"And thus is the pesher of the word" (1QpHab II:5). Reflections on the twofold interpretation of Hab 1:5 in 1QpHab II:1–4, 5–10

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1QpHab provides insight into one of the earliest receptions of the prophetic book. The pesher offers a continuous citation of passages from Hab 1–2, each of which are interpreted in discrete pesher sections. A peculiarity in this regard is Hab 1:5 that receives two discrete interpretations. The double pesher has long "become a *locus clasicus* for literary growth in the Pesharim […]."[1] This paper will attempt to show that 1QpHab II:1–10 not only attests to literary heterogeneity within 1QpHab. Rather, the correspondence between lemma and pesher as well as between different pesher sections may also offer us valuable insight into the early reception of the prophetic book that, in turn, could prove fruitful for diachronic assumptions regarding the genesis of the biblical text.

[1] HARTOG, P.B.: "The Final Priests of Jerusalem" and "The Mouth of the Priest": Eschatology and Literary History in Pesher Habakkuk, DSS 24 (2017), 59–80 (65).