



Good!

DO YOU KNOW

WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

A Study of Habakkuk



Habakkuk

wrestling with God

HABAKKUK = TOUGH QUESTIONS



→ Trust God & Rejoice in Hope

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Q1. Why does God allow his people to do evil?

1:2-4 – How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you “violence!” but you do not listen? ... Why do you tolerate wrong? ...

Justice is perverted...

A1. 1:5-11 – I am Sovereign, I will raise up Babylon to bring judgement and retribution upon Israel...



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Q2. 1:12-2:1 Why does God, righteous & just & pure, allow an unrighteous nation to punish his people? Why is God silent when the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they are?

A2(a) 2:2-5 The revelation awaits an appointed time, all will be resolved at the end...

Wait patiently for God to bring about the ultimate solution in his own time. The righteous will live by faith...

A2(b) The Righteous will live by Faith.
[Greek: “Faith” = “Faithfulness”]



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A2(c) Also God speaks of five **WOES** & their Consequences:

W1+2+3. Woe to him who becomes wealthy & builds his empire by extortion, dishonesty, destroying others, plotting their ruin, and bloodshed and crime... → He will be plundered, his life will be forfeited, he has exhausted himself for nothing.

W4. Woe to him who gets his neighbour drunk so he may gaze on their nakedness... → He will be exposed and shamed, he will be disgraced and terrified.

W5. Woe to him who trusts the idols he has made, and turns to idols for guidance... → God waits to be found!

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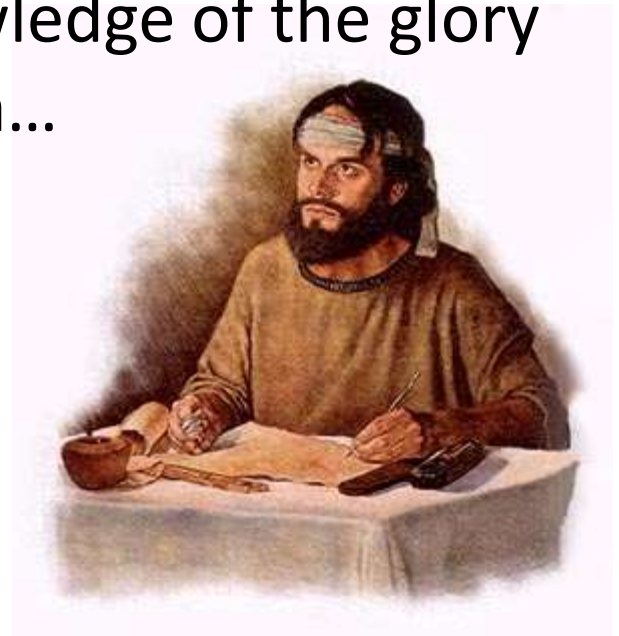


A2(d) The earth will be filled with knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea...

→ **2:14**

A2(e) The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth be silent before him...

→ **2:20**



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Ch.3 Conclusion: Habakkuk responds in **Prayer** to the Lord:

3:1-2 I stand in awe of your fame and mighty past deeds...
O Lord, renew them in our present days...

3:3-15 I remember your acts of power, and how you delivered your people, and saved your anointed...



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→ **3:16** I am weak, yet I will wait patiently for the day of retribution to come on the wicked in the world...



→ Though circumstances are bleak and tough...
yet I will rejoice in the Lord, God, my Saviour.

Though the fig tree

May not blossom, nor fruit be on the vine

Though the labor of the olive may fail

And the fields yield no food

Though the flock may be cut off from the fold

And there be no herd in the stalls

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD

I will joy in the God of my salvation

HABAKKUK 3.17-18 NKJV



A painting of two deer running across a grassy hillside. The deer in the foreground is running towards the right, while the deer in the background is running towards the left. The background shows rolling hills and a bright sky.

The Sovereign LORD is my strength;
He makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
He enables me to tread on the heights.

Habakkuk 3:19

→ God gives me surefooted strength to overcome all fears & obstacles and climb above them...

Trust in the Lord and Rejoice always in Him!





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