



ANCIENT OF DAYS

The God within time

- Habakkuk 1:12 CJB: existed forever
NAS: everlasting YLT: of old
- *Qedem* = east, antiquity, front
- Ancient of Days, of antiquity, of old interchangeable,
but all mean to live within the boundaries of time
- Psalm 93:2 *olam*= long duration, antiquity, futurity
- No ancient Hebrew word for eternal (without time)

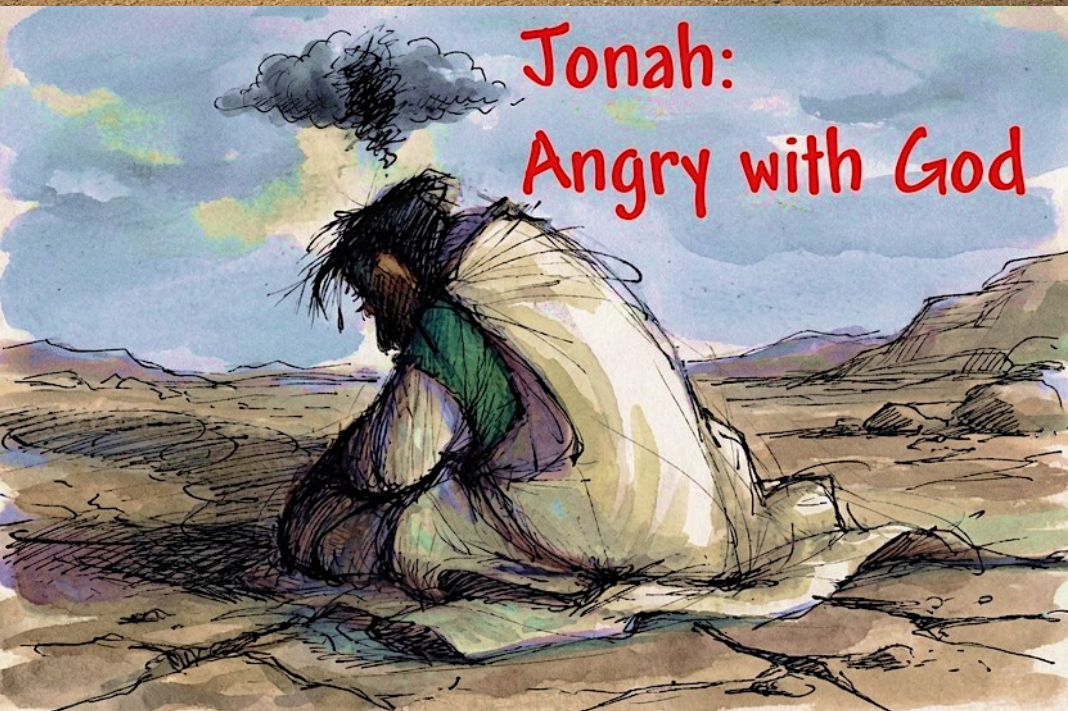
Born to Rule Earth



- ***Elohay*** is the singular form of ***elohim***
- ***Elohim*** is an office, a role, at times perhaps the name of a special group of heavenly beings
- Genesis 1:26
- Humans are the earthly equivalent of the Heavenly ***elohim***, and our job is the same



- ***Qadoshi*** = my Holy One
- “We will not die” as found in the MT
- Jews knew they would die, but hoped for resurrection
- Wrong: ***lo namuth*** (we will not die)
- Right: ***lo tamuth*** (you will not die)
- ***Mishpat*** is better translated as justice, not judgment
- What will happened to the whole world is “justice”



- Who is God's corrective action going to be against?
- So far, Habakkuk doesn't tell us
- It seemed absurd to Jonah that God would offer repentance to wicked Nineveh
- It is not for us to judge whether God ought to do a thing, or not
- Prophets were not perfect people

WHY DOESN'T GOD INTERVENE?



- Habakkuk 1:13
- ***Ra'ah*** = to perceive, consider it, decide
- Habakkuk is confounded by God's lack of action
- Habakkuk sees these treacherous people as the Chaldeans (Babylonians)
- Habakkuk acknowledges the sins of Judah, but also sees the sins of Babylon as relatively greater

- Are those people we consider good, good in God's eyes?
- Romans 3:22 – 23
- Ecclesiastes 7:20
- Habakkuk sees a differentiation between gentiles and Judeans, that he wonders if God does not!
- Habakkuk 1:14
- People ought to be translated as humankind
- Are humans being compared to fish and reptiles? A metaphor.

WHY
DO
BAD
THINGS
HAPPEN
TO
GOOD
PEOPLE



THE BLAME GAME



- “God, it is YOU that made humankind the way that it is!”
- Using “makes” and “rules” is meant to attach his words to Genesis 1
- Habakkuk 1:15 – 17
- These verses need to be together and not split up
- “All of them” means fish as metaphors for all mankind
- **Chakkah** = hooks
- **Cherem** = a capturing net
- **Mikmeret** = a fishing net

- Vs. 17: a question
- The metaphor is unveiled by “should they keep slaughtering nations...?”
- The nations were helpless against Babylon
- God knew all this was happening, but passively watched it
- Habakkuk says he will wait, he has faith that Yehoveh will act
- In the end, God is God!
- The righteous shall live by faith!

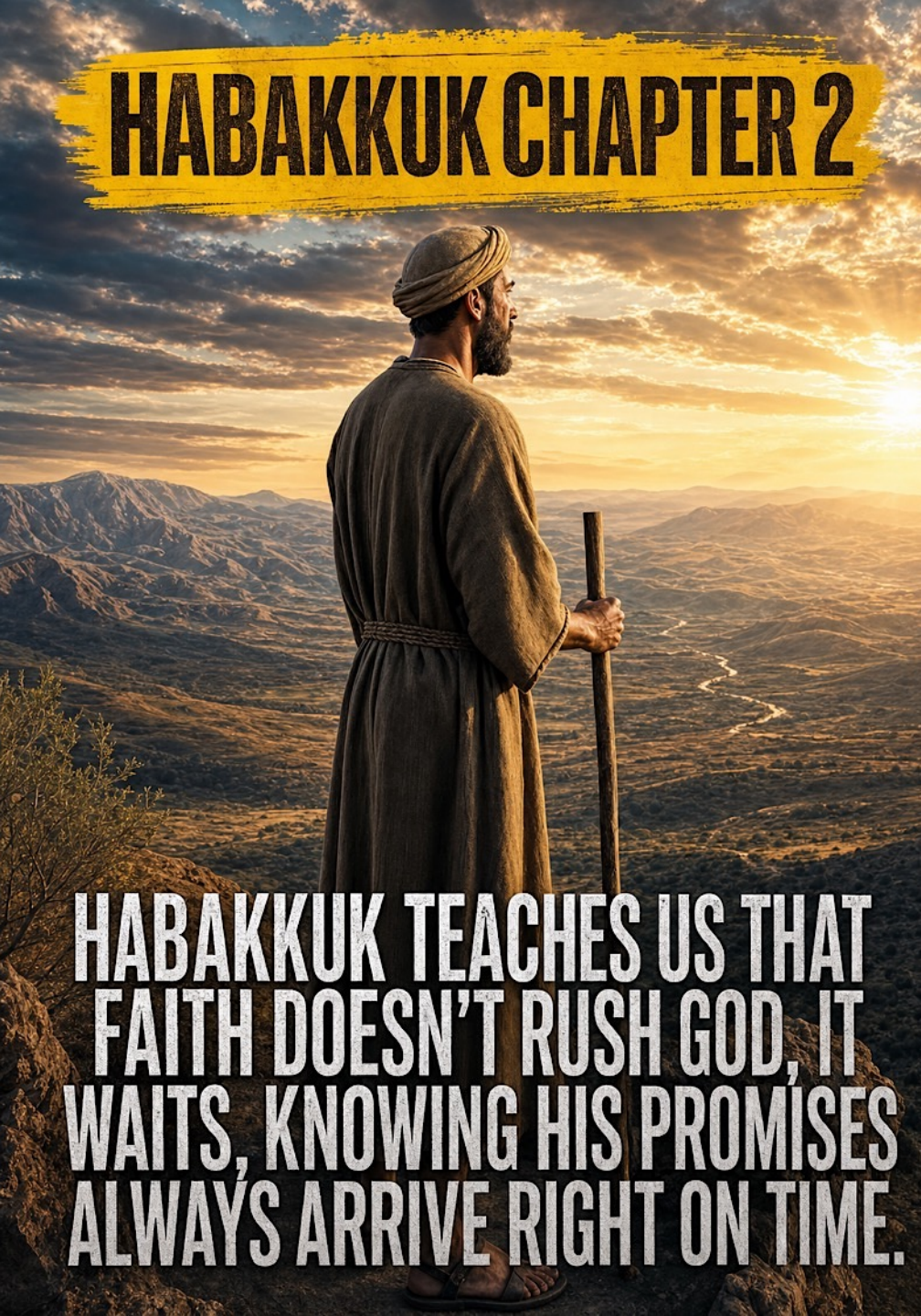
Habakkuk didn't understand.

WHY?!

Would Babylon destroy them and succeed forever?

Habakkuk 1:17

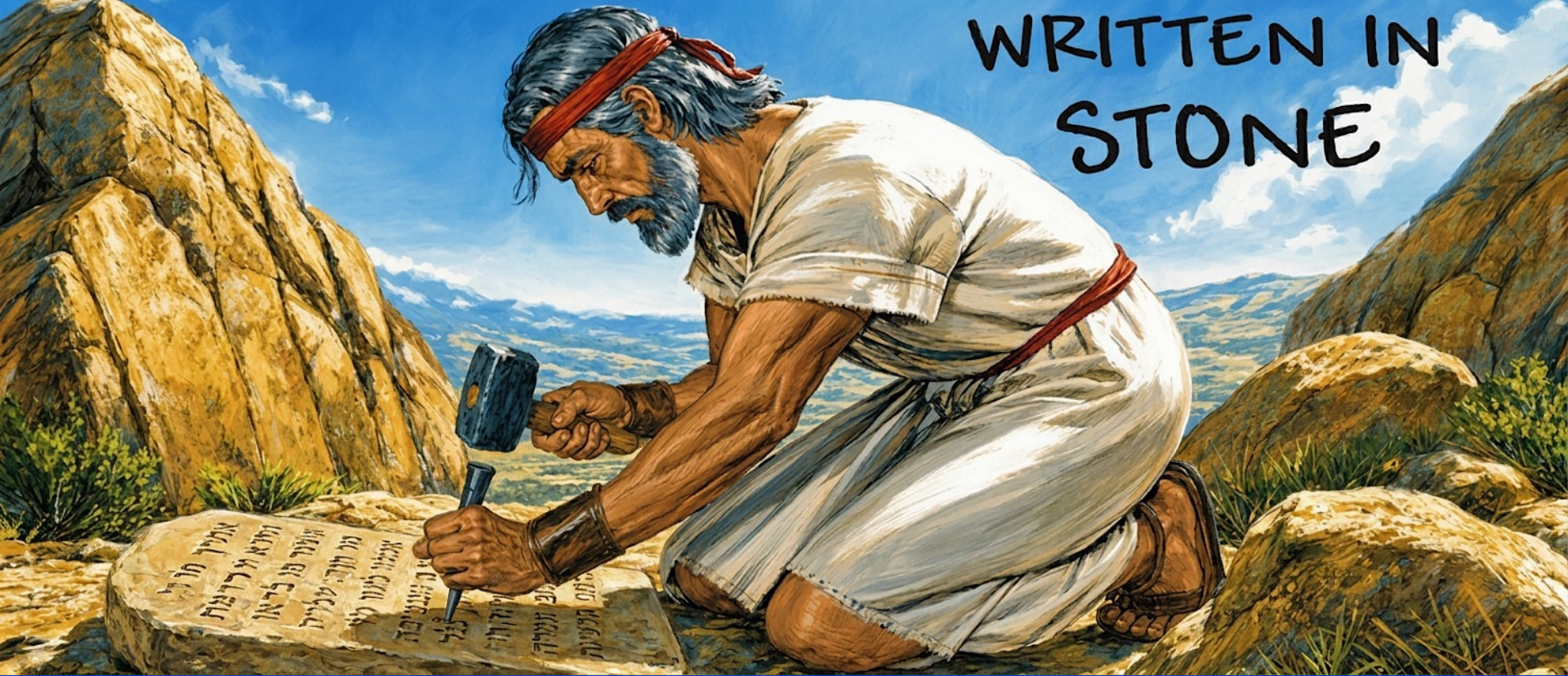
HABAKKUK CHAPTER 2



HABAKKUK TEACHES US THAT
FAITH DOESN'T RUSH GOD, IT
WAITS, KNOWING HIS PROMISES
ALWAYS ARRIVE RIGHT ON TIME.

- Yehoveh's 2nd response
- The opening words better balances and explains Habakkuk's mindset
- Watch-post or guard-post isn't there
- ***Mishmeret*** = being on watch... like a midnight watch...not a structure
- Because of his faith, he will "stand" = ***amad***
- He is committed to be on the lookout for God's answer
- ***Matsor*** = rampart

WRITTEN IN STONE



- NOT “what will God say through me”... rather “what will God say to me”
- Habakkuk 2:2 “...*write down clearly...on tablets...*”
- To remind people of Deuteronomy 27:8
- When Hebrews received Heaven-sent oracles, they thought to write large on stone slabs