

"HABAKKUK COMPLAINS TO GOD"

(Chapter 1)

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Who is the author of this book?

1. His name "*Habakkuk*" means _____ (in the Hebrew), or _____.
2. Habakkuk is the only pre-exilic prophet to be identified as _____.
3. By his literary work we can tell he is _____ and he is deeply _____ (like Jeremiah).

B. What is the time period of this prophet?

1. Our prophet lives in the time period _____ the Babylonian captivity, and this is determined by the _____.
2. Habakkuk served as prophet in _____ during the reign of King Jehoiakim (606-597 BC), thus the most probable years for the writing of this book are _____ BC.

C. What is the theme of this prophetic book?

1. Habakkuk does _____ speak to any specific people group (Judah nor Israel), but he speaks with his God _____ people groups.
2. One of Habakkuk's questions is, "How can God _____ sin to go _____?"

II. THE PROPHET IS TROUBLED

A. Troubled by the Crimes of Judah (1:1-4)

1. As the prophet looks around at his _____ and his fellow Judeans, he is _____, and downcast because of _____.
2. Habakkuk and Jeremiah (saved, righteous men), longed for a _____ in their country.
3. In Habakkuk's day, the _____ were exploiting the _____, and they were escaping _____ because they were bribing the high ranking officials.

B. Troubled by the Coming Judgment (1:5-17)

1. The Invincibility of the Babylonians (1:5-11)

- a. The Chaldeans were no respecter of persons, nor did they care about personal _____, or any _____, they were _____.
- b.. The Chaldeans were _____, _____, and they were _____ men of war who enjoyed their work.

2. The Iniquity of the Babylonians (1:12-17)

- a. Habakkuk's dilemma was, God is holy, just, and pure, how could He use these _____, heathen _____ to punish His _____ people?"
- b. Why did He not _____ them and _____ them when the Babylonians slew people who were _____ righteous than they?

* How does this apply to you?