

Habakkuk

Introduction.

- A. Nothing known about the man.
- B. Possibly from the time of Jeremiah.
- C. Chapter 3 is considered among the most magnificent poetry in Hebrew.
- D. Quoted several times in the NT (especially 2:4).
- E. The heart of Habakkuk – the just shall live by faith.

I. The prophet's complaint (2-4).

- A. Wickedness prospers (cf. Ps. 73).
- B. Righteousness is hemmed in.
- C. The Lord is silent.
- D. Key verse: vs. 2.

II. The Lord's first answer (1:5-11).

- A. Completely different from what was expected.
- B. Babylon would punish Judah.
 - 1. Ruthless.
 - 2. Invincible.
 - 3. Self-confident to the point of arrogance.
 - 4. Key verse: vs. 5.
- C. Heaven is not silent – God answers in history.

III. The prophet's further complaint (1:12 – 2:1).

- A. Babylon is more wicked than Judah.
- B. Faith in God's answer (2:1).
- C. Key verse: vs. 13b.

IV. The Lord's further answer (2:2-20).

- A. Babylon will be destroyed.
- B. The righteous will live because of their faith in God.
- C. Five woes (summarizing 613 commandments).
- D. Silent wonder.
- E. Key verses: vss. 4, 14, 20.

V. The prophet's prayer (3:1-19).

- A. Designed for public worship.
- B. Glorious deeds.
- C. Trust.
 - 1. When the world crumbles.
 - 2. Brings joy.
- d. Key verses: vss. 16-19.