

Habakkuk Outline

Introduction: Habakkuk is a complicated book composed of different genres and perhaps written by different hands over a period of time. Scholars tend to agree that Habakkuk was written at the beginning of the 6th century before the Exile.

One of the quintessential questions Habakkuk asks is why God allows bad things to happen. In this case the prophet focuses on the evils of the Babylonians, but obviously this is timeless question that could be asked at any period in history. Wisely, Habakkuk, in the voice of God, does not answer clearly, but promises us the answer will come in time.

Chapter 1: How long will we suffer and God will not save?

Chapter 2: God responds: “Write the vision and make it plain”; there is still a vision and it speaks of the end; denunciation of injustice

Chapter 3: Habakkuk’s awe at creation and resulting praise

Stories to know: How long? (Chapter 1); The vision (Chapter 2); The righteous live by faith (2:4)