

Habakkuk 1-2 Faith Triumphs

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What happens?

Habakkuk complains to God:

"Why do you not listen?

Why do you not save?

Why do you tolerate wrong?"

Hab. 1:2-4

What does this show about Habakkuk? Doubt, fear, but also trust in God to act.

The age old question of: Why does God seem to be inactive in the face of evil?

What does God say?

I am going to do something amazing, you would not believe.

I am using Babylon to as my tool to do justice.

Hab. 1:5-11

Why is it in God's purpose to use a nasty, brutish Kingdom to defeat his own people of Israel? God's purposes are higher than ours. God is not accountable to us.

What does Habakkuk say?

Your eyes are too pure to look upon evil.

You can not tolerate wrong.

Will you let Babylon destroy without mercy?

Hab. 1:12-2:1

What does God say?

Revelation awaits an appointed time.

The righteous will live by faith.

Woe to him who is arrogant, steals, has unjust gain, builds with crime and bloodshed, is inappropriate, drunk, and shameful.

Hab. 2:2-20

So...

Faith will be rewarded. Hab. 2:4 (quoted in Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38)

The answer to: Why does God allow evil and seem to be inactive?

He's not inactive, he's active and giving consequences to choices – 6 woes, ch. 2

You may have to wait for redemption – 2:3

You may not see big picture

– like a child treated by a doctor with parents' permission

So...

What do we do?

Wait, have faith, trust, follow God, repent when we need, learn from our mistakes.