Habakkuk: The Believers’ Response to the Sovereignty of God

I. How long? 1:1 - 14

II. God’s answer. 1:5 - 11

III. How come? 1:12 - 2:1

IV. God’s answer. 2:2 - 20

V. How wonderful! 3:1 - 19
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Habakkuk: “to embrace” or “to wrestle”

Date of writing: Contemporary of Nahum, Zephaniah, and Jeremiah placing him in the reigns of Josiah (640 - 609 BC) and Jehoiakim (609 - 598 BC) Babylon (the Chaldeans) was in power.

Historical Background: 1:2-4, 6-11

Purpose: To demonstrate the holiness and justness of God, and to encourage his people to live by faith.

Theme: Faith in God dispels all doubt.
1:1-4  How long?
O LORD, when will you judge us?
  • violence
  • wickedness
  • strife
  • lawlessness
  • injustice
O Lord, why do You appear indifferent to our sin?

1:5-11  God’s answer.
Look, watch, I will work.
I am raising up the Chaldeans:
  • terrible, dreadful
  • swifter than leopards
  • keener than wolves

1:12 - 2:1  How come?
O LORD, are you not:
  • Eternal
  • holy
    • sovereign
    • faithful

Are You not too pure to behold evil?
How can you use the wicked to devour Your people?