



Habakkuk

Background

- Habakkuk's personal history is completely unknown.
- He prophesied between 607 BC and 605 BC, sometime around Babylon's victory at Carchemish and before their invasion of Judah. It was a time of international crisis and national corruption. The evil King Jehoiakim reversed the reforms of Josiah and set the people on a collision course with judgment.
- Habakkuk is unique because it is not a message to the people, it is a conversation with God. He asks big questions and receives big answers, even if they are not the answers he sought

Roadmap

1. The Burden of Habakkuk (1:1-2:20)

- a. Q: Why does God allow evil to continue? (1:1-4)
- b. A: God will use Babylon to judge Judah (1:5-11).
- c. Q: Why does God use evil people for His purposes? (1:12-2:1)
- d. A. After they accomplish God's will, He will judge them (2:2-20).

2. The Prayer of Habakkuk (3:1-19)

Landmark

The theme of the book is, "The just shall live by faith." As the prophet wrestles with questions, fears, and doubts, God calls him to a lifestyle of reliant faith.

Must See

- Hab. 2:4 is repeated three times in the New Testament to point to the all important truth that God justifies His people by faith in the finished work of Christ.
- When Christ comes again, "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Hab. 2:14).

Takeaway

What does it mean to live by faith?

1. Waiting on God when your questions aren't fully answered.
2. Trusting God when your fears aren't fully calmed.
3. Rejoicing in God when your circumstances aren't fully changed.