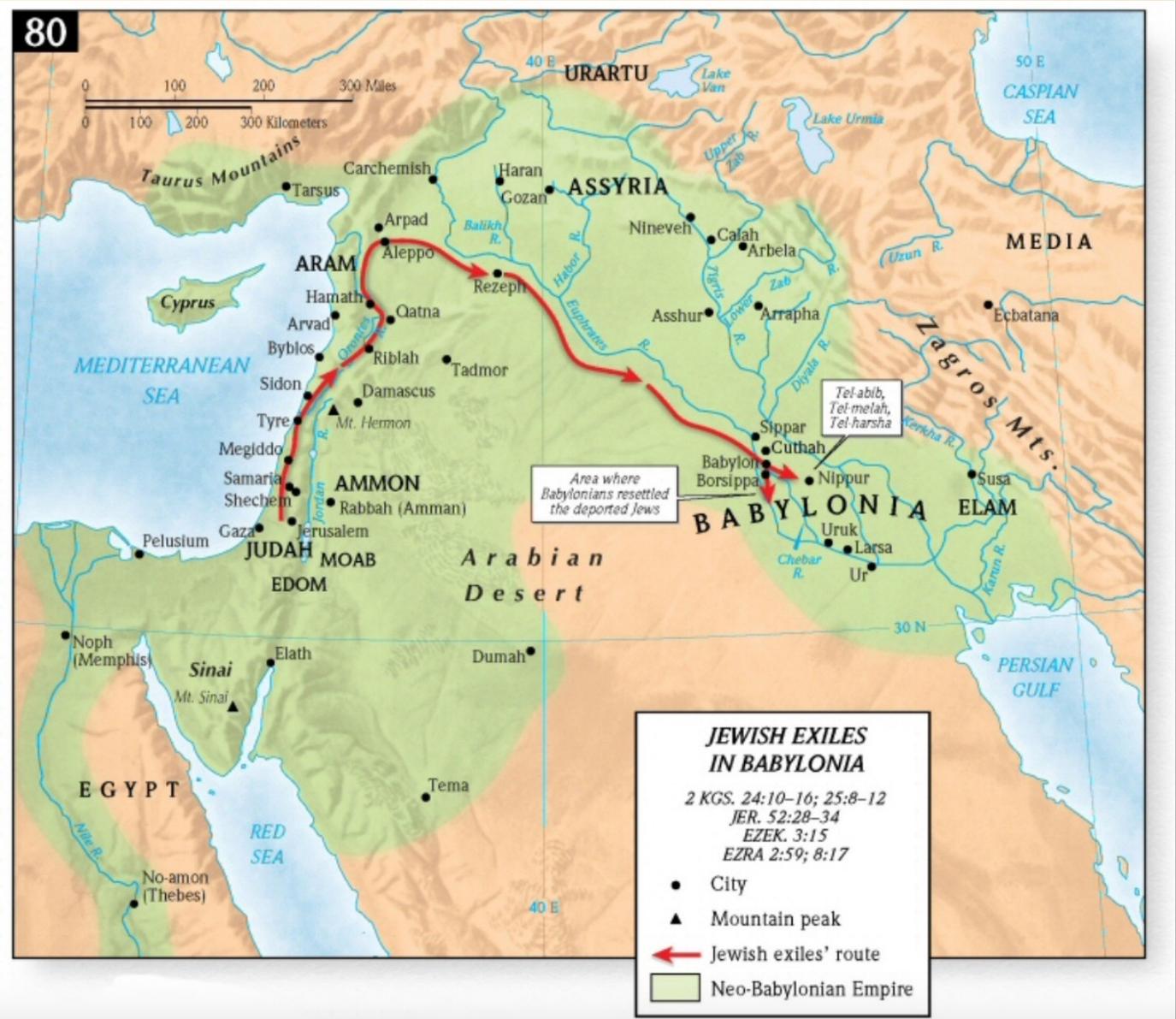
On Campus and Zoom class for May 1, 2022

Habakkuk – Ch 1B & 2

Our next few weeks...

- ✓ *April 24, 2022 – KG and Intro to Habakkuk & Ch 1A*
- ✓ *Today, May 1, 2022 – Habakkuk Ch 1B and 2*
- *May 8, 2022 – Mothers Day, Hab Ch 3 and wrap up*
- *May 15, 2022 – New Study begins*

Maps to set context; Divided Kingdom and Area



Habakkuk Ch 1:1-2

1 The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

Habakkuk's Complaint

***2 How long, LORD, must I call for help,
but you do not listen?***

***Or cry out to you, "Violence!"
but you do not save?***

Habakkuk Ch 1:3 *Cry of Despair*

³ *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

Habakkuk Ch 1:4. *What did Habakkuk think?*

***4 Therefore the law is paralyzed,
and justice never prevails.***

***The wicked hem in the righteous,
so that justice is perverted.***

Habakkuk Ch 1:5-6. *The Lord Answers*

***5 “Look at the nations and watch—
and be utterly amazed.***

*For I am going to do something in your days
**that you would not believe,
even if you were told.***

***6 I am raising up the Babylonians (or Chaldeans),
that ruthless and impetuous people,
who sweep across the whole earth
to seize dwellings not their own.***

Habakkuk Ch 1:7-9 *Vivid language*

*⁷ They are a feared and dreaded people;
they are a law to themselves
and promote their own honor.*

*⁸ Their horses are swifter than leopards,
fiercer than wolves at dusk.*

*Their cavalry gallops headlong;
their horsemen come from afar.*

They fly like an eagle swooping to devour;

*⁹ **they all come intent on violence.***

*Their hordes advance like a desert wind
and **gather prisoners like sand.***

Habakkuk Ch 1:10-11. *Fear no one*

***They mock kings
and scoff at rulers.***

***They laugh at all fortified cities;
by building earthen ramps they capture
them.***

***11 Then they sweep past like the wind and go
on—***

***guilty people, whose own strength is their
god.”***

Habakkuk Ch 1:12-13 *Habakkuk's 2nd Complaint*

12 LORD, are you not from everlasting?

My God, my Holy One, you will never die.

*You, LORD, have appointed **them** to execute judgment;*

*you, my Rock, have ordained **them** to punish.*

13 Your eyes are too pure to look on evil;

you cannot tolerate wrongdoing.

Why then do you tolerate the treacherous?

Why are you silent while the wicked

swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

Habakkuk Ch 1:14-17 *One more thing Lord*

- 14 You have made people like the fish in the sea,
like the sea creatures that have no ruler.***
- 15 The wicked foe pulls all of them up with hooks,
he catches them in his net,
he gathers them up in his dragnet;
and so, he rejoices and is glad.***
- 16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net
and burns incense to his dragnet,
for by his net, he lives in luxury
and enjoys the choicest food.***
- 17 Is he to keep on emptying his net,
destroying nations without mercy?***

Habakkuk Ch 2:1 *Waiting for an answer*

***2 I will stand at my watch
and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me,
and what answer I am to give to this complaint.***

Habakkuk Ch 2:2-3 *The Lord Answers him*

² Then the LORD replied:

*“Write down the revelation
and make it plain on tablets
so that a herald may run with it.*

*³ For the revelation awaits an **appointed time**;
it speaks of the end
and will not prove false.*

*Though it linger, wait for it;
**it will certainly come
and will not delay.***

Habakkuk Ch 2:4-6 *Greedy and never satisfied*

*⁴ “See, the enemy is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—
but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness—*

*⁵ indeed, wine betrays him;
he is arrogant and never at rest.*

*Because he is as greedy as the grave
and like death is never satisfied,
he gathers to himself all the nations
and takes captive all the peoples.*

⁶ “Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying,

*“Woe to him who piles up stolen goods
and makes himself wealthy by extortion!
How long must this go on?”*

Habakkuk Ch 2:7-8 It is good...until it isn't

7 Will not your creditors suddenly arise?

Will they not wake up and make you tremble?

Then you will become their prey.

***8 Because you have plundered many nations,
the peoples who are left will plunder you.***

For you have shed human blood;

***you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in
them.***

Habakkuk Ch 2:9-11 *Woe to them...*

- ⁹ *“Woe to him who builds his house by unjust gain,
setting his nest on high
to escape the clutches of ruin!*
- ¹⁰ *You have plotted the ruin of many peoples,
shaming your own house and forfeiting your life.*
- ¹¹ *The stones of the wall will cry out,
and the beams of the woodwork will echo it*

Habakkuk Ch 2:12-14 Governments and Nations

***12** “Woe to him who builds a **city** with bloodshed and establishes a **town** by injustice!*

13** Has not the LORD Almighty determined that the **people’s labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing?

***14** For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*

Habakkuk 2:15-16 *Some symbolism*

¹⁵ ***“Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbors,
pouring it from the wineskin till they are drunk,
so that he can gaze on their naked bodies!***

¹⁶ ***You will be filled with shame instead of glory.***

***Now it is your turn! Drink and let your nakedness be
exposed!***

***The cup from the LORD’s right hand is coming around to
you, and disgrace will cover your glory.***

Habakkuk 2:17-20 *Wanton Violence will be judged*

***17 The violence you have done to Lebanon will overwhelm you,
and your destruction of animals will terrify you.***

For you have shed human blood;

you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them.

18 “Of what value is an idol carved by a craftsman?

Or an image that teaches lies?

*For the one who makes it trusts in his own creation;
he makes idols that cannot speak.*

19 Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Come to life!’

Or to lifeless stone, ‘Wake up!’

Can it give guidance?

*It is covered with gold and silver;
there is no breath in it.”*

20 The LORD is in his holy temple;

let all the earth be silent before him

What have we learned in Habakkuk Ch 2?

- *Habakkuk is waiting and watching for God to answer*
- *God answers and gives him a message to write down on tablets and herald in the land of Judah (and to us)*
- *God uses people who are not pure to exact judgment on those who trust in themselves, and not God's word*
- *The Just shall live by faith*
- *Selfish Ambition, Covetousness, exploitation of people, drunkenness and violence, and idolatry will be punished in Gods timing and His way.*

Next week

- *Read Hab Ch 3 and see the result of Habakkuk understanding that God is judging... and will judge sin*
- *Continue to pray for our country and its leaders*
- *...our State, Counties and their leaders*
- *and our church and our leaders*
- *Pray for each other and thank God for His working both in our own lives, and in the world to judge the wicked.*

Thank Him for answered prayer.