

HABAKKUK  
MINOR PROPHET/MODERN TIMES

Kentucky/Indiana Christian Fellowship Week.....July 19-22, 2021  
Tuesday July 20, 10:20 – 11:00am

**INTRODUCTION:** “The PROPHECY that Habakkuk the prophet received.” v. 1  
HABAKKUK means “one who Embraces” or “Clings”. He questions or “complains” **HE DOES NOT ABANDON GOD!** As UNBELIEF would/does.

**The Setting:** Babylon is in process of capturing Judah and Jerusalem. 586BC.  
JEREMIAH is a contemporary prophet.

HABAKKUK has two QUESTIONS/COMPLAINTS and GOD answers him.  
The HABAKKUK prays.....

**I. FIRST QUESTION: 1:2-4.**

- A. **“HELP”** You don’t LISTEN...
- B. **“WHY?”** v. 3 - Violence and Injustice.....and You are Tolerating It?
  - 1. Moral and Ethical wrongs...injustice perverted and never prevails
- C. **“THEREFORE...”** LAW is Paralyzed – v 4. **(TODAY????)**

**II. FIRST ANSWER: 1:5-11.**

- A. LOOK what’s coming!!!! v. 5. something wouldn’t believe if you were told!!
- B. Babylonians gonna get ya!! v. 6.
  - 1. “feared and dreaded” and **“THEY ARE A LAW TO THEMSELVES”** v.7
  - 2. Compared to Leopards, Wolves & Eagles... sweep like the Wind.....
- “GUILTY PEOPLE, WHOSE OWN STRENGTH IS THEIR GOD.”** v. 11
  - 3. The *“Mock kings, Scoff rulers, Laugh* at fortified cities – v. 10

**III. SECOND QUESTION: 1:12-2:1**

- A. read v. 12 - YOU appointed THEM...to execute JUDGMENT? --REALLY???
- B. **“WHY?”** v. 13 - You, GOD are to PURE and HOLY to do that!!!
  - 1. Made us like fish...very vulnerable .... v. 16 – WORSHIP THEMSELVES!
- C. I’ll just WATCH and WAIT – Z:1

**IV. GOD ANSWERS: 2:2-20**

- A. **WRITE IT DOWN!** read v. 3 – Rev. 1:1-3, 19 – Rom. 1:19 – **“PLAIN”!!**
- B. The ENEMY... vs. 4-20 – PUFFED UP, DESIRES NOT UPRIGHT.....v. 4  
**“BUT THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”**
  - 1. Enemy is arrogant, greedy, never satisfied...gather ALL NATIONS.....
- C. **FIVE (5) “WOES”:** (trouble, grief, distress, suffering, calamity...)
  - 1. WOE – selfish ambition – v. 6-8 – they will be **PLUNDERED**...v. 8
  - 2. WOE – covetousness – v. 9-11 – unjust gain...plotted ruin....
  - 3. WOE – Exploitation – v. 12-13 – bloodshed...injustice...

In **CONTRAST** GOD MAKES A PROMISE....glory of Babylon won’t last!

“Unless the LORD builds the house....”

**V. 14 – “FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD AS THE WATERS COVER THE SEA.” Isaiah 11:1-9... for FUTURE – Rom 1:21-23.. for TODAY**

4. WOE – v. 15-17 – Drunkenness .. (explosion of BREWERIES at present...)  
Babylon’s turn coming = shame, disgrace, violence
5. WOE – v. 18-19 – Idolatry ... “Choice” .. “Safety” .. TODAY’S idols???

**v.20 “THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE, LET ALL THE EARTH BE SILENT BEFORE HIM.”**  
**ZEPHINIAH 1:7, REVELATION 8:1**

**V. HABAKKUK PRAYS: Chapter 3**

**SHIGIONOTH** – a distinctive type of music sung in a SPIRIT OF VICTORY!!!

**V. 2** – LORD, heard about YOUR FAME and YOUR DEEDS (Past, Present, Future).

**V. 2b. “IN WRATH REMEMBER MERCY.”**

**V. 3** – HIS GLORY AND PRAISE COVERED AND FILLED HEAVEN & EARTH

**V. 6** – THE NATIONS TREMBLE before HIM..... and....

**“BUT HE MARCHES ON FOREVER or HIS WAYS ARE EVERLASTING”**

**V. 12** – GOD’S ANGER described – “THRESHED THE NATIONS (SEPARATED)

**V. 13** - HE came to deliver HIS ANOINTED ONE. (ISRAEL and RESURRECTION OF CHRIST)...

**V. 16** – FEAR and TREMBLING ... WAIT PATIENTLY FOR DAY OF CALAMITY...  
TO COME ON BABYLON FOR INVADING JUDAH AND JERUSASLEM.

**V. 17** – THRU HARD TIMES..PHYSICAL (famine, economic, empty fields, vineyards, barns and stalls, the devastation of land and property) AND SPIRITUAL TROUBLES...

**V. 18** – “I WILL REJOICE, BE JOYFUL IN THE LORD GOD – Phil. 4:4-7

**V. 19 “THE SOVERIGN LORD IS MY STRENGTH.”**