

#### Facts about Habakkuk



## The Final Days of Judah

The final kings of Judah were both evil and weak.

2 Chronicles 36:11-17

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The Egyptians and <u>Babylonians</u> took turns deposing and setting up <u>vassals</u> in Judah.

2 Kings 24:20, 25:1-7

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The book is a <u>conversation</u> between Habakkuk and God.

### A Question for God

Write down a question you'd like to ask God.

### A Witness to Evil

How long, O LORD, will I call for help, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, "Violence!" Yet You do not save. Why do You make me see iniquity, and cause me to look on wickedness?

Habakkuk 1:2,3a

# The Cry

Yes, destruction and violence are before me; strife exists and contention arises. Therefore, the law is ignored and justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore, justice comes out perverted.

Habakkuk 1:3b,4

#### God's First Answer to Habakkuk

Look among the nations! Observe! Be astonished!
Wonder! Because I am doing something in your days –
you would not believe if you were told.

For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous people who march throughout the earth to seize dwelling places which are not theirs.

Habakkuk 1:5,6

# A follow-up question.....

Write down a follow-up question to God.

O Lord my God, my Holy One, You who are eternal—surely You do not plan to wipe us out?
O Lord, our Rock, You have sent these Babylonians to correct us, to punish us for our many sins.

Habakkuk 1:12

Your eyes are too pure to look at evil, and You cannot look at harm favorably. Why do You look favorably at those who deal treacherously? Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they?

Habakkuk 1:13

"Why do You make me see iniquity," Habakkuk 1:3

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I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved.

Habakkuk 2:1

## **Ask your Question**

Praise God.

Ask your questions.

Submit to His response.

#### Our attitude

O Lord, my heart is not proud, nor my eyes haughty;
Nor do I involve myself in great matters, or in things too
difficult for me. **Surely I have composed and quieted my soul**; like a weaned child rests against his mother, my
soul is like a weaned child within me. O Israel, hope in
the LORD from this time forth and forever.

Psalm 131

Then the Lord answered me and said, "Write down the vision and inscribe it clearly on tablets, so that one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hurries toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it delays, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay long.

Habakkuk 2:2-3

Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.

Habakkuk 2:4

Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and founds a town with violence! Is it not indeed from the LORD of hosts that peoples toil for fire, and nations grow weary for nothing? For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2:12-14

Woe to him who says to a piece of wood, 'Awake!' To a dumb stone, 'Arise!' And that is your teacher? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all inside it. But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him.

Habakkuk 2:19,20

# God's perspective

- God will judge.
- The righteous live by faith.
- The glory of God will cover the earth.
- Let all be silent before God.

God comes from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah **His splendor covers the heavens**, and the earth is full of His praise.

Habakkuk 3:3

Before Him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at His feet. He stood, and measured the earth: He beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: His ways are everlasting.

Habakkuk 3:5,6

In indignation You marched through the earth;
In anger You trampled the nations.
You went forth for the salvation of Your people,
for the salvation of Your anointed.
You smashed the head of the house of evil
to uncover him from foot to neck. Selah

Habakkuk 3:12,13

Even if the fig tree does not blossom, and there is no fruit on the vines, if the yield of the olive fails, and the fields produce no food, even if the flock disappears from the fold, and there are no cattle in the stalls, yet I will triumph in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.

Habakkuk 3:17,18

The Lord God is my strength, and He will make my feet like hinds' feet, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places.

Habakkuk 3:19 KJV

### A prayer of worship of God

Write down a one sentence prayer of worship.

#### Habakkuk and Us

Ask your questions.

Order your <u>heart</u>.

Worship His glory.

Transform your life through <u>faith</u>.