

Habakkuk 01

Introduction

1. Purpose of Studying Habakkuk

- a. Study a place unworn in many Bibles: the minor prophets
- b. Connect dots from Israel's prophetic history to their prophesied future
- c. Affirm the Biblical answer to the "problem of evil" as expressed in Judah
- d. Understand the context/background of verses quoted by Paul in Acts/Romans
- e. Receive instruction in righteousness to be furnished to work - 2 Tim 3:16-17

2. What to Expect

- a. Details - 3 ch, 56 v, 1475 words; Habakkuk, a minor prophet (not minor doctrine)
- b. Audience - Habakkuk and God about the righteous & wicked (Judah & Chaldeans)
- c. Dispensational Context - Prophecy after Israel's split and before Judah's exile
 - i. Isaiah, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Micah prophecy before Israel's exile to Assyria
 - ii. Jeremiah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah prophecy before Judah's exile to Chaldee
 - iii. Abraham was Chaldean - Israel returns as punishment - Neh 9:7, Gen 11:31
 - iv. Hab 1:6 - "I raise up the Chaldeans" (Babylonians) → 2 Kings 24:1, Jer 1:1, 25:1
 - v. "the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets" - Jer 25:4
 - vi. Hab 1:1 - "How long?" Some have said Manasseh, but likely Jehoiakim
 - vii. What God thinks of Jehoiakim is in Jer 22:11-19
- d. Purpose - Where to find hope for justice in the face of continuing evil
- e. Themes - Where is salvation? Surrounded by the wicked, a present evil world, God's righteousness/integrity, God's works/judgment, the faithful remnant
- f. Significant Passages
 - i. Hab 1:5 "Behold... the heathen...I will work a work in your days" - Acts 13:41
 - ii. Hab 2:3-4 "just shall live by his faith" - Rom 1:17, Gal 3:11, Heb 10:37-38
 - iii. Hab 2:14 "earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory" - Isa 11:9
 - iv. Hab 3:17 "fig tree... vines... olive... flock cut off" → Matt 21, Hebrews, Rom 11

3. Habakkuk - Outline

- a. Ch. 1 - Habakkuk's Burden
 - i. 1:1-2 - Habakkuk's cry to the Lord: How long will the wicked endure?
 - ii. 1:3-11 - God's response: I raise up the heathen against wicked Israel.
 - iii. 1:12-17 - Habakkuk's reaction: why do you let wicked devour the righteous
- b. Ch. 2 - Habakkuk's Vision
 - i. 2:1-4 - God's reproof: write this to make the reader run.
 - ii. 2:5-20 - Woe to all the wicked in an appointed time. (5x)
 - iii. 2:20 - The LORD is in his holy temple, all the earth will be silent before him.
- c. Ch. 3 - Habakkuk's Prayer
 - i. 3:1-2 - Habakkuk hears, fears, prays to revive his work & remember mercy
 - ii. 3:3-15 - The works of God in the days of old (and in the future)
 - iii. 3:16-19 - Rest in the day of trouble. Joy in God. Faith renewed.