

Book of Habakkuk – Background & Chapter 1

- 1) He identifies himself as Habakkuk the prophet, a term that seems to identify him as a professional prophet.
- 2) Habakkuk most likely prophesied during the reign of Jehoiakim, King of Judah, from about 609-586.
- 3) The main theme in the book of Habakkuk is why?
- 4) Book of Habakkuk is unique...this book is composed of a prophet's conversation with God.
- 5) In vs. 2 and 3, Habakkuk prayed that God would do something about the violence, strife and injustice in the land.
- 6) God answered His servant and assured him that He was at work among the nations even though Habakkuk couldn't see it.
- 7) In vs. 6 God said I am planning to punish the Jews by using the godless Babylonians.
- 8) The Lord then used a number of pictures from nature to describe the Babylonians and how they treated people.
- 9) How could a holy God use a wicked nation to punish His own special people?
- 10) Why do you allow evil to run rampant and why would you permit your people to be punished by a more evil and ruthless people?
- 11) It is not wrong to question God and ask why.
- 12) In our human heart and mind, not hearing is equivalent to not helping.
- 13) God's answer to our prayer and our questioning may not always hold up to our "makes sense" test.