**BS 103/503 OT Survey** / Dr. Lane Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Kairos University, a Campus of AEU Due: **Sunday, May 29, 11:59 pm**

**Assignment #3** (60 points)

**The Book of Habakkuk**

• *Please* ***type*** *all answers.*

• *Most questions are worth 2 points. An answer that gives a year = a date is worth one point.*

• *You may use class notes, the Bible, Bible references books, or the internet, to find answers.*

• *When you give answers from the book of Habakkuk, please give the chapter and verse number.*

• *If we ask for a specific year, an answer within one or two years is fine = is correct.*

**The Background & Setting of the Book of Habakkuk:**

1. What period of OT history does the book of Habakkuk fall into: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 point)

2. This period begins with what event? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 point)

In what year? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 point)

3. This period ends with what event? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 point)

In what year? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 point)

4. What nation was the major power in the ancient near-east when this period began?

5 What was its capital city? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 point)

6. What nation was the major power in the ancient near-east when this period ended?

*Please Note: We might not have mentioned the following two items in class. You will need to look them up online, or in a study Bible, or in any other reference about the history of the nations surrounding OT Israel.*

7. In what year did Babylonia break free from Assyrian rule? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 point)

8. In what year was Nineveh destroyed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 point)

**The Text & Message of Habakkuk:**

*Read through the book of Habakkuk. Please think about it(!) as you read.*

9. Which nation will God bring against Judah?

Which verse(s) say this?

*Read ch. 1 again.*

10. Which verses contain Habakkuk’s first complaint and question to God?

11. Summarize Habakkuk’s first complaint / first question. **Put it into your own words.** (4 points)

12. Which verses contain Habakkuk’s second complaint = his response to God?

*Re-read Habakkuk’s response to God carefully.*

13. Which verse states the point of Habakkuk’s question = his challenge to God, most specifically?

14. Put that challenge into your own words. [*Do not just quote the verse*.] ( 4 points)

15. Which verses contain God’s reply back to Habakkuk?

16. Which verse states God’s brief instructions for Jews who desire to remain faithful to God?

*You just need to give the chapter & verse number.*

17. What are God’s instructions for Jews who desire to remain faithful to Him?

18. Which verses contain what God says about Babylon?

19. In the passage Habakkuk 2:5–20, which two verses help us to identify that God is indeed talking about Babylon? (2 points each = 4 points)

20. God charges Babylon with several sins in this section. List two of them, and give the verse #’s.

(6 points total)

21. List two verse numbers that tell us very directly what will happen to Babylon.

(2 points each = 4 points)

22. Summarize / describe what will eventually happen to Babylon.

(2 for each verse, 2 for each statement; 4 points max).

23. Carefully summarize Habakkuk’s prayer of response in chapter 3. (6 points).

[*For example: Does he accept what will happen, or does he plead with God to do*

*something different?* ]

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***For your own reflection:***

• It is true that Israel / Judah was *unfaithful* to God in a way that Babylon was not. But in general, would it be fair to say that Babylon was a worse nation than Judah? (Hint: Hab 1:13)

• **Q:** If God wishes to, can he judge a bad nation by using one that is even worse?

• **Q:** But will God let the worse nation go without ever being punished?

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