

A SURVEY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:

Habakkuk

"An unrighteous nation accomplishes God's will."

Title & Author:

- Title: Habakkuk
 - Comes from the author
 - Accepted translation of the name is "one who _____" (3:18-19).
- Author: Habakkuk
 - He doesn't reveal any information about himself.
 - From the dedication at the end of the book (3:19), he may have been a _____ musician.
- Summary: Habakkuk questions God's apparent _____ to sin and discovers that He is perfect in everything He does.

Date: _____ BC

- We can establish this fairly certainly from textual clues (1:5).
- Probably after King _____ death.
- This makes him a contemporary of Jeremiah, Zephaniah, Ezekiel, and even _____.

Background:

- King Manasseh destroyed the kingdom with his wickedness.
- King _____ restored righteousness but couldn't change God's determination to bring judgment.
- King Jehoiakim, another evil king, finally pushed the nation over the edge.

Key People:

- Habakkuk: the prophet receiving the message.
- The _____: God's unrighteous tool for judging his people.

Overview:

- Introduction (1:1)
- Question 1: How can God tolerate evil Israel (1:2-4)?
- Answer: He will bring vengeance (1:5-11)
 - It would come in _____ day (1:5)
 - The Chaldeans would bring it (1:6)
 - At the end, he would change his mind (1:11)
- Question 2: How can God tolerate the evil Chaldeans over _____ (1:12-2:1)?
 - This is expressed most clearly in 1:13.
- Answer: God will judge the Chaldeans and offer safety through _____ (2:2-20).

- A way to safety (2:2-4)
 - The just shall live by his faith (2:4).
- The coming destruction of the Chaldeans (2:5-20)
 - They were proud drunkards (2:5)
 - They would be ruined by the _____ of the people they had destroyed (2:8)
 - Woe to the idolaters (2:19)
 - The LORD is still holy (2:20)
- Habakkuk's prayer (3:1-19)
 - His fear (3:2)
 - God will come (3:3) and in His _____ will destroy the heathen (3:12).
 - He will work the salvation of His people (3:13).
 - Even though destruction was coming, Habakkuk will rejoice because God is his strength (3:17-19).

Christ in Habakkuk:

- Christ appears in Habakkuk as the _____ (3:13).
 - He will bring salvation to God's people.
 - God will go forth *with* His Anointed (possibly indicating a split in the Trinity).
- "The Anointed One" is a recurring description of Christ.
 - Isaiah 61:1
 - Luke 4:18

Key Doctrine: The way of _____

- "The just shall live by his faith" (2:4).
- This verse comes back three times in the New Testament:
 - Romans 1:17
 - Galatians 3:11
 - Hebrews 10:38
- Faith has always been the way of deliverance, even going back to _____ (James 2:20-24).
- We must still live by our faith.

Challenges to Habakkuk:

- How can God judge the righteous by using the _____?
 - The truly righteous do not need to be judged.
 - All sin is equally vile to a holy God.
 - God does not play favorites when it comes to sending judgment.
 - But His power can use man's wickedness to accomplish His _____.

Application: We can have faith in God, regardless of how hard it is to see what He is doing or how He is working.