

The Book of Habakkuk

Introduction to Habakkuk

Key Verses:

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Habakkuk 3:2 O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath **remember** mercy.

The Author: Habakkuk (one who **embraces**)

To Whom written: the people of **Judah**

Main Purpose: Punishment is coming and I'm preparing your **punisher**

Date Written: between **612 and 589** BC

The theme of Habakkuk: **Faith**

Number of Chapters: **3**

Number of Verses: **56**

Relationship with the New Testament:

It is generally conceded that the three great doctrinal books of the New Testament are Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews, all of which quote from Habakkuk.

In fact, Habakkuk 2:4 is the background of their message: "The just shall live by his faith."

Habakkuk 2:4, "the just shall live by his faith," has been quoted **three times in the New Testament:**

Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**

Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, **The just shall live by faith.**

Hebrews 10:38 **Now the just shall live by faith:** but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

God's Great **Work**

Habakkuk 1:5 Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for **I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you.**

New Testament:

Acts 13:41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for **I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.**

The 5 Woes of Habakkuk

1. Curse to the **thief** - Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! (Habakkuk 3:6)
2. Curse to the **covetous** - Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, (Habakkuk 3:9)
3. Curse to the one who **cheats** politically - Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity! (Habakkuk 3:12)
4. Curse to the one who provides the opportunity for someone else to get **drunk** - Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! (Habakkuk 3:15)
5. Curse to the one who worships an **idol** - Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. (Habakkuk 3:19)

Outline

- I. The First Discourse (Habakkuk 1:1-11)
 - A. Prophet: The Prophet's First question **WHY?** (Habakkuk 1:1-4)
 - B. God: I'm Gonna use the **Chaldeans** (Habakkuk 1:5-11)
- II. The Second Discourse (Habakkuk 1:12-2:20)
 - A. Prophet: How can you use the **wicked** to get them? (Habakkuk 1:12-2:1)
 - B. God: Write down what **I say** (Habakkuk 2:2-4)
- III. A Prayer of the Prophet (Habakkuk 3:1-19)
 - A. **God's** got this (Habakkuk 3:1-7)
 - B. God's in charge of **nature** (Habakkuk 3:8-15)
 - C. God scared me He's too **powerful** (Habakkuk 3:16-17)
 - D. God's the **greatest** (Habakkuk 3:18-19)

Interesting relationship:

Faith makes one **Just!** The Just have **faith!**