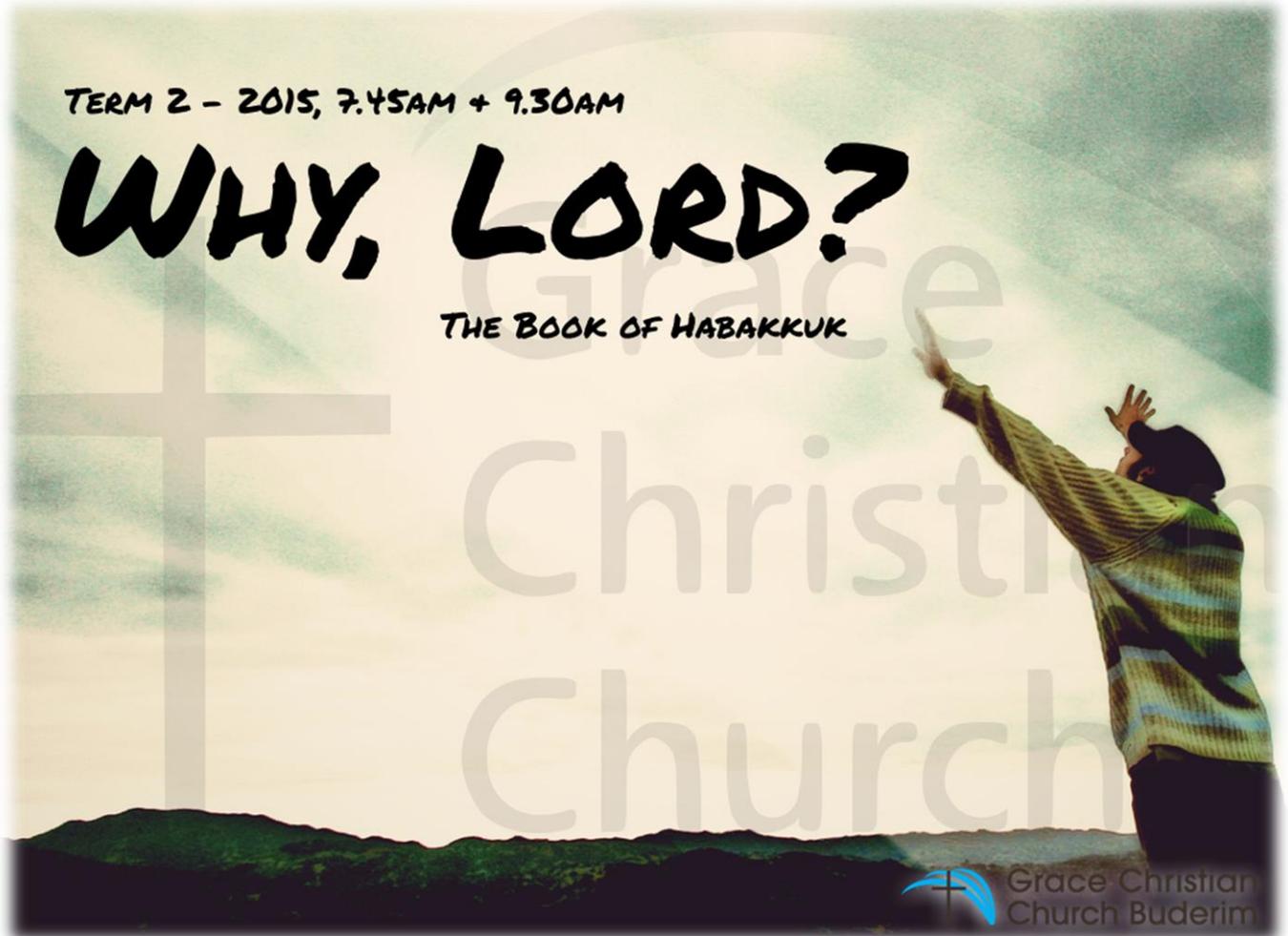


TERM 2 - 2015, 7.45AM + 9.30AM

WHY, LORD?

THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK



Habakkuk Bible Study Booklet

Studies 1-4

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During the week @ Grace Christian Church

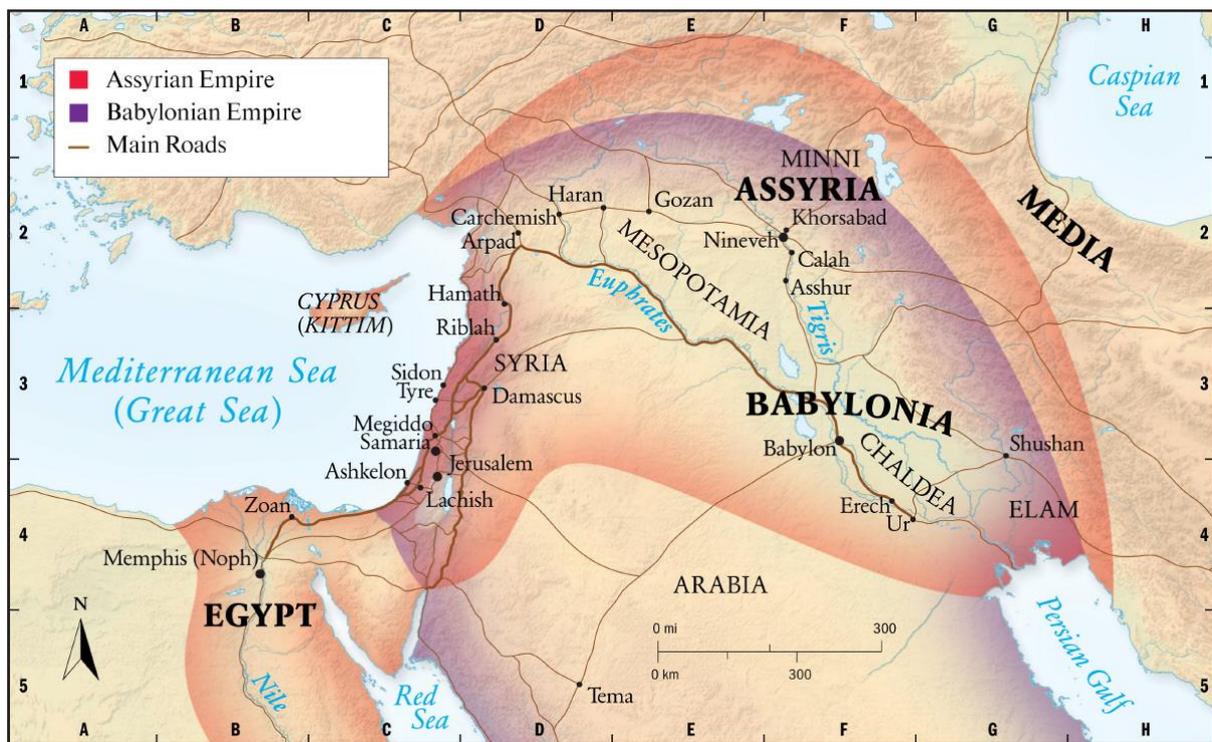
When		What	Who		Where
Day	Time	Ministry	Leader/ Contact	Phone No	Location
MON	6:30pm	Little Mountain Bible Study - fortnightly	Tim Richards	54382201	Phil Rapy
	7:00pm	Buderim Home Group	Colin Weston	5476 9648	Colin & Sybil Weston 9 Baimsdale St East, Buderim
TUE	10:30am	New Mum's Bible Study	Jean Bowen-Jones	0402 746 533	church
	7:00pm	Chancellor Park Bible Study	Callum Lewis	0421 230 119	Callum & Anna Lewis 603/25 Chancellor Village Blvd, Chancellor Park
WED	7:00pm	Bli Bli Home Group	John Baird	5448 4040	John & Audrey Baird 50 Gallery Drive, Bli Bli
	7:00pm	Caloundra Home Group	Roger Anderson	5491 9442	Roger & Anne Anderson 72/242 Parklands Blvd, Curimundi
THU	9:45am	Ladies Bible Study	Alison Sheldon	5477 1895	church
	7:00pm	Diddillabah Home Group—Held on the 1st & 3rd Thursday each month	Cameron & Jane Blue	5442 3103	Cameron & Jane Blue 22 Brookfield Crt, Diddillabah
	7:00pm	Hinterland Home Group (Palmwoods)	Mark & Glorienne Porter	5445 0940	Mark & Glorienne Porter 23 Rimmel Pl, Palmwoods
	7:30pm	Sippy Downs/Buderim Bible Study	Pr Clint Lombard	0478 578 152	church

Habakkuk Bible Study Booklet

Habakkuk is a little Old Testament book discreetly located between Nahum and Zephaniah. Along with 11 other Bible books it belongs to the group known as the Minor Prophets. This title doesn't mean that these books are less important or less inspired than the Major Prophets - Isaiah, Jeremiah etc... it simply refers to their size and their scope.

Habakkuk was a prophet who lived around 600 BC during some incredibly turbulent times for the nation of Israel. His book centres on God using the wicked Chaldeans as a tool by which to discipline Judah.

Although this might seem a long way removed from us today, this little book is packed full of wonderful truth about how we can have faith in our sovereign God, even when we don't completely understand what He is doing.



This Bible study booklet is designed to be used alongside the sermon series "Why Lord?" that will be preached throughout the second school term of 2015 at Grace Christian Church Buderim.

Sermon Notes

Week 1 - When Trials Come

Habakkuk 1:1-4

- 5) What words might you use to describe how Habakkuk was feeling in these four verses? Have you ever been able to relate to these sorts of feelings?
- 6) Do you think it is wrong for us to feel like this? If “yes” why? If “no” why? If “sometimes” where do you think the line is?
- 7) How do you think we should respond when we feel like Habakkuk felt? How do the following verses apply?
- Mark 9:24:
- Luke 18:1-5:
- Psalm 33:13-14:
- Psalm 135:6:
- 8) In light of Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 how do you think that we can help our Christian brothers and sisters who are currently feeling like Habakkuk.
- 9) Finish your Bible Study by particularly praying for any who might be struggling like Habakkuk and by committing their particular burdens to the Lord.

Prayer Points

Sermon Notes

Week 2 – Absolute Sovereignty

Habakkuk 1:5-11

Study 2 – Absolute Sovereignty

1) Discuss the word “sovereign”. What’s it mean generally? What’s it mean in relation to God?

2) What do each of the following verses teach us about the sovereignty of God?

Psalm 33:11 –

Isaiah 46:10 –

Acts 5:38-39 –

Psalm 139:16 –

Job 14:1-5 –

Ephesians 1:11 –

Acts 2:22-23 –

Proverbs 16:33 –

Please read Habakkuk 1:1-4

- 3) In a sentence or two, as a quick refresher, explain what is going on in the first four verses of Habakkuk?**

Please read Habakkuk 1:5-11 where God gives an answer to Habakkuk.

- 4) What phrases in these verses give us a glimpse God's sovereignty? What is amazing about the extent of His sovereignty revealed here? See also Proverbs 21:1, Amos 3:6 and Isaiah 45:1-7**

- 5) Why do you think some people object to the concept a sovereign God? What aspects of God's sovereignty do you struggle with?**

- 6) Consider the following verses and discuss how they help give us a balanced view of God's sovereignty. Can you think of any other relevant verses?**

James 1:13-15 –

Joshua 24:15 and Romans 10:9 –

7) What aspects of God's sovereignty do you find comforting?

Please read Romans 8:28-29

8) What does our sovereign God promise for his children? What does this mean?

9) Often it's not until we look back that we can see how God sovereignly brought "good" from a "bad" situation. Can you think of any times in your life when God has done this? If appropriate share with the group.

10) Spend some time praying together, particularly praising God for His sovereignty and asking for faith to trust Him even when we don't understand his plan.

Prayer Points

Sermon Notes

Week 3 – When Bad Gets Worse

Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

Study 3 - When Bad Gets Worse

- 1) Most of us are probably familiar with the expression “when it rains it pours”. What do we mean by this expression? Have you ever felt this way? Share with the group if appropriate.**

- 2) In Habakkuk 1:1-4 we saw that Habakkuk was pretty miserable about the state of affairs in Israel. In a sentence or two explain how God had responded to Habakkuk’s concerns in verses 5-11.**

Please read Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

- 3) How does Habakkuk feel about God’s plan? In what ways does Habakkuk feel that the rain is about to begin pouring? Pay particular attention to verses 13 and 16.**

- 4) What attributes of God does Habakkuk clearly mention in 1:12-14? What attributes of God does Habakkuk hint at?**

5) Discuss the following statement: “When we don’t understand what God is *doing* we must focus on what God is *like*”. If you have time, skim read Job 38 and 39 to see God reminding Job of this principle.

6) List as many attributes of God as possible.

7) Once your above list is complete, consider how each attribute might be a comfort to you when you don’t understand what God is doing?

8) In light of God's covenant promises to Israel Habakkuk is confident that the nation of Israel "will not die" (v12) List as many of God's promises as you can think of. If you have time find a Bible verse that speaks about each promise.

9) Once your above list is complete, consider how each promise might be a comfort to you when you don't understand what God is doing?

10) Spend some time in prayer thanking and praising God for His character and His promises and ask Him for strength to remember them in the difficult times.

Prayer Points

Sermon Notes

Week 4 – Living by Faith

Habakkuk 2:2-5

4) In light of these truths what are some people tempted to do? Why is this futile? See Isaiah 64:6 & Rom 3:10-12.

5) How would you define "faith"? How does Hebrews 11:1-4 define faith?

6) Discuss the difference between blind faith and well placed faith. Can you think of any examples of each?

- 7) Re-read Habakkuk 2:4. What exactly do we need to have faith in to gain eternal life and be regarded as righteous in God's eyes? See Acts 20:21, Romans 3:21-22**
- 8) Do you think that our salvation is dependent on the strength of our faith? Why or why not? Can you think of any relevant Bible verses?**
- 9) Moving on from our initial salvation, what do you think it means to "live by faith" in a day to day sense?**
- 10) Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and then spend some time in prayer thanking God that we are saved by grace through faith and not by works.**

Prayer Points

Extra Resources

