



Habakkuk The Just Shall Live by Faith

The Oracle that Habakkuk the Prophet Received (1:1)

• Content: An Oracle (1:1a) • Communicator: Habakkuk the Prophet (1:1b)

Why is God Silent and Justice Perverted (1:2-4)

The LORD is silent. (1:2)

The LORD allowing injustice to go unpunished. (1:3)

Justice is perverted. (1:4)

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or 605 BC

Question

The LORD Will Use the Babylonians to Judge Israel (1:5-11)

The LORD is doing something new and amazing. (1:5)

The LORD will use the powerful Babylonians to judge. (1:6-11)

- They are ruthless (1:6) • They are feared (1:7)
- They are swift (1:8) • They are violent (1:9)
- They are proud (1:10) • They are unstoppable (1:11)

Answer



The LORD is Just, How Can He Use a Wicked Nation (1:12-2:1)

The LORD is sovereign and eternal. (1:12)

The LORD is using the more wicked to judge the righteous. (1:13)

The Babylonians catch men like fish. (1:14-15)

The Babylonians are idolatrous. (1:16)

Will the Babylonians ever be stopped? (1:17)

Habakkuk will wait for the LORD's answer. (2:1)



I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say
to me, and what I will answer
concerning my complaint.
Habakkuk 2:1

Question

The Righteous Must Live by Faith (2:2-20)

A vision of life and death (2:2-5)

Woe: The plunderers will be plundered. (2:6-8)

Woe: The Builders will be torn down. (2:9-11)

Woe: The violent will see the glory of the LORD. (2:12-14)

Woe: The drunken idolators will be shamed. (2:15-18)

Woe: The idolators will be silent before God. (2:19-20)

Answer

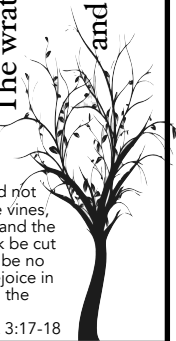
Habakkuk Waits for God's Justice and Rejoices (3:1-19)

Acceptance of God's plan. (3:1-2)

God is a conquering warrior. (3:3-7)

The wrath of the LORD will deliver His people. (3:8-15)

Habakkuk trusts the LORD
and rejoices in Him while he waits. (3:16-19)



Though the fig tree should not
blossom, nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail and the
fields yield no food, the flock be cut
off from the fold and there be no
herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in
the Lord; I will take joy in the
God of my salvation.
Habakkuk 3:17-18

1:1 1:2
Habakkuk's Lament
"YHWH is silent."

Injustice in the Land

1:4 1:5 1:11
YHWH's Answer
"I will judge."

Babylonians in the Land

1:12 2:1 2:2
Habakkuk's Response
"How can that be just."

Injustice in the Judgment

2:1 2:2 2:20
YHWH's Response
"Justice will come."

Justice in the Judgment

3:1 3:19
Habakkuk's Prayer
"I will trust and wait."

Trusting in the Judge

The author records Habakkuk's questions and response concerning God's justice (including Israel's perpetual and unpunished unfaithfulness; and His use of ungodly Babylon to Judge Israel) and God's answers (all sin will be judged) in order to to encourage the faithful to patiently wait for God's timing and respond with faith and joy in Yahweh by recognizing His sovereign justice.