



MINOR PROPHETS: HABAKKUK

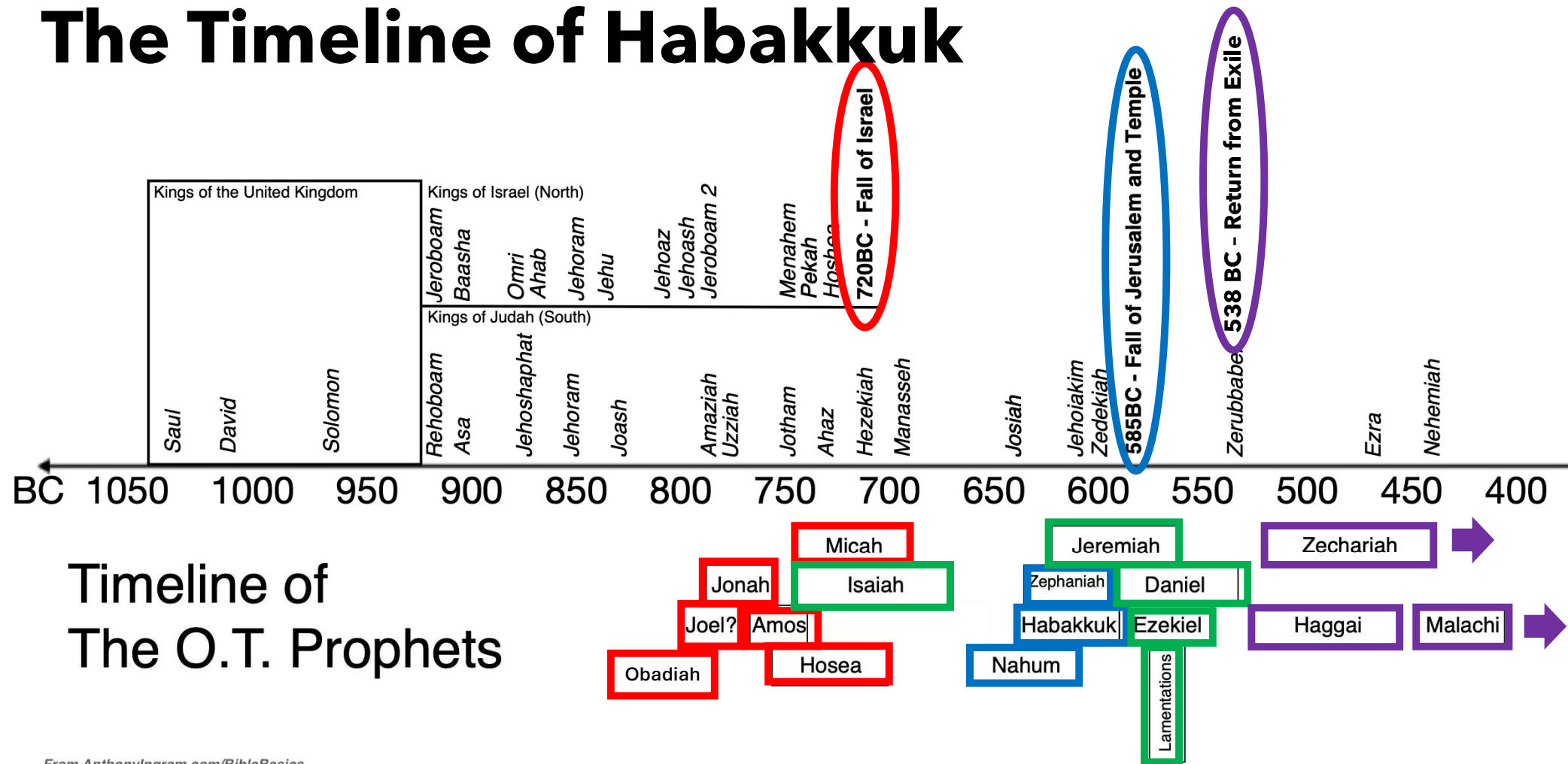
Habakkuk 3:1-19

THE PROPHET HABAKKUK

1. Like several of the prophets, very little is known about Habakkuk.
2. He identifies himself only as “Habakkuk the prophet”.
3. Habakkuk means, *Embracer*, or *one who Embraces*.
3. The expression in 3:19 “To the Chief Musician. With my stringed instruments”, suggests Habakkuk may have also been a priest.
4. Nothing is known about his lineage or where he lived.
5. The expression in 3:1 “on Shigionoth” is unknown.



The Timeline of Habakkuk



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Pre-Assyrian minor prophets

Pre-Babylonian Minor Prophets

Major Prophets

Post-exilic Minor Prophets

THE OUTLINE OF HABAKKUK

- I. The Habakkuk's Complaints.....1:1- 2:20**
 - A. Habakkuk's First Complaint..... 1:1-4
 - B. God's First Reply..... 1:5-11
 - C. Habakkuk's Second Complaint..... 1:12 - 2:1
 - D. God's Second Reply..... 2:2-20

- II. Habakkuk's Prayer..... 3:1-19**
 - A. Habakkuk Prays for Mercy..... 3:1-2
 - B. Habakkuk Remember's God's Mercy..... 3:3-15
 - C. Habakkuk Trusts in God's Salvation..... 3:16-19

*Note: The entire prophecy of Habakkuk is in the form of a poem,
and 3:19, suggests a psalm for Temple worship.*

HABAKKUK'S FIRST COMPLAINT (1:2-11)

A. Habakkuk is deeply troubled over the wickedness within the nation of Judah.

1. O LORD, how long shall I cry? (1:2)
2. Why do you cause me to see trouble? (1:3)

B. The LORD's reply:

1. "I will work a work in your days, which you would not believe, though I were told to you." (1:5)
2. I am raising the Chaldeans... to possess dwelling places that are not theirs." (1:6-11)

HABAKKUK'S SECOND COMPLAINT (1:12-2:20)

- A. Habakkuk is deeply troubled over the oppression within the nation of Judah.
 - 1. Why do You look on wickedness... and hold Your tongue when the wicked devours? (1:12-14)
 - 2. Why do you tolerate at all? (1:15-17)
- B. The LORD replies:
 - 1. "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* (2:2)
 - 2. "Though it tarries, wait for it; because *it will surely come*, it will not tarry. (2:3)
 - 3. "The just shall live by faith (2:4) cf: Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38

THE THREE WOES (2:9, 12, 15)

- "Woe to him who covets evil gain for his house," (2:9)
- "Woe to him who builds a town with bloodshed, " (2:12)
- "woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor... even to make him drunk..." (2:15)

HABAKKUK'S PRAYER

- A. Habakkuk Prays for God's mercy (3:2)
- B. The Remembers God's Mercy (3:3-15)
 - 1. The Glory of the Person of God (3:3-4)
 - 2. The Power of God's Saving Grace (3:5-15)
- C. Habakkuk Trust's in God's Salvation (3:16-19)

A FAMILIAR QUESTION

- Some ask in mourning over sin (Psa. 12:1-2; Eccl. 4:1, 5:8; Jer. 9:2-6)
- Some ask in suffering (Job 12:6)
- Some ask mocking, "Where is the promise of His coming?" (2 Peter 3:4)
- **What is the answer to this burning question?**

GOD IS LONGSUFFERING TOWARD US

- Our sin grieves God (Genesis 6:6)
- Our sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-3)
- God is patient with us!
- God sent His only begotten Son to pay for our sin
(Roman 8:31-33)

WILL YOU COME?

(8) But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (9) The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**
(2 Peter 3:8-9 NKJV)