

HABAKKUK – “The Just Shall Live By Faith”

MINISTRY: Habakkuk was a professional prophet of Judah.

THEME: God is just in His judgments; believers must live by faith & trust Him.

TIME: Probably written about 607 B.C. shortly before Judah was invaded by Babylon.

OVERVIEW: Habakkuk sighs (chap.1), sees (chap.2), and sings (chap.3). In Chapter one he sighs because God is going to judge the sins of Judah by the hands of the more evil nation of Babylon. In chapter two, Habakkuk sees that the just must live by faith. Chapter three is a song about God's power and how we should rejoice & trust Him, even during judgment.

Chapter 1 SIGHING (MALUNGKOT)

vs. 2-4 FIRST COMPLAINT: Why does God allow sin & corruption in the lives of His people and in the nation?

vs. 5-11 FIRST ANSWER: God will bring judgment to God's people-
But will bring the judgment through unsaved people more evil than God's people!

vs.12-17 SECOND COMPLAINT: Why will God use wicked unbelievers to punish His people?
(The complaint: unbelievers deserve judgment more than God's people!)
- 1 Peter 4:17-18 Judgment begins at the house of God... but gets greater for the wicked!
- Hebrews 12: 5-7 Correction and discipline are a sign of God's love

Chapter 2 SEEING (MAKITA)

(God will answer all of Habbakkuk's complaints!)

v. 1 Watchman must wait on God to hear what God hears & see what God sees
- Our human views of life is so small and shortsighted, Is. 55:8-9.

v. 2 Write the Vision! – To have Purpose, Clarity, and Discipline

v. 3 The Vision will Come! – down through church history God has given his people vision
What is the Vision for your Life? What do you want to live for? Write it, make it clear!

v. 4 HABAKKUK'S GREAT VISION: The Just shall live by Faith!
- Habakkuk, Paul, & Luther all received this specific vision, and we need it too!

vs.5-17 God warns about judgment for sin: drunkenness, thieves, violent, etc... “the good life”

v. 13 People – and nations – work for nothing worthwhile, nothing lasting! Work for fire!

v. 14 Faith's vision of the future: a world filled with God's glory! This is what we believe is coming, and this is what we work towards!

Romans 8:18 We will share in the coming glory according to how we live in faith today!

Chapter 3 SINGING (MAGAWITAN) - This chapter is a song!

The title “According to Shigionoth,” was a musical style, Ps.7:1.

- Also, this chapter has 3 ‘Selahs’ in verses 3, 9, & 13 (probably musical interludes).

v. 2 REVIVE ... In Wrath, God will remember Mercy!

vs. 3-6 God will come in glory & praise and in judgment. At the 2nd Coming of Christ, there will be glory and judgment, Rev.19:11-16.

v. 13 God's coming will bring salvation to God's people, judgment to unsaved, 2 Thess.1:7-10.

v. 16 Habakkuk waited for the Babylonian invasion, but waited with faith

THINGS WILL GET WORSE, BUT THINGS WILL END MUCH BETTER!

Isaiah 21:11-12 -There is still more darkness before the dawn!

vs. 17-19 Praise in Faith – Because Habakkuk could see what God was going to do, he could praise the Lord when there was no visible reason why... while troubles were all around!

Hebrews 11:1 – Faith is the substance of things not yet seen.

Rom.8:28, all things work together for good, Phil.4:12-13.

Get a higher vision! Live in Faith!