

The Prophecies of Habakkuk
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Habakkuk was a prophet who lived during the Assyrian oppression and likely before the ascension of Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon. He would have been contemporary with the evil kings of Judah following Josiah, but also with the prophet Jeremiah. His message begins as a dialog with God and the burden of the wicked upon his people. The second chapter is his vision upon tables and God's judgments upon the oppressor. Chapter three is Habakkuk's prayer or hymn or praise, acknowledging God's judgments, justice and salvation. It was appointed for singing in the temple.

Within this are many notable symbols and prophecies relating to these last days. A few good articles are found on R: 621, 622, 1475, 1487-8, 5374, 5383, 5731. References can also be found in the volumes, Brother Meggison's notes and other places. We encourage the use of good translations and cross-references.

1. Can we see in Habakkuk's questions in chapter one a larger question for which God's plan for humanity addresses?
2. (1:5) What is the marvelous work? Do Isa.28:21; 29:14; Acts 13:41 help us to understand the prophetic context? What makes this day and work to be strange and unbelievable? (1:14-17) What in our day compares to the men with hooks and net?
3. (2:1) Who stands at his watch and upon a tower? What is his mission? What additional perspective we can gather from Isa.62:6; Ezek.3:17-21; 33:2-7 or elsewhere?
4. (2:2) What constitutes and is included in the "vision"? What are the tables upon which it is inscribed? For what purpose is the vision written? How are we benefited and how are we using the vision?
5. (2:3) When is the "appointed time" for the vision to be understood? Compare some other translations for "it shall speak and not lie" and for the rest of verse 3. What is the sense of "though it tarry...it will not tarry"? What use does Apostle Paul make of this verse in Heb.10:35-37?
6. (2:4) Apostle Paul continues in Heb.10:38 to quote this verse. Where else in the New Testament is this verse referenced? What application is made of it?
7. (2:5-20) What are the "woes" that follow? How does the restitution of verse 14 and the promise of verse 20 fit with the judgments of our day?
8. How do we understand and how are we benefited by these parts of the vision:
 - (3:3-5) The glory of God
 - (3:6) Nations, mountains hills
 - (3:8-10) Rivers, sea, horses, chariots
 - (3:11-13) Sun, moon, arrows, salvation
 - (3:14) Staves, villages, whirlwind
 - (3:15) Sea, horses great waters
9. (3:17) What is the message for our times with the fig, vines, olive, fields, flock and herd?
10. (3:18-19) Relate this conclusion to 2:3. What does this mean for us in these last days of the Gospel Age and the introduction of the kingdom? How can we best use the present truth vision? What will be the effect in our mind and character? What are the "high places" he will make us to walk?