

Habakkuk 1:12-17

Habakkuk 1:12 – “Are you not from everlasting, O Lord my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, you have ordained them as a judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.”

3069 [e]	4191 [e]	3808 [e]	6918 [e]	430 [e]	3069 [e]	6924 [e]	859 [e]	3808 [e]
Yah·weh	nā·mūt;	lō	qə·dō·šî	'ē·lō·hay	Yah·weh	miq·qe·dem,	'at·tāh	hā·lō·w
יְהוָה	נָמוּת	לֹא	קְדוֹשִׁי	אֱלֹהֵי	יְהוָה	מִקְדָּם	אַתָּה	הֲלוֹא
Yahweh	we shall die	not	my Holy one	my God	Yahweh	from everlasting	You	Are not
N-proper-ms	V-Qal-Imperf-1cp	Adv-NegPrt	Adj-msc 1cs	N-mpc 1cs	N-proper-ms	Prep-m N-ms	Pro-2ms	Adv-NegPrt

3245 [e]	3198 [e]	6697 [e]	7760 [e]	4941 [e]
yə·saḡ·tōw.	lə·hō·w·kî·ah	wə·šūr	śam·tōw,	lə·miš·pāṭ
יִסְדַּתְּוּ	לְהוֹכִיחַ	וְצוֹר	שָׂמַתָּ	לְמִשְׁפָּט
You have marked them	for correction	and Rock	You have appointed them	for judgment
V-Qal-Perf-2ms 3ms	Prep-I V-Hifil-Inf	Conj-w N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-2ms 3ms	Prep-I N-ms

1. Habakkuk challenges God’s plan for punishment of Judah
2. Habakkuk knew Judah was wicked and had asked God how long before punishment to correct the evil society. God replied it would be soon and explained how he would do it. But, the extreme level of discipline confused Habakkuk. It even upset him more than his original concern.
3. Originally Habakkuk’s complaint concerned Judah’s evil. Now Habakkuk does not understand why God would take such drastic and “unholy” actions to correct Judah’s sin.
4. Habakkuk has faith, but it is confused. God is going to destroy Judah just like he had Northern Israel a century before. How does this fit with God’s plan for history? Or, with his covenant with Israel?
5. In verse 12 Habakkuk first addresses:
 - a. God is from eternity, and so his plan is not recently made up. His plan is eternal also.
 - i. Isaiah used a similar approach to strengthen Hezekiah’s faith in 2 Kings 19:25 and Isaiah 37:26:

““Have you not heard that I determined it long ago? I planned from days of old what now I bring to pass, that you should turn fortified cities into heaps of ruins.”
 - ii. Micah 5:1 – the rule will come through the line of David who is from eternity
 - b. “We (Israel) shall not die” because they are the covenant people with promise of the Davidic line. And more.
6. The second half of the verse divides into three parts:
 - a. Yahweh and Rock
 - b. Purpose: for Justice and for Rebuke
 - c. Who caused it: God set him and established him (Babylon)
7. Habakkuk has made the case that his faith is based in and expresses his understanding in God’s last message which was the eternal God’s plan from the beginning to send the Babylonians to utterly destroy the chosen people in order to establish justice and rebuke wickedness.

1:13 – “You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?”

5027 [e]	4100 [e]	3201 [e]	3808 [e]	5999 [e]	413 [e]	5027 [e]	7451 [e]	7200 [e]	5869 [e]	2890 [e]
ṭab·bīṭ	lām·māh	tū·kāl;	lō	'ā·māl	'el-	wə·hab·bīṭ	rā',	mē·rə·'ō·wī	'ē·na·yim	ṭə·hō·wr
תְּבִיטַ	לָמָּה	תֹּכֵל	לֹא	עֲמַל	אֶל-	וְהִבֵּיט	רָע	מִרְאֹת	עֵינַיִם	טְהוֹר
do You look	why	cannot	not	wickedness	on	and look	evil	than to behold	eyes	[You are] of purer
V-Hifil-Imperf-2ms	Interrog	V-Qal-Imperf-2ms	Adv-NegPrt	N-ms	Prep	Conj-w V-Hifil-Inf	Adj-ms	Prep-m V-Qal-Inf	N-cd	Adj-msc

4480 [e]	6662 [e]	7563 [e]	1104 [e]	2790 [e]	898 [e]
mim·men·nū.	ṣad·dīq	rā·šā'	bə·ḅal·la'	ta·ḥā·rīš	bō·wḡ·dīm,
מִמְּנֵוּ:	צַדִּיק	רָשָׁע	בְּבֹלַע	תַּחֲרִישׁ	בּוֹגְדִים
than he	a [person] more righteous	the wicked	when devours	[And] hold Your tongue	on those who deal treacherously
Prep 3ms	Adj-ms	Adj-ms	Prep-b V-Piel-Inf	V-Hifil-Imperf-2ms	V-Qal-Prtcpl-mp

1:14 – “You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler.”

4910 [e]	3808 [e]	7431 [e]	3220 [e]	1709 [e]	120 [e]	6213 [e]
bōw.	mō·šēl	lō-	kə·re·meś	hay·yām;	kid·ḡé	'ā·ḡām
בּוֹ:	מוֹשֵׁל	לֹא	כְרֻמִּשׁ	הַיָּם	כִּדְגֵי	אֲדָם
over them	ruler	[that have] no	Like creeping things	of the sea	like fish	men
Prep 3ms	V-Qal-Prtcpl-ms	Adv-NegPrt	Prep-k N-ms	Art N-ms	Prep-k N-mpc	N-ms

						14
						וְתַעֲשֶׂה
						And [Why] do You make
						Conj-w V-Qal-ConseclImperf-2ms

1:15 – “He brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his net; he gathers them in his dragnet; so he rejoices and is glad.”

622 [e]	2764 [e]	1641 [e]	5927 [e]	2443 [e]	3605 [e]
wə·ya·'as·pē·hū	ḅə·ḥer·mōw,	yə·ḡō·rē·hū	hē·'ā·lāh,	bə·ḥak·kāh	kul·lōh
וַיֹּאסְפֵהוּ	בְּחַרְמוֹ	יִגְרְהוּ	הָעֵלָה	בְּחַקְהָ	כֻּלָּהּ
and gather them	in their net	they catch them	they take up	with a hook	All of them
Conj-w V-Qal-ConjImperf-3ms 3ms	Prep-b N-msc 3ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms 3ms	V-Hifil-Perf-3ms	Prep-b N-fs	N-msc 3ms

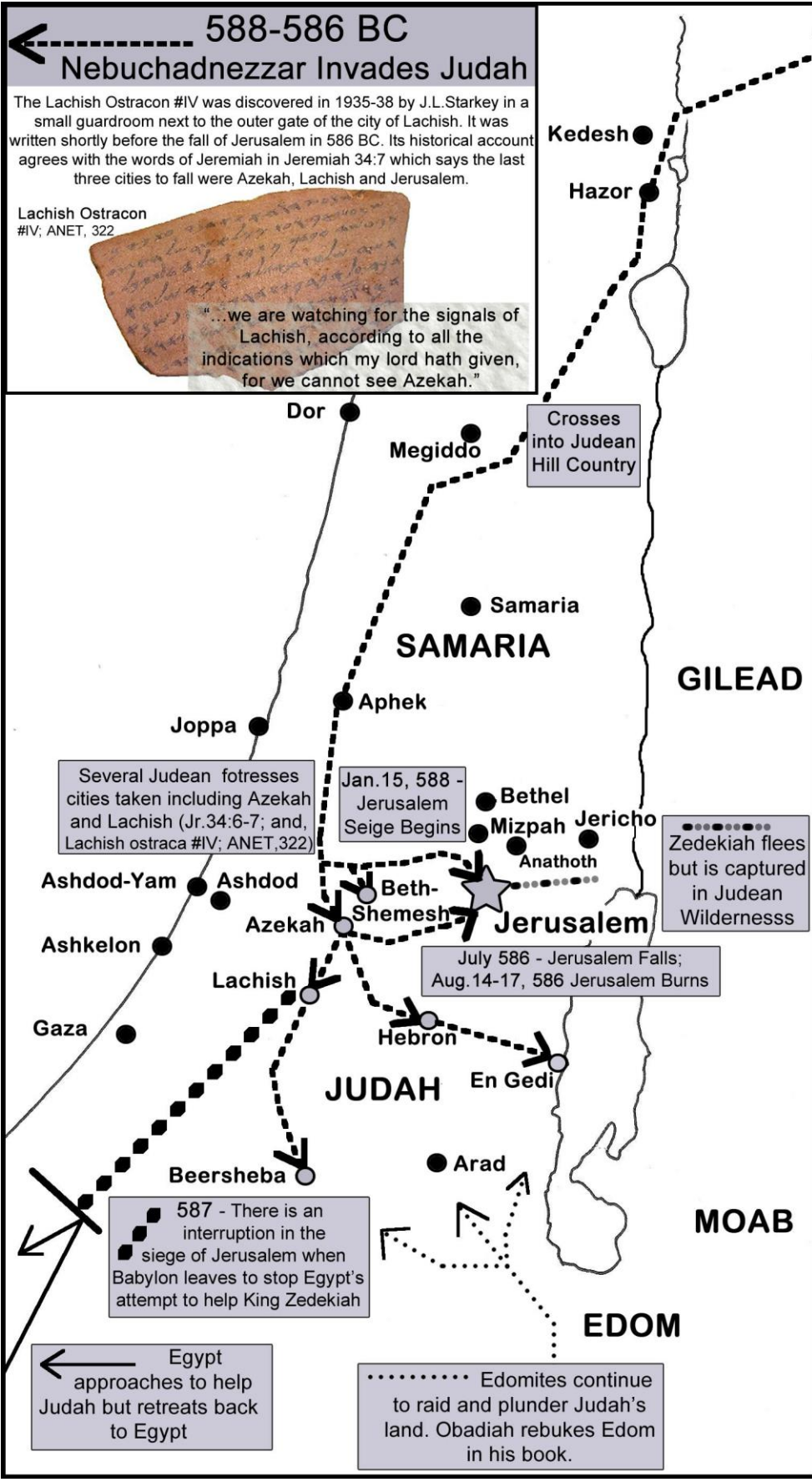
1523 [e]	8055 [e]	3651 [e]	5921 [e]	4365 [e]
wə·yā·ḡīl.	yīś·mah	kên	'al-	bə·mik·mar·tōw;
וַיִּגִּיל:	יִשְׂמַח	כֵּן	עַל-	בְּמִכְמַרְתּוֹ
and are glad	they rejoice	thus	upon	in their dragnet
Conj-w V-Qal-ConjImperf-3ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Adv	Prep	Prep-b N-fsc 3ms

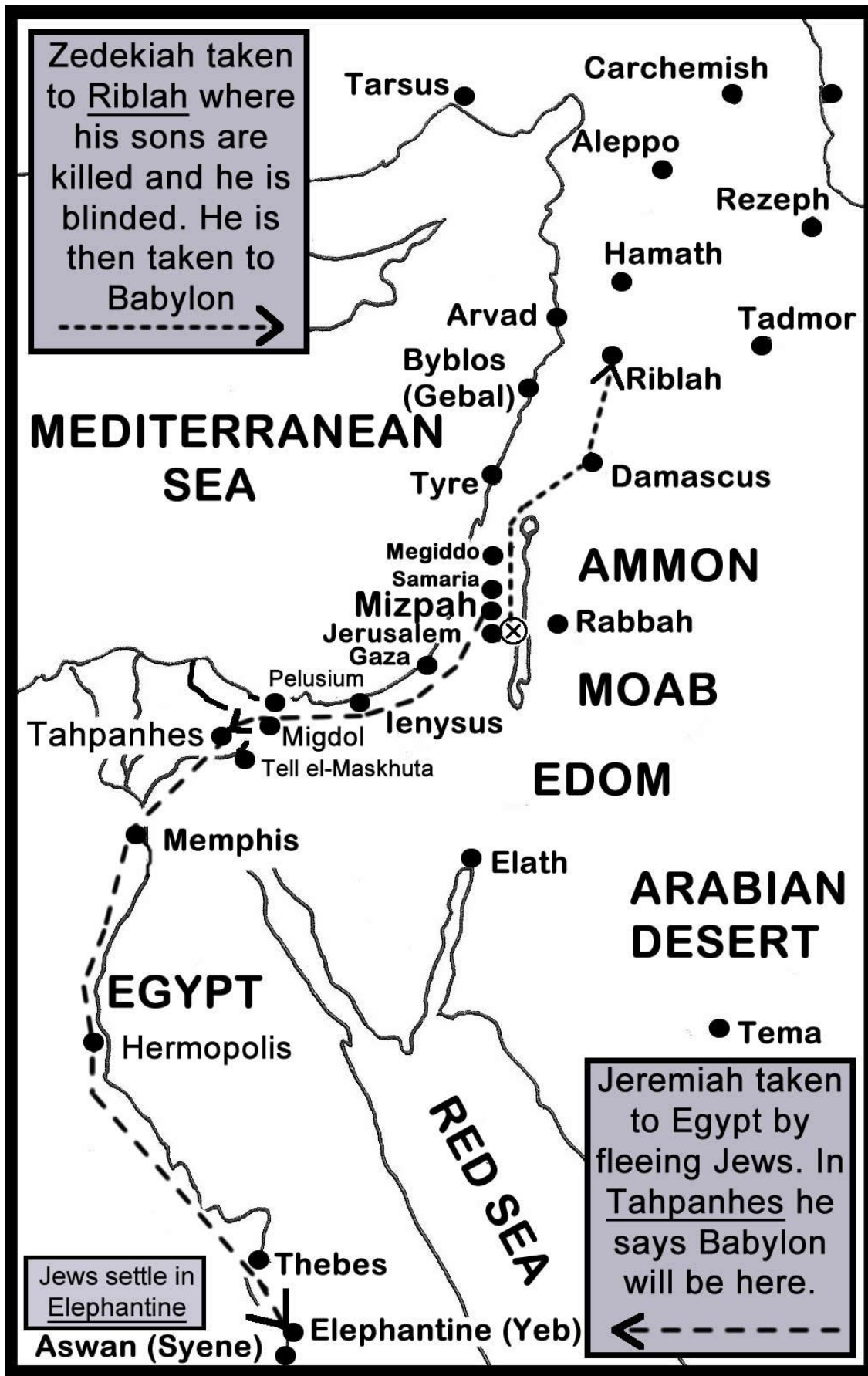
Treatment of Judah's Royalty by Nebuchadnezzar:

"The army of the Chaldeans pursued the king and overtook him in the plains of Jericho, and all his army was scattered from him. Then they captured the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and they passed sentence on him. They slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah and bound him in chains and took him to Babylon." – 2 Kings 25:5-7

Treatment of Judah's Priesthood by Nebuchadnezzar:

"The captain of the guard (*Nebuzaradan*) took Seraiah the chief priest and Zephaniah the second priest and the three keepers of the threshold; and from the city he took an officer who had been in command of the men of war, and five men of the king's council who were found in the city; and the secretary of the commander of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the city. And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them and brought them to the king of Babylon at Riblah. And the king of Babylon struck them down and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was taken into exile out of its land." – 2 Kings 25:18-21





1:16 – “Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich.”

3588 [e]	4365 [e]	6999 [e]	2764 [e]	2076 [e]	3651 [e]	5921 [e]	
kî	lə·mik·mar·tōw;	wî·qaṭ·ṭêr	lə·ḥer·mōw,	yə·zab·bê·aḥ	kên	‘al-	
כי	למַכְמַרְתּוֹ	וַיִּקְטֹר	לְחַרְמוֹ	יִזְבֹּחַ	כֵּן	עַל-	16
because	to their dragnet	and burn incense	to their net	they sacrifice	thus	Upon	
Conj	Prep-I N-fsc 3ms	Conj-w V-Piel-ConjImperf-3ms	Prep-I N-msc 3ms	V-Piel-Imperf-3ms	Adv	Prep	

1277 [e]	3978 [e]	2506 [e]	8082 [e]	1992 [e]
bə·ri·‘āh.	ū·ma·‘ā·kā·lōw	ḥel·qōw,	šā·mên	bā·hêm·māh
בְּרֵאָה:	וּמֵאֲכָלוֹ	חֶלְקוֹ	שָׂמֵן	בְּהֵמָה
fat	and their food	their share [is]	sumptuous	by them
Adj-fs	Conj-w N-msc 3ms	N-msc 3ms	Adj-ms	Prep-b Pro-3mp

1:17 – “Is he then to keep on emptying his net and mercilessly killing nations forever?”

	2550 [e]	3808 [e]	1471 [e]	2026 [e]	8548 [e]	2764 [e]	7324 [e]	3651 [e]	5921 [e]
s	yah·mō·wl.	lō	gō·w·yim	la·hă·rōḡ	wə·tā·mīd	ḥer·mōw;	yā·rîq	kên	ha·‘al
ס .	יְהוּמֹל:	לֹא ?	גוֹיִם	לְהַרְגַּ	וַתַּמִּיד	חַרְמוֹ	יִרִיק	כֵּן	תֵּעַל
-	pity	without	nations	to slay	and continue	their net	they empty	therefore	Shall
Punc	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	Adv-NegPrt	N-mp	Prep-I V-Qal-Inf	Conj-w Adv	N-msc 3ms	V-Hifil-Imperf-3ms	Adv	Prep