

HABAKKUK

Probably the weirdest book name in the bible

Written around 600 B.C by Habakkuk

- written to God's people to show them that God is still in control
- Habakkuk doesn't understand why the evil, wicked people seem to prosper

Only 3 chapters:

Very different than the rest of the prophets

- this is basically a conversation between Habakkuk and God

-Ch. 1 is Habakkuk's questions to the Lord

- he asks questions that many of us have thought about

Hab 1:2 How long, O LORD, will I call for help, And You will not hear? I cry out to You, "Violence!" Yet You do not save.

Hab 1:13 "..... Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up Those more righteous than they?"

-He sees that the enemy seems to be prospering

- they have the faster horses, better horsemen, don't have to answer to authority...

-And this is the way we so often see it

- many of the ungodly we know seem to have it all
- money, friends, power, houses, any vehicle or toy they please

But listen to how God answers Habakkuk

Hab 2:6 "..... 'Woe to him who increases what is not his-- For how long-- And makes himself rich with loans?'

Hab 2:7 "Will not your creditors rise up suddenly, And those who collect from you awaken? Indeed, you will become plunder for them.

Hab 2:9 "Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house To put his nest on high, To be delivered from the hand of calamity!"

Hab 2:15 "Woe to you who make your neighbors drink, Who mix in your venom even to make *them* drunk So as to look on their nakedness!"

-then he goes on to say that these people trust in idols made with man's hands that have no power

-while God is in His temple with the whole world before Him

-God would say the same to us

-having the stuff wasn't bad

-the way they acquired it was

-and what God wanted Habakkuk to see is that people like this ultimately put their trust in the creations of man instead of the Creator

Habakkuk closes with a prayer

-He prays for the deliverance of His people

-And says:

Hab 3:18 Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.

Hab 3:19 The Lord GOD is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' *feet*, And makes me walk on my high places.

Jesus Types:

Again, looking to a time when all will be fulfilled and Jesus will set up His kingdom on earth, Habakkuk says:

Hab 2:14 "For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.

And again:

Hab 3:3 God comes from Teman, And the Holy One from Mount Paran. (*Selah*). His splendor covers the heavens, And the earth is full of His praise.