

## Bible Study – Outline

### Habakkuk

A Questioning Prophet

<u>Time Period</u>	612 – 588 BC During the reign of Jeroboam II  Contemporary prophets: Jeremiah, Daniel, and Ezekiel
<u>Audience</u>	The people of Judah – Southern Kingdom

### Major Theme(s)

- Living by faith
- God is still in control of the world

### Key People

Habakkuk  
The Babylonians

### Habakkuk

<b>HABAKKUK QUESTIONS GOD</b>	<b>1 -2</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Question – Why does Judah’s evil go unpunished?	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Question – How can God use an even more evil nation to punish Judah?	
<b>HABAKKUK PRAISES GOD</b>	<b>3</b>
Habakkuk remembers God’s mercy and trusts God for salvation	

Note: The Book of Habakkuk is a dialogue between the prophet and God.

### Key Scriptures

Hab. 1:2	“How long Lord must I cry out for help, but you do not listen?” (Ps. 13)
Hab. 1:4	“...and justice never prevails..”
Hab. 1:5	“..For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.”
Hab. 1:11	“..guilty people whose own strength is their god.”

- Hab. 2:3 "For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay."
- Hab. 2:4 "...but the righteous person shall live by his faithfulness."  
Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11, Heb. 10:38
- Hab. 2:14 "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."
- Hab. 3:2 "I stand in awe of your deeds, in wrath remember mercy."
- Hab. 3:18 "yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Saviour."

### When your faith is challenged

1. Stop and think.  
Hab. 1:12 Avoid reacting emotionally.
2. Restate the things you know about God  
Remember who God is and He is everlasting. Hebrews 1:10-12
3. Bring your knowledge of God to bear on the problem  
Remember what has been accomplished through faith in the past (Heb.11)
4. Be Patient – leave the problem with God and ask Him to show you the answer  
Hab. 2:1-3 – be patient and live by faith – Hab. 2:4

### The Woes against Babylon (Chap.2)

1. Thievery
2. False material security
3. Violence
4. Enslavement of others
5. Idolatry

### Discussion Questions

1. Is Hab. 1:5 applicable for today – is this promise still true?
2. How difficult was it to live by faith in Habakkuk's time compared to now?
3. What can we apply in our prayer life based on Habakkuk's example?

### Resources Used

[www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com)

[www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)

[www.biblehub.com](http://www.biblehub.com)

[www.raystedman.org](http://www.raystedman.org)