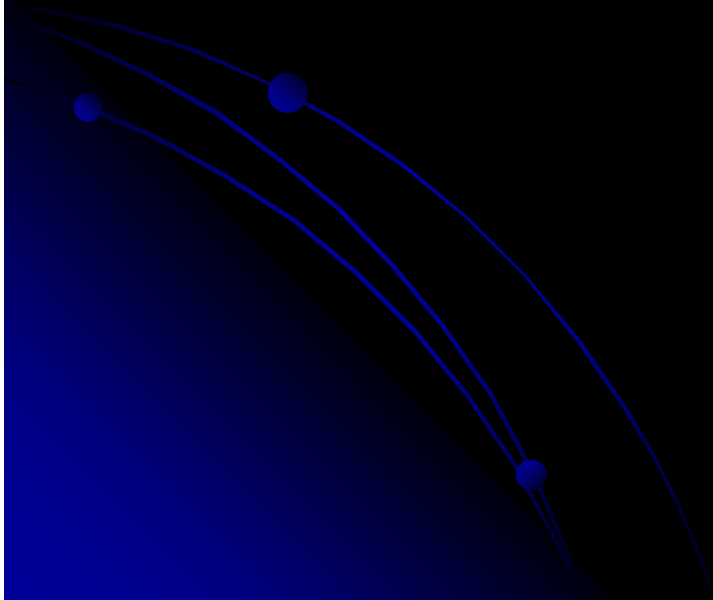


# Minor Prophets II



# Zephaniah

Judgment in the Day of the Lord

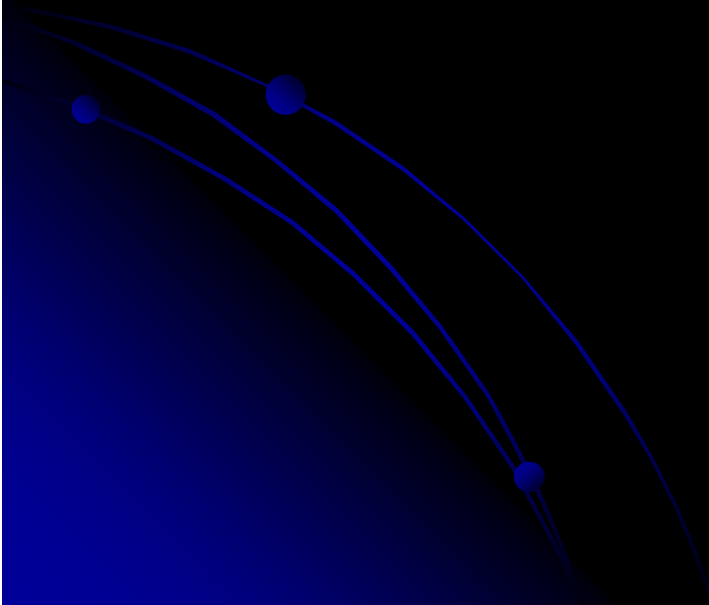


# Author

- Only prophet who traces genealogy
- Four generations
  - Son of Cushi
  - Son of Gedaliah
  - Son of Amariah
  - Son of Hizkiah (Hezekiah)
- Possibly of royal lineage

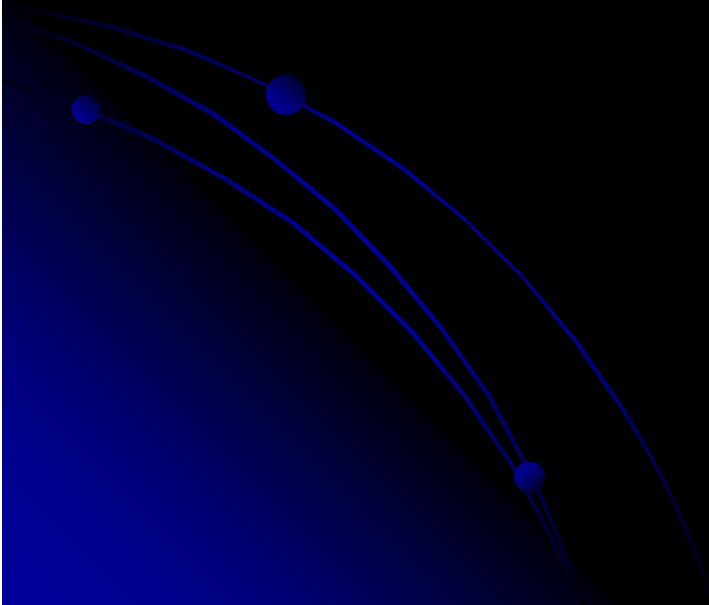
# Author

- Contemporary of Jeremiah
- His name means “Jehovah hides”
  - Speaks of God’s protection of the faithful



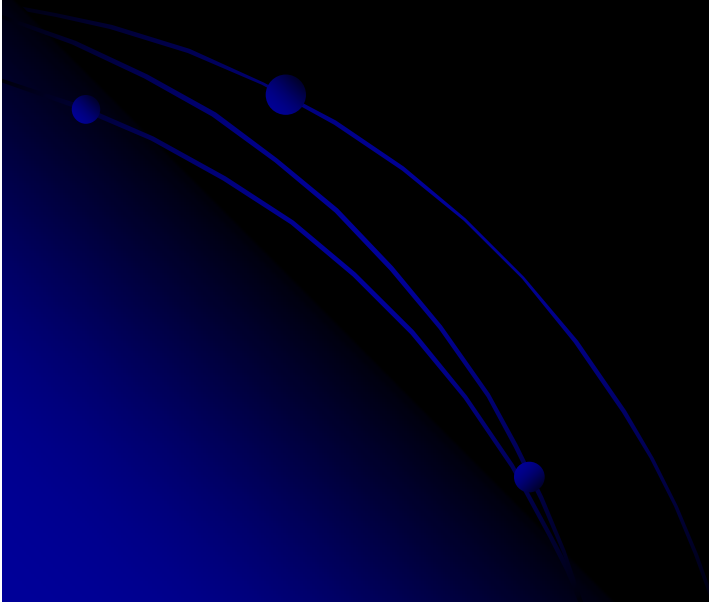
# Theme

- Major theme: Day of the Lord
  - God's judgment on the world
  - God's establishment of the righteous kingdom



# Day of the Lord

- Compared to a great flood
- Compared to great sacrifice
- Compared to a battle

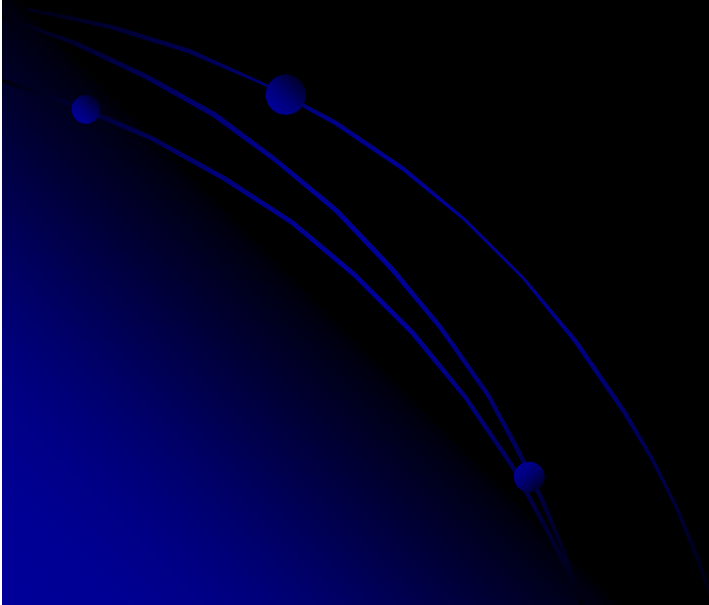


# God's Judgments

- Judgment on the Nations
  - Philistia
  - Moab and Ammon
  - Ethiopia
  - Assyria

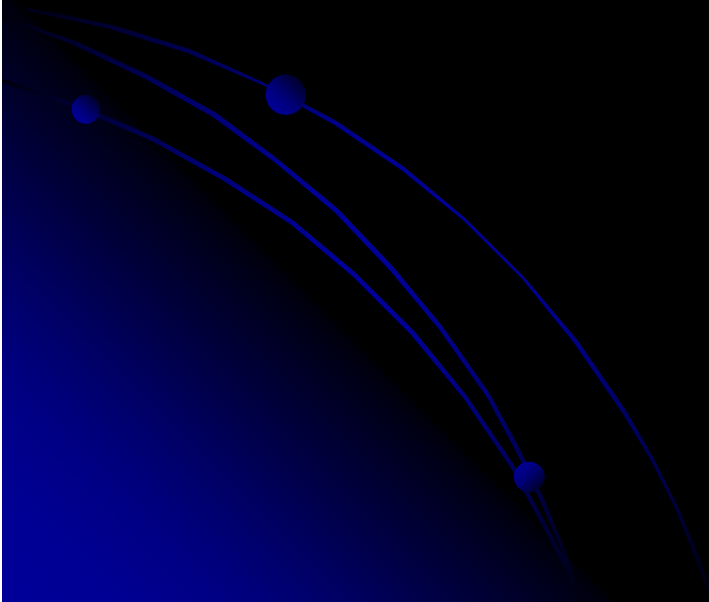
# God's Judgments

- Four nations
  - Represent four corners of the earth
  - All nations judged
  - Cause: Treatment of God's people



# God's Judgments


- On Judah
  - Idolatry
  - Alliances with foreign powers
  - Violence and injustice



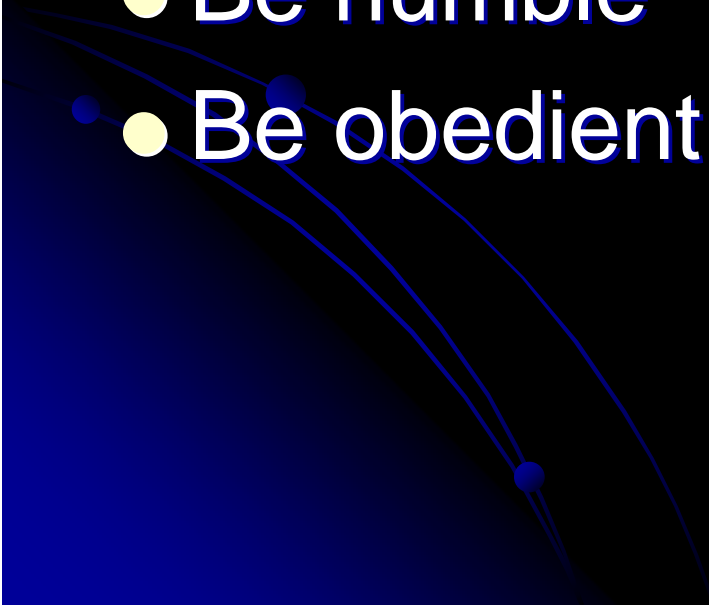
# Description of Day of the Lord

- People falsely trusted
  - Powerful warriors
  - Fortified cities
  - Silver and Gold
- Call for Repentance

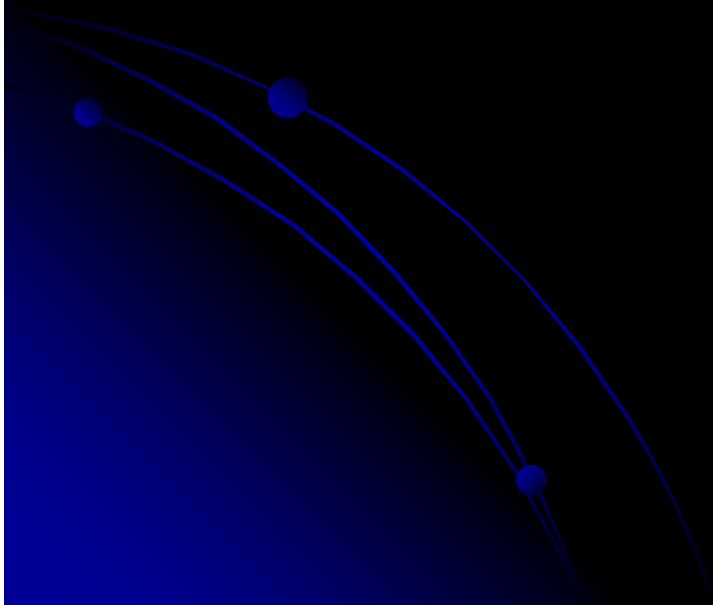
# The Day of the Lord

- A Time of Salvation
    - Climax of Zephaniah
    - Salvation proclaimed in the final verses
    - God rejoices when He saves but not when He judges
    - Restoration of Israel to Jerusalem
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# Application

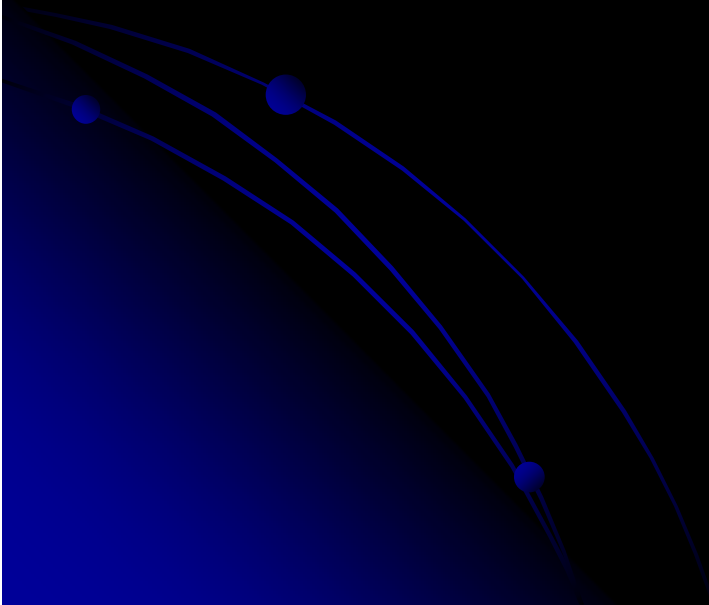
- Trust God to work out His plan
  - Wait on God
  - Seek the Lord
  - Be humble
  - Be obedient
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# Haggai



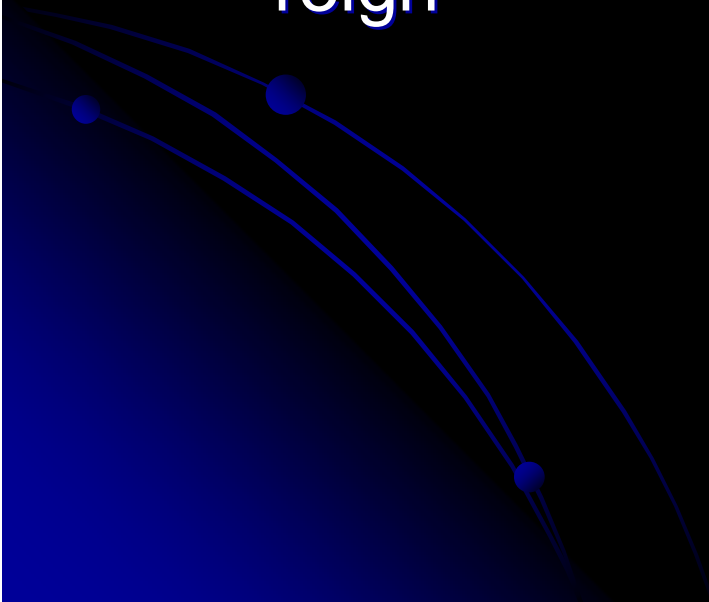
# The Author

- Haggai means festive or festival
  - Born on or near a festival day
  - Related to celebration of prophetic hope
  - Ministry began on festival day

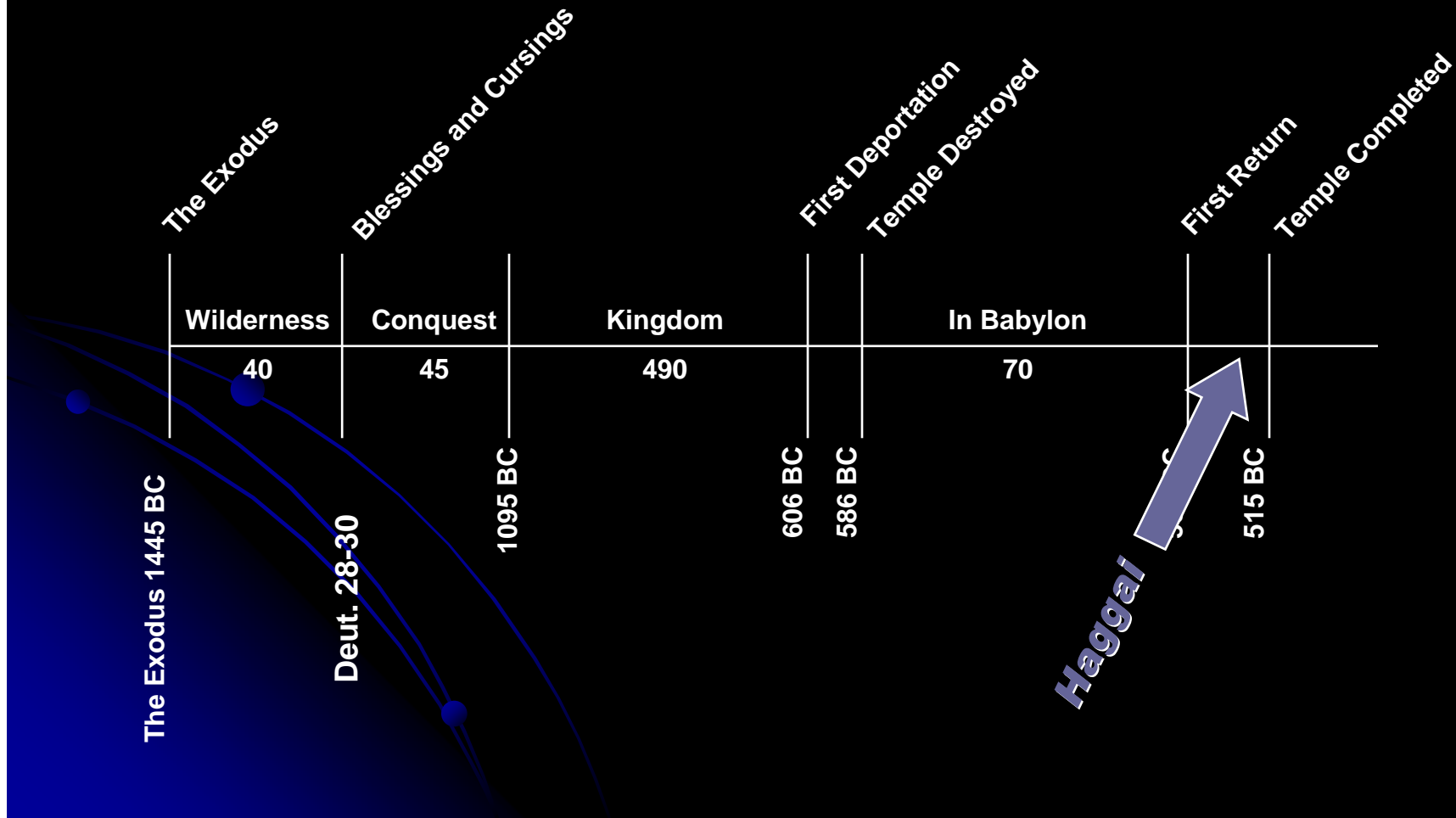


# The Date

- Haggai most precisely dated book
  - Each sermon dated to the exact day
  - Might have kept a journal
  - Messages preached in second year of Darius' reign



# Historical Background



# Haggai

First Sermon

1:1-15

Conviction

- Rebuke
- Reminder
- Response

Second Sermon

2:1-9

Courage

- God's Presence
- God's Peace

Third Sermon

2:10-19

Cleanliness

- Defilement
- Dependency

Fourth Sermon

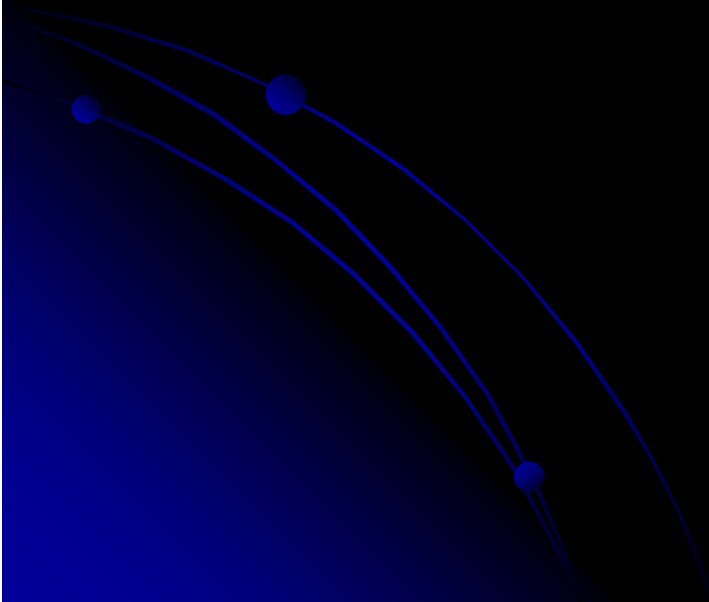
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Consumation

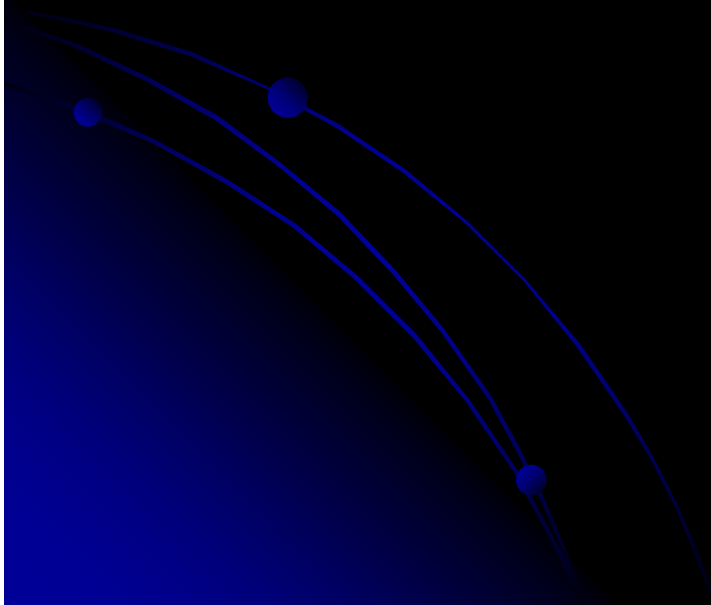
- Sovereign King
- Signet king

# Principles

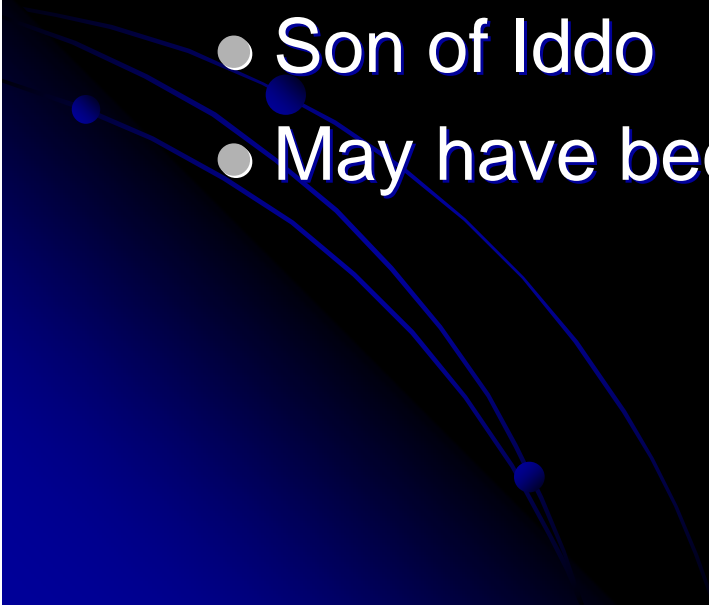
- Don't procrastinate doing God's work
- It is never too late to start obeying God
- God's presence produces courage
- God's perspective defeats discouragement



# Zechariah



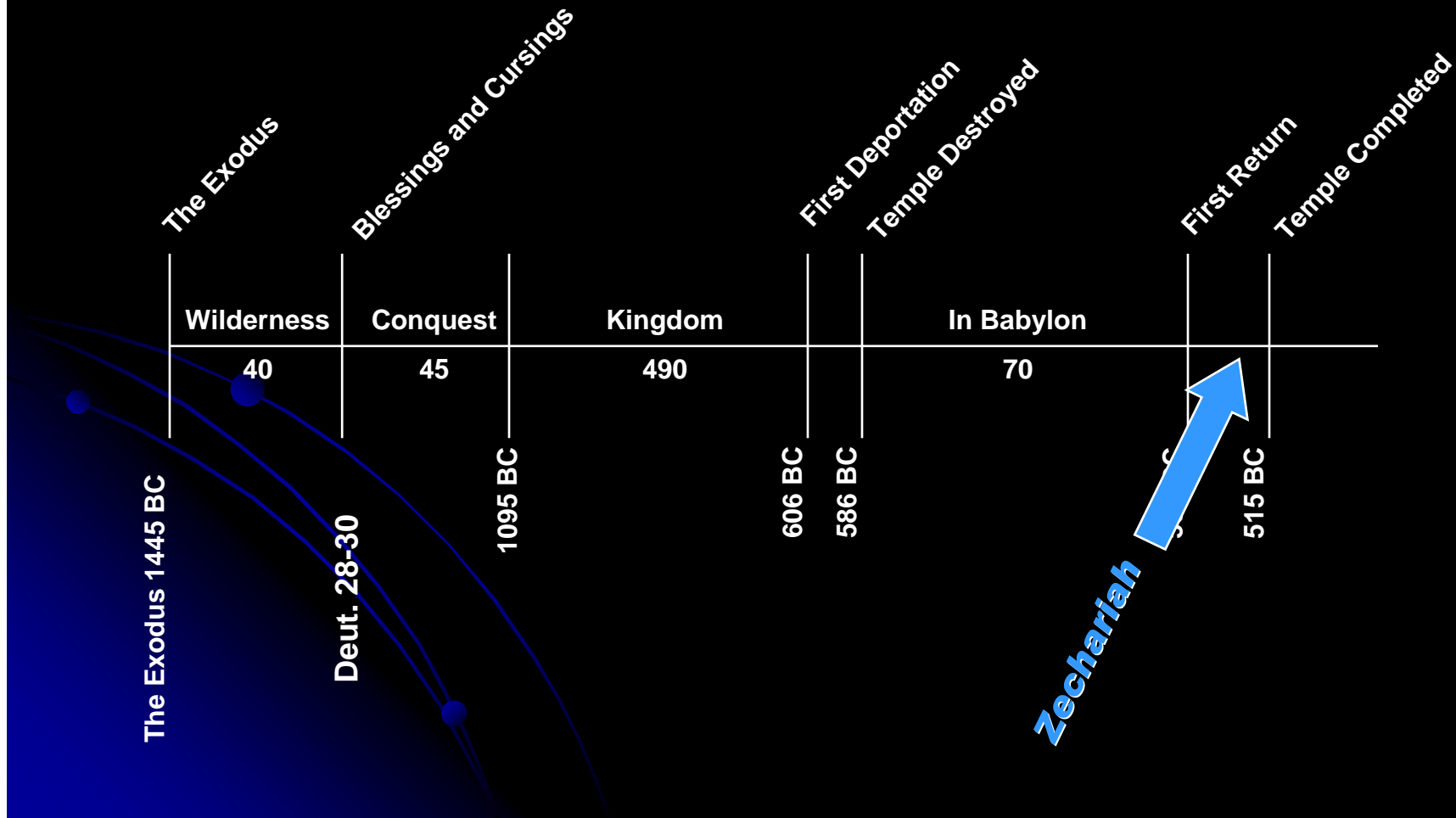
# Zechariah

- Name means “Jehovah remembers”
    - There is hope because Jehovah remembers
  - Family
    - Son of Berechiah
    - Son of Iddo
    - May have been of priestly line
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# Zechariah

- Ministry began between Haggai's second and third messages
- Purposes
  - Comfort the returned remnant
  - Encourage the returned remnant

# Historical Background



# Zechariah

## Eight Night Visions

- Horse Patrol
- Four Horns/Craftsman
- Man/Measuring Line
- Joshua Clothed
- Lamps & Olive Tree
- Flying Scroll
- Woman & Epah
- Chariot Patrol

Apocalyptic  
Chapters 1-6

## Four Messages

- Rebuke
- Reminder
- Restoration
- Return

Ethical Prophecy  
Chapters 7-8

## Two Oracles

- Burden against Nations
- Burden for Israel


Predictive Prophecy  
Chapters 9-14

# Habakkuk

From Worry to Worship



# Habakkuk

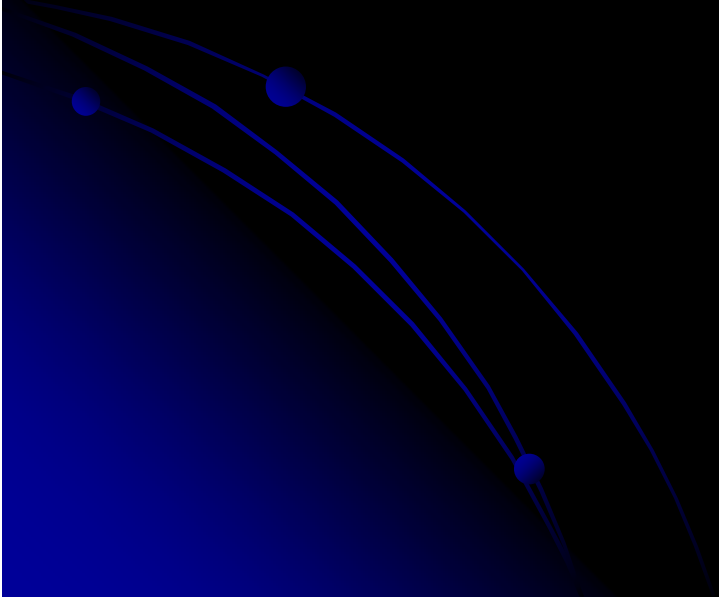
- Unique among minor prophets
    - Doesn't address own countrymen
    - Doesn't address foreign nation
    - Addresses God alone
    - Didn't deliver message – solved problem
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# Habakkuk

- Last minor prophet to Judah
- Contemporary of Jeremiah
- During Jehoiakim's reign
- His name means . . .
  - Embrace
  - Wrestle
- Wrestles with difficult issue

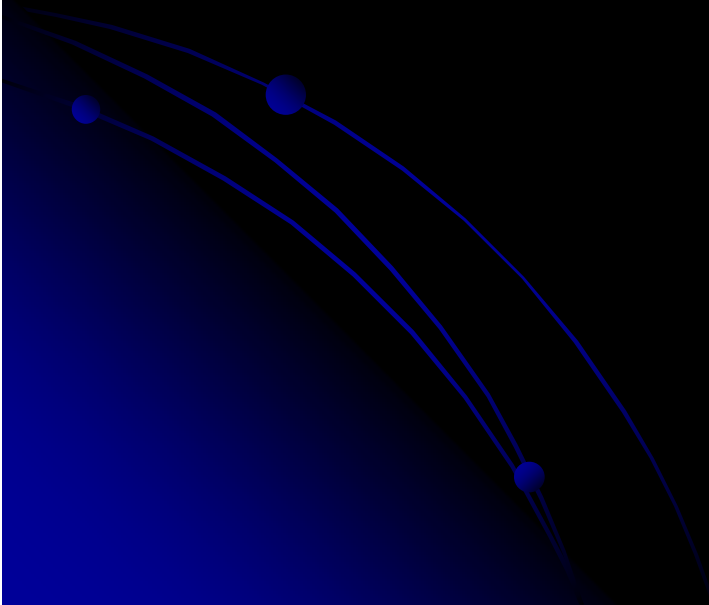
# Habakkuk

- If God is good . . .
  - Why is there evil in world?
  - Why does evil prosper?
  - What is God doing in the world?

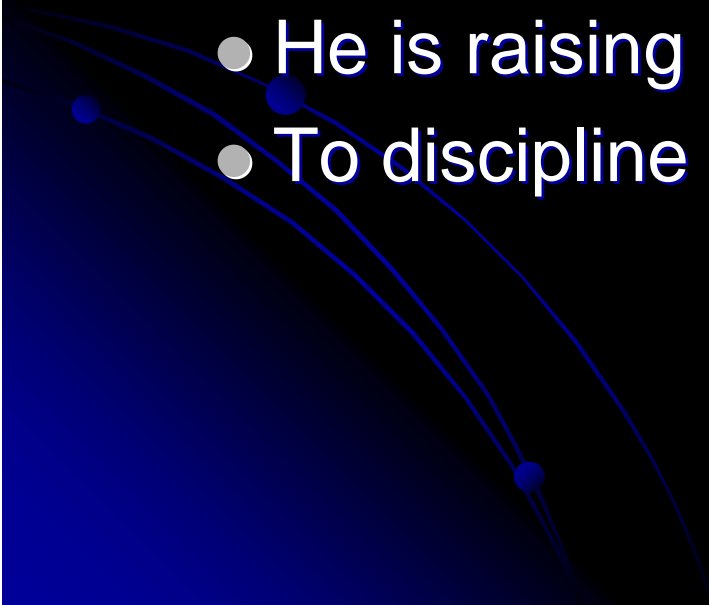


# Habakkuk

- Begins with worry/wonder
- Ends with worship
- “Doubting Thomas of the OT”

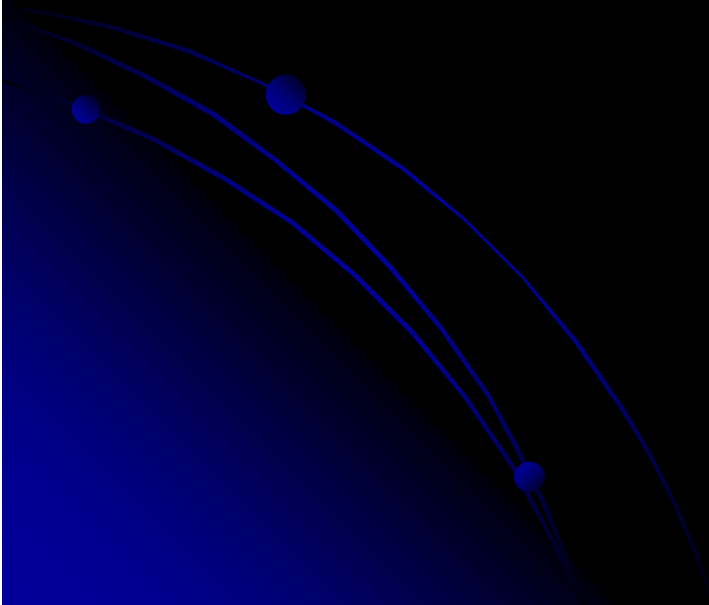


# Habakkuk's Question

- Why does evil go unpunished?
  - Why do the wicked prosper?
  - Why doesn't God do something?
  - God is doing something.
    - He is raising up Babylonians
    - To discipline Judah
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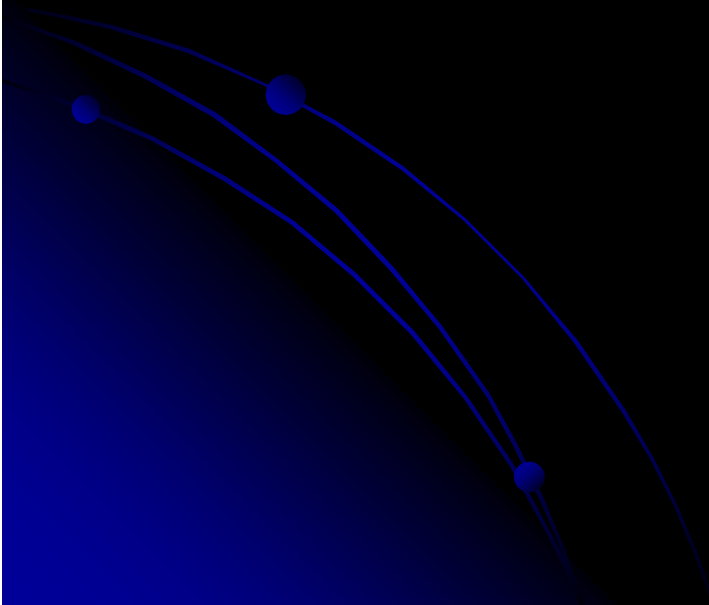
# Habakkuk's Rest

- He believes God
- He trusts God
- He doesn't fully understand God

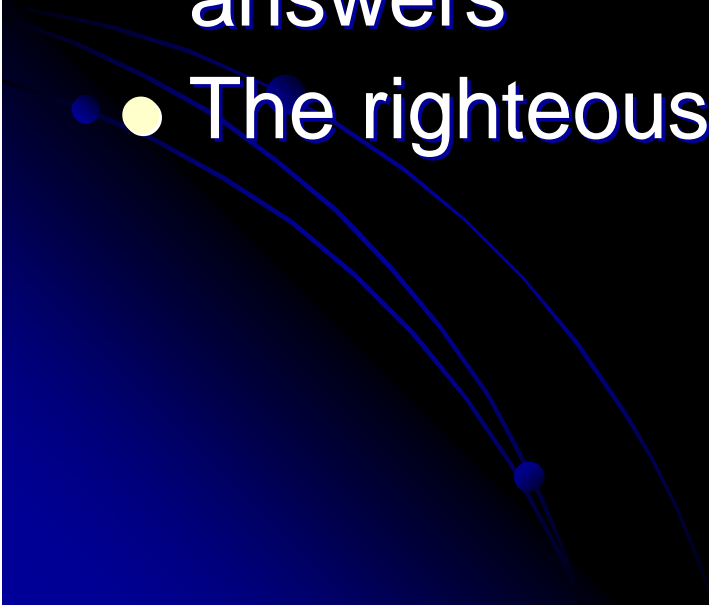


# Habakkuk's Rest

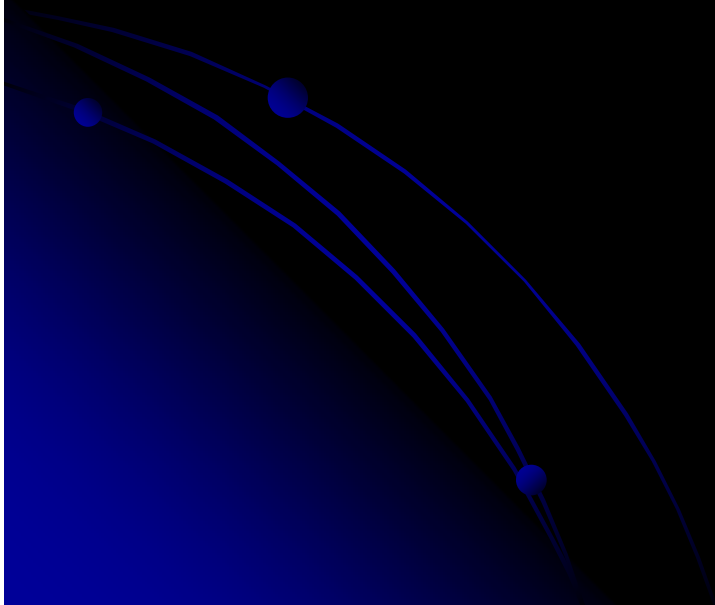
- God is immutable
- God made promises to Israel
- God will fulfill His promises
- God will not totally destroy Israel




# Principles

- God sometimes seems to be inactive, but He is involved
  - God hears and answers prayers
  - God sometimes gives unexpected answers
  - The righteous live by faith and faithfulness
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Malachi

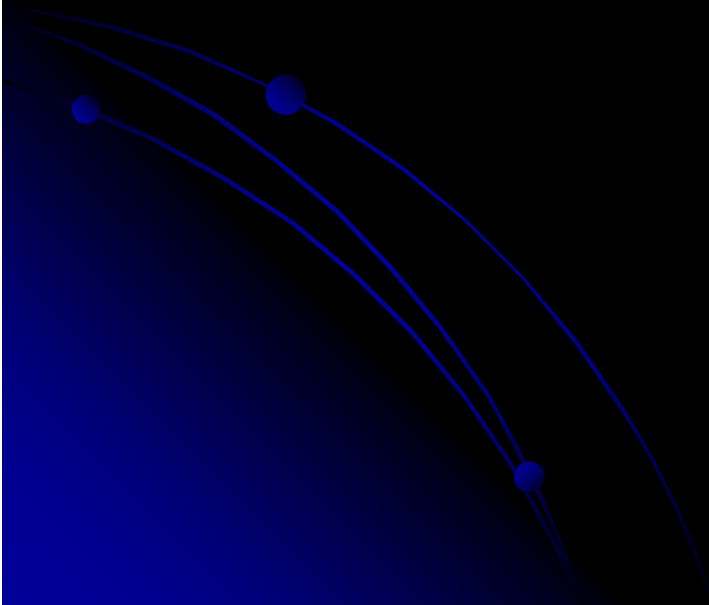


# How have you loved us?

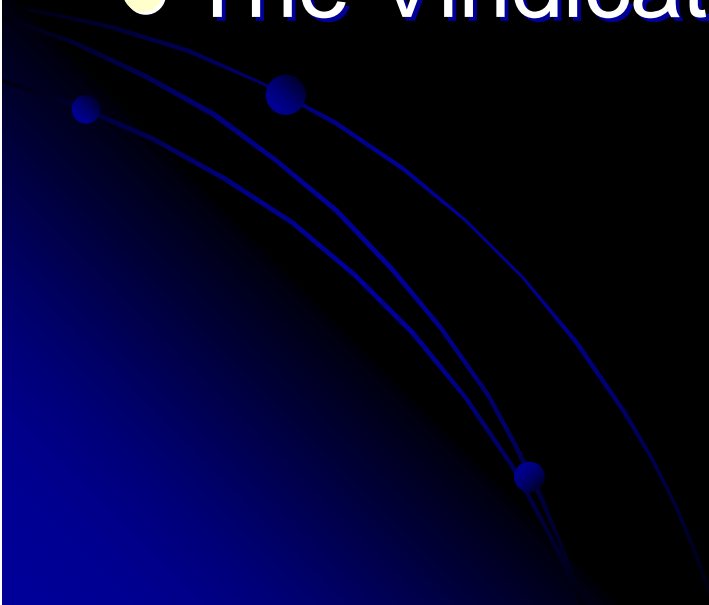
- God's Love for Jacob (1:2)
    - "Choice" not "emotion"
  - God's Hatred for Esau (1:3-5)
    - "Rejection"
  - Application
    - God's choice of us is not related to behavior
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# How have you loved us?

- God affirms love for Israel
- People's skepticism
- People's doubt that God loved them



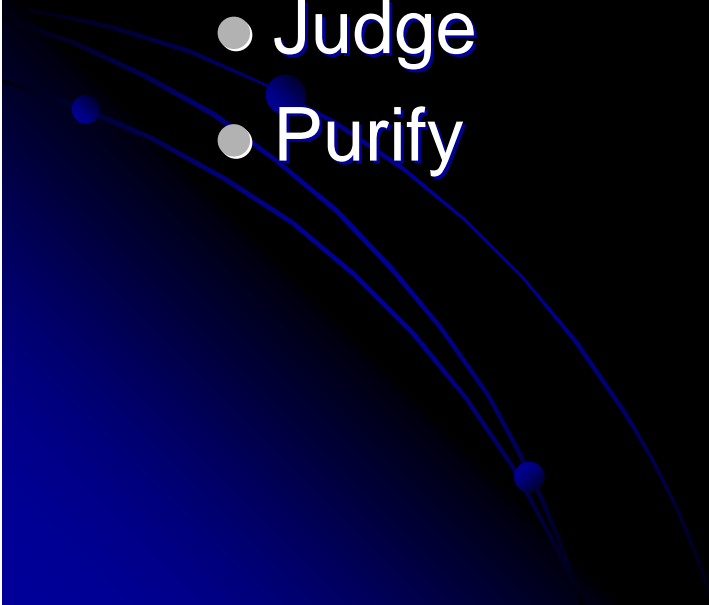
# How have we despised your name?

- The Violation of the Covenant
    - Neglect of priests
    - People brought second rate sacrifices
  - The Vindication of the Covenant
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# For what reason?

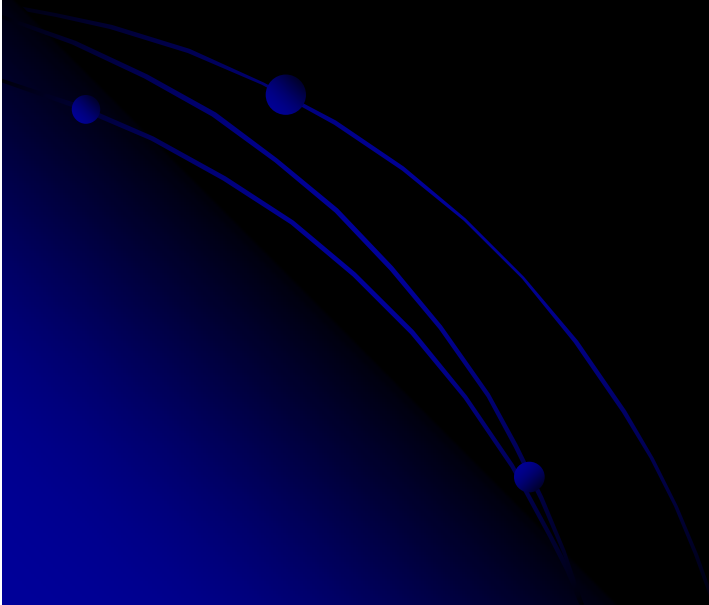
- Bad relationship with God carried over into the community
  - Practices
    - Divorce
    - Remarriage to foreigners
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# How have we wearied Him?

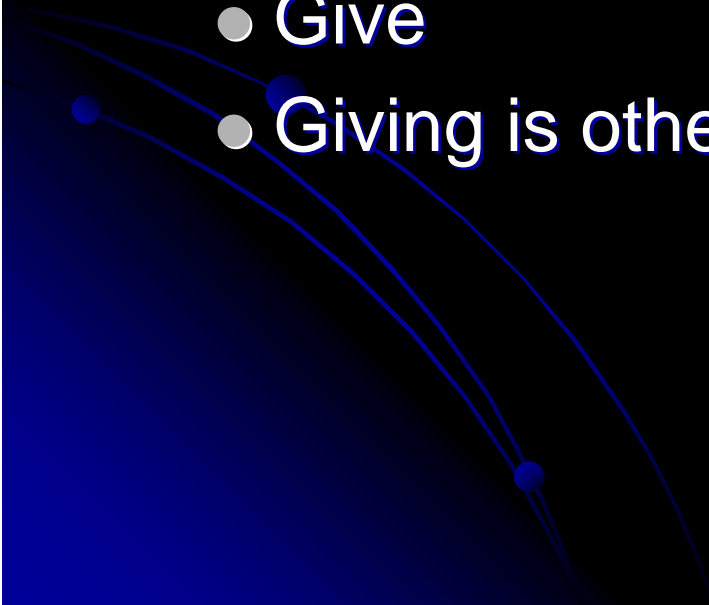
- They questioned God's Justice
  - Mistook God's patience for lack of divine justice
  - God's Messenger
    - Judge
    - Purify
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# How shall we return?

- They did not recognize their evil and need for repentance.

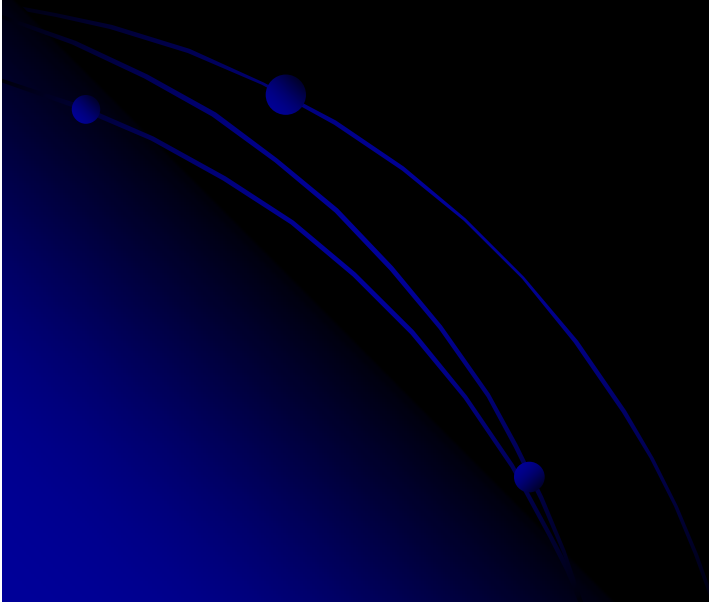


# How have we robbed Thee?

- The Robbery (3:8-9)
    - Not tithing or giving is stealing!
    - Giving was affected by their attitudes
  - The Remedy (3:10-12)
    - Give
    - Giving is other-centered
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# What have we spoken against Him?

- The Arrogance of the People (3:14-15)
  - Shortsightedness in neglecting a God honoring lifestyle
- The Assurance of God (3:16-18)



# The Day of the Lord

- Partial fulfillment every time God judges evil
  - Judgment will come on wicked
  - Salvation to the righteous.
- Primary fulfillment second coming of Christ
  - Obey the law
  - Wait for Elijah

# NT Parallel - Titus 2:11-13

- Appreciate the grace of God
- Live godly lives
- Look forward to the coming of the Lord.

