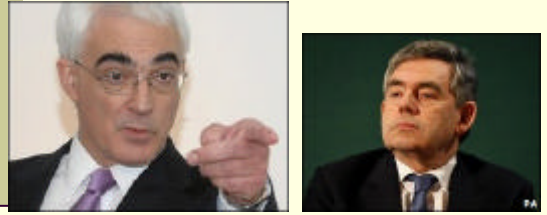


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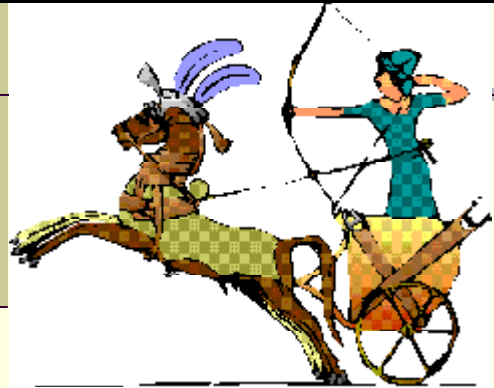
Facing the Future with God

Crash! Credit crunch! Recession!

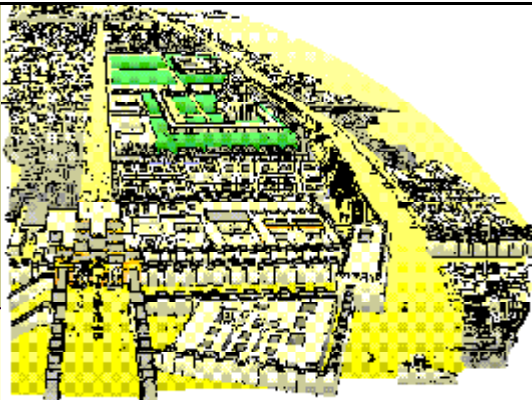


*"Don't blame me. It was his fault!"*

## Assyrian Soldiers



EGYPTIAN WAR CHARIOT



Babylon in the time of Nebuchadnezzar

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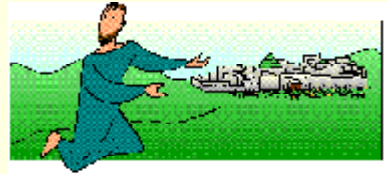
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(chapter 1: 5 – 11)

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(chapter 1: 11 - 2: 1)



"LORD... how can you stand those wickedness and sin?"  
[Habakkuk 1:13]

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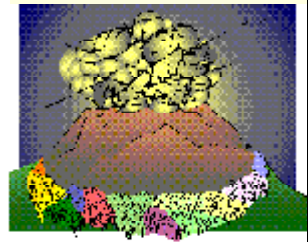
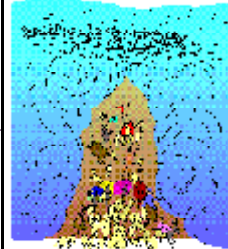
- "They too will be judged and disappear, but I remain Sovereign, and my purposes will be fulfilled."

(chapter 2: 2-20)

## Habakkuk's Prayer

- a celebration of God's rescue of Israel from Egypt

chapter 3: 2 - 15



## Habakkuk's Response in a time of upheaval

### 1. I'll look back in WONDER

- Rooted in God's word
- Reminded of testimony
- Based on what Christ has done

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  - Renewing our spiritual roots

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  - Keeping the perspective of eternity.

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  - God is still God
  - He still loves us.
  - He still has the power to save
  - Jesus is still risen!

## This means being.....

1. **HONEST** people
2. **PRAISING** people
3. **DARING** people
  - Taking initiatives
  - Taking risks
  - Reaching out to others



"I will wait  
patiently....  
I will rejoice in  
the Lord.....  
He enables me  
to go  
on the heights"

