

A painting of an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a brown robe, sitting at a desk and writing on a scroll with a quill. The scene is dimly lit, with a small cup of ink on the desk. The background is dark and textured.

Listening to the Prophets-Part 2

Chapter 10

Habakkuk

615-605

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Introduction

- We know very little about Habakkuk.
- Habakkuk's name means "embracer," due to his love for God.
- Habakkuk prophesied just before Nebuchadnezzar's first invasion of Judah in 605 B.C.



- Habakkuk posed two questions:
 - Why does God allow wicked practices to continue in Judah?
 - Why will God use wicked people to punish Judah?
- God answers the first question in 1:5-11 and the second in 2:2-20.



<http://nicolawritesgodchat.blogspot.com/2014/09/habakkuk-complaining-prophet.html>

Chapter 1:1-11-Habakkuk's First Question and Answer

- Habakkuk asks why God allows Judah's wickedness to continue (1:1-4). []
- God's answered Habakkuk in 1:5-11 (especially in verse 6). []
- God was preparing the Chaldeans to conquer Judah. God often uses judgment rather than deliverance to punish wickedness.



<https://www2.cbn.com/news/news/archaeologists-uncover-babylonian-destruction-jerusalem-just-how-bible-describes-it>

- In conquering Judah, the Chaldeans would dominate the Babylonian Empire.
- God had to prepare the enemy to complete His punishment.
- Even though God used the Chaldeans to destroy Jerusalem, God would still hold them accountable.



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Chapter 1:12-2:20-Habakkuk's Second Question and Answer

- Habakkuk's second question asked why God would use wicked people to punish Judah (1:12-17-especially verse 13). []
- God answered Habakkuk in 2:2-20. []
- God told Habakkuk His judgment would come and to wait for it (2:3).



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- Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; and Hebrews 10:38 reference Habakkuk 2:4. This passage shows the contrast between those who place their trust in things and those who place their trust in God. []
- 2:5-13 explain the futility of nations who continually strive for power and wealth. Nations who strive for power and wealth eventually collapse. []



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- God destroyed Babylon by allowing it to succeed.
- Habakkuk 2:14 describes the Millennial kingdom. []



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Chapter 3-Habakkuk's Praise to God

- Habakkuk heard God's answer to his questions and honored God and trusted His ways (3:2). []
- Habakkuk 3:4-7 compares God's power to our weaknesses. []
- Habakkuk nearly collapsed after seeing God's vision of Jerusalem's destruction. (3:16). []



- Habakkuk gives a powerful song of praise to God despite Judah's imminent doom (3:17-19).

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Summary

- No matter how dire our circumstances, we must hope and trust in God.
- God is more powerful than any misfortunes or troubles.
- Wait patiently for God to work in your life.
- Give God praise for what we do not see or understand.

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Habakkuk 1:1-4

1 The pronouncement which Habakkuk the prophet saw:

2 How long, Lord, have I called for help,

And You do not hear?

I cry out to You, "Violence!"

Yet You do not save.

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3 Why do You make me see disaster,
And make me look at destitution?

Yes, devastation and violence are before me;
Strife exists and contention arises.

4 Therefore the Law is ignored,
And justice is never upheld.

For the wicked surround the righteous;
Therefore justice comes out confused.

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Habakkuk 1:5-6

5 “Look among the nations! Watch!

Be horrified! Be frightened speechless!

For I am accomplishing a work in your days—

You would not believe it even if you were told!

6 “For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,

That grim and impetuous people

Who march throughout the earth,

To take possession of dwelling places that are not theirs.

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Habakkuk 1:12-13

12 Are You not from time everlasting,
Lord, my God, my Holy One?

We will not die.

You, Lord, have appointed them to deliver judgment;
And You, O Rock, have destined them to punish.

13 Your eyes are too pure to look at evil,
And You cannot look at harm favorably.

Why do You look favorably

At those who deal treacherously?

Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up
Those more righteous than they? []

Habakkuk 2:2-4

2 Then the Lord answered me and said,

“Write down the vision

And inscribe it clearly on tablets,

So that one who reads it may run.

3 “For the vision is yet for the appointed time;

It hurries toward the goal and it will not fail.

Though it delays, wait for it;

For it will certainly come, it will not delay long. 4“Behold, as

for the proud one, His soul is not right within him;

But the righteous will live by his faith. []

Habakkuk 2:4

4 “Behold, as for the impudent [not showing respect] one,

His soul is not right within him;

But the righteous one will live by his faith.

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Romans 1:17

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written: “But the righteous one will live by faith.”

Galatians 3:11

11 Now, that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “the righteous one will live by faith.”

Hebrews 10:38

38 But My righteous one will live by faith;

And if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him.

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Habakkuk 2:5-7

5 “Furthermore, wine betrays an arrogant man,
So that he does not achieve his objective.

He enlarges his appetite like Sheol,

And he is like death, never satisfied.

He also gathers to himself all the nations

And collects to himself all the peoples.

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6 “Will all of these not take up a song of ridicule against him,

Even a saying and insinuations against him

And say, ‘Woe to him who increases what is not his—

For how long—

And makes himself rich with debts!’

7 “Will your creditors not rise up suddenly,

And those who collect from you awaken?

Indeed, you will become plunder for them. []

Habakkuk 2:14

14 “For the earth will be filled

With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,

As the waters cover the sea. []

Habakkuk 3:2

2 Lord, I have heard the report about You, and I was afraid. Lord, revive Your work [keep doing what you are doing] in the midst of the years, In the midst of the years make it known. In anger remember mercy. []

Habakkuk 3:4-7

4 His radiance is like the sunlight;
He has rays flashing from His hand,
And the hiding of His might is there.

5 Before Him goes plague,
And plague comes forth after Him.

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Habakkuk 3:4-7

6 He stood and caused the earth to shudder;

He looked and caused the nations to jump.

Yes, the everlasting mountains were shattered,

The ancient hills collapsed.

His paths are everlasting.

7 I saw the tents of Cushan [Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia]
under distress,

The tent curtains of the land of Midian were trembling
[Possibly the Sinai Peninsula region where the Children of
Israel traveled]. []

Habakkuk 3:16

16 I heard, and my inner parts trembled;

At the sound, my lips quivered.

Decay enters my bones,

And in my place I tremble;

Because I must wait quietly for the day of distress,

For the people to arise who will attack us. []

Habakkuk 3:17-19

17 Even if the fig tree does not blossom,
And there is no fruit on the vines,
If the yield of the olive fails,
And the fields produce no food,
Even if the flock disappears from the fold,
And there are no cattle in the stalls,
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18 Yet I will triumph in the Lord,
I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.

19 The Lord God is my strength,
And He has made my feet like deer's feet,
And has me walk on my high places.

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