

Habakkuk – 3 Chapters

Title:

Habakkuk- after its author.

Author:

Habakkuk the prophet. Very little is known about Habakkuk.

Occasion and Purpose:

Habakkuk was written just before the Babylonian captivity. The unrighteousness of Judah caused the prophet to call for justice. God uses the occasion to reveal the true nature of His justice and calls the prophet (and his readers) to live faithfully in light of God's justice in unjust times.

Themes:

1. Sovereignty
2. Trust God

Summary:

This book is a dialogue between the prophet Habakkuk and God. Habakkuk complains against the injustice of Israel and God tells him of the coming judgment from Babylon. Habakkuk then questioned whether this was right, to use an even more wicked nation to punish Israel. God answered that He will bring justice to all. The last chapter is a prayer to God in praise from Habakkuk.

Organization:

1 st Question	Why is there so much injustice? The wicked surround the righteous	1:1-4
1 st Answer	I will do something amazing I will raise up the Babylonians They are powerful	1:5-11
2 nd Question	What?!?! You are right to punish But why them? They are more unrighteous They are idolaters I will wait for Your answer	1:12-2:1
2 nd Answer	My plan will come to pass Babylon is unrighteous, but trust me God will punish Babylon They will know the glory of Yahweh God is sovereign over all	2:2-20
Prayer	God is awesome He is powerful over all creation God punishes the wicked I will trust Him, no matter what	3:1-19

Key Verses:

1:12-13; 2:1-4; 2:14, 20; 3:17-18