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Date--After 612 when Assyria fell. Before 605 when Baby took Judah captive.

I. PROBLEMS, 1:1-2:20

A. Problem #1, 1:2-4. Why do You allow Wicked Practices

1. The Cry, 1-2 in Judah?
Its continuousness, its content (internal troubles and violence in Judah),.
2. The Complaint, 3, God's apparent unconcern.
3. The Condition, 4.
Law paralyzed, wicked outnumber righteous, no justice.

B. Answer #1, 1:5-11.

1. Its Character, unbelievable, 5. Lxx quoted in Acts
2. Its Coming, 5. In Hab's lifetime /13:41
3. Its Content, 6. New force on world scene.
4. Its Characteristics, 8-11.
 - a. Swift, 6b.
 - b. Complete, 6b.
 - c. Invincible, 7
 - d. Ravenous, 8--evening wolves are those who hadn't killed all day and hungry. Eagle-vulture
 - e. Unopposed, 9-10. Eastwind melts one. Kings can't stop.
 - f. Blameworthy, 11. The used by God to punish Judah, Babylon will have to answer for sins.

C. Problem #2, 1:12-2:1. Why do You use Wicked People Against Judah?

Some say these vs written after captivity begun. But why? Hab told God and could see prophecy--he envisioned truth.

1. The Cry, 12. Impossible bec God is from everlasting.
2. The Complaint, 13-17.
 - a. Will God tolerate such sin of Babylon, 13?
 - b. Will God allow Judah to be caught as fish, 14-16?
 - c. Will God keep silent forever, 17.
3. The Contentment, 2:1. Hab doesn't rush to wrong concl. Waits on God. Watchtower=elevation or tower or fig spec

D. Answer #2, 2:2-20.

1. Its Communication, 2:2-4.
 - a. Means, 2-thru prophet on tablets so others could read
 - b. Extent, 2-many read and publish it.
 - c. Timing, 3. God's time.
 - d. Point, 4--trust God, Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38
2. Its Specifics, 2:5-19
 - a. Against aggression, 5-8. Motivation--wine, 5. Insatiability, 5-6. Retribution, 6-7. Effects, 8.
 - b. Against lust, 9-11.
 - c. Against prominence, pride, 12-14.

Purpose, 12. End, 13-14. Glory of Lord replaces glory of Babylon.

d. Against inhumanity, 15-17.

(1) Deeds, 15, 17. Made nations drunk to reel, then gloat over it. Not individual drunk.

Cut down forests of Leb and hunted beasts.

(2) Judgmt, 16-17. Shame, terrified.

e. Against idolatry, 18-19.

Description of idols. Made, 18, lie, 18, dumb, 18; beautiful, 19; helpless, 19; lifeless, 19 in cf to living God.

5. Its Source, 20.

Lord in temple. Reaction-reverent silence. Strong impv=hush.

II. PRAISE, 3:1-19

A. For Person of God, 1-3. Shigionoth=type of music.

1. His is awesome, 2.

2. He is merciful, 2

3. He is glorious, 3.

Teman=capital of Edom. Paran=wilderness near Sinai.

B. For Power of God, 4-7.

1. It is bright (the veiled), 4. Horns=rays of light.

2. It is consuming, 5-6. If can do this to nature, think what can do to man.

3. It is fearful, 7. Cushan=Ethopia or Midianites.

C. For Purpose of God, 8-16.

1. Stated, 8-9a. Visitation wasn't bec displeased with nature but to save acc to cov promise, 9a.

2. Accomplished, 9b-15. a. Terror of nature, 9b-11.

b. Threshing of man, 12. c. Sal of remnant=anointed, 13

d. Crushing of enemy, 13b-15.

3. Reacted to, 16. Astonishment and knowledge it would affect him.

D. For Faith in God, 17-19.

In spite of circum can trust God. Rejoice, 18, joy, 18, find strength, 19.

To chief singer=this used by choirs.