

An Old Testament Glance

The Minor Prophets Books – Habakkuk

Name Meaning	Dates of Service	Home Town	# of Chap	Kings Reigning	Audience Targeted	Theme or Subject
"Embracer"	620-610 BC	Jerusalem?	3	Josiah-Jehoahaz	Jews in South	Babylon Judgment
Prophets Ministering at the same time:			Jeremiah			
Scripture References:			2 Kings 23; Habakkuk 1-3			

BRIEF OUTLINE

Habakkuk 1:1-11 Habakkuk's First Question
 Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:20 Habakkuk's Second Question
 Habakkuk 3:1-19 Habakkuk's Prayer

A REVIEW OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

Hosea Preached to the Jews in the North
Joel Preached to the Jews in the North
Jonah Preached to the Jews in the north
Amos Preached to the Jews in the North
Nahum Preached to the Jews in the North

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Micah Preached to the Jews in the South
 Zephaniah preached to the Jews in the South
 Habakkuk preached to the Jews in the South
 Obadiah preached to the Jews in the South

Now, here we have Habakkuk. The destruction of the Kingdom of Israel (North) had occurred 102 years earlier. He has been called to minister to the Kingdom of Judah (South). Their destruction was about 34 years off in the future.

1. Who is coming to destroy them? (Habakkuk 1:6) _____
2. Describe them.
 - a. (Hab. 1:6) _____
 - b. (Hab. 1:7) _____
 - c. (Hab. 1:8) _____
 - d. (Hab. 1:9) _____
 - e. (Hab. 1:10) _____

Obviously, the next big empire to arise is the Babylonians (same as Chaldeans).

The prophets are busy: while Habakkuk is warning Judah, the other prophets warning & preaching in the same period of time prior to the destruction in 586 BC are probably: Zephaniah, Jeremiah, Obadiah.

After the destruction & exile of Judah took place, Jeremiah kept ministering while in exile; so did Ezekiel & Daniel.

OK, back to Habakkuk. He is concerned about the ways things are going with Judah. He is actually blaming God that Judah is living in wickedness & evil. He asked God two questions.

3. How does Habakkuk start his first question? (Hab. 1:2a) He seems irritated.

4. How does Habakkuk start his second question? (Hab. 1:12a)

Question #1: Lord, why are You allowing your people to continue and increase in iniquity, injustice, strife, contention, and violence and doing nothing about it?

5. God's reply:

- a. (Hab. 1:5) I will _____ in your days.
- b. (Hab. 1:6) I am raising up the _____.

We sometimes think God has no plan. Judah has decided to continue disobeying & turning from God. God's plan has punishment & pain. But, hope is ahead.

Question #2: Lord, are you not eternal & holy? How could You use the evil, filthy Babylonians to carry out your plan against Your own people?

6. God's reply:

- a. (Hab 2:4a) The _____ is for an _____.
- b. (Hab. 2:4a) The _____ is not _____ before God.
- c. (Hab. 2:4c) The _____ will live by _____.

God makes two things perfectly clear:

*He is holy & has a plan.
Everyone is evil in His sight.*

7. ___ Yes ___ No Do we tell God what to do?

8. ___ Yes ___ No Do God's rules of Godly living change after 345 years?
(The prophets have been warning Judah since 931 BC when Solomon died all the way until the day Judah was defeated & exiled in 586 BC).

Habakkuk wanted Judah & King Josiah to know that He loves them so much, that He will use whatever it takes to bring them back into His arms for protection.

9. What has God used to bring you back toward Him?
