

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
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- V. How wonderful! 3:1 - 19

Habakkuk

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

These rule
the Land.

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?