

“Be Careful What You Wish For!” Habakkuk Part 5

**I Text:**

Old Covenant: *Habakkuk 2:6-14*

New Covenant: *Acts 12*

**II Doctrine:** The living God expounds upon the coming judgment of Neo-Babylon. The Babylonian Empire at its height of power was burying itself with riches. The security measures taken by the aristocracy cannot protect them from the hand of God. God’s moral law is applicable to all nations. The land and homes themselves were a witness against Babylon. The God of Israel would make waste of Babylon and its false gods. God’s word and law would eventually reign supreme in the land.

**III Comparing Scripture With Scripture:**

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2) God’s moral law is applicable to all nations. The land and homes themselves were a witness against Babylon. (*Habakkuk 2:10-12; Acts 12:7-17*)

3) The God of Israel would make waste of Babylon and its false gods. God’s word and law would eventually reign supreme in the land. (*Habakkuk 2:13,14; Acts 12:18-23; Isaiah 24:21-23*)

## The kings of Babylon

Nebopolassar	626-605
Nebuchadnezzar	605-562
Evil-Merodach	562-560
Neriglissar	560-556
Labashi Marduk	556
Nabonidus	556-539
Belshazzar [Nabonidus’s co-regent]	553-539
The Fall of Babylon	539 B.C.



## Cyrus the Great (551 – 530)

550: Helped Nabonidus retake Haran

549-547: Lydian campaign and fall of Sardis of Lydia

546-540: Campaigns in the East

539: Attack on Babylon



Nabonidus escaped to the south and Belshazzar was killed (Dan. 5)

Cyrus gave Babylon to Gobryas (Darius) the Mede (Dan. 5:31)