

# **HABAKKUK**

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## **READING ASSIGNMENTS**

- › SDA BIBLE COMMENTARY, VOL.4, PGS.1047-1058
- › PK CHAPTER 32 - MANASSEH & JOSIAH

## **HISTORICAL SETTING**

- › LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT HABAKKUK
- › HIS MINISTRY BEGAN AROUND 630/640 BC / ABOUT THE TIME OF THE END OF THE REIGN OF MANASSEH OR THE BEGINNING OF THE REIGN OF JOSIAH
- › THE NATION OF JUDAH IS IN DEEP APOSTASY. THE TEN NORTHERN TRIBES HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN INTO CAPTIVITY BY THE ASSYRIANS IN 722 BC. AND NOW BABYLON THREATENS JUDAH WITH DESTRUCTION
- › HABAKKUK LAMENTS THE SITUATION AND BEGINS TO QUESTION GOD.
- › "At the time Josiah began to rule, and for many years before, the truehearted in Judah were questioning whether God's promises to ancient Israel could ever be fulfilled. From a human point of view the divine purpose for the chosen nation seemed almost impossible of accomplishment. The apostasy of former centuries had gathered strength with the passing years; ten of the tribes had been scattered among the heathen; only the tribes of Judah and Benjamin remained, and even these now seemed on the verge of moral and national ruin. The prophets had begun to foretell the utter destruction of their fair city, where stood the temple built by Solomon, and where all their earthly hopes of national greatness had centered. Could it be that God was about to turn aside from His avowed purpose of bringing deliverance to those who should put their trust in Him? In the face of the long-continued persecution of the righteous, and of the apparent prosperity of the wicked, could those who had remained true to God hope for better days?

These anxious questionings were voiced by the prophet Habakkuk." - *PK 384, 385*

## **THEME**

"The faith that strengthened Habakkuk and all the holy and the just in those days of deep trial was the same faith that sustains God's people today. In the darkest hours, under circumstances the most forbidding, the Christian believer may keep his soul stayed upon the source of all light and power. Day by day, through faith in God, his hope and courage may be renewed. "The just shall live by his faith." In the service of God there need be no despondency, no wavering, no fear. The Lord will more than fulfill the highest expectations of those who put their trust in Him." - *PK 386, 387*

## **SUMMARY**

- › HABAKKUK 1 - HABAKKUK'S PROBLEM
- › HABAKKUK 2 - GOD'S SOLUTION
- › HABAKKUK 3 - HABAKKUK'S REQUEST

## **ANALYSIS**

### **HABAKKUK 1**

- › VS.1-4 - HABAKKUK'S COMPLAINT - EVIL IS EVERYWHERE IN JUDAH
- › VS.5-11 - GOD'S ANSWER - I WILL SEND BABYLON TO PUNISH JUDAH
- › VS.12-17 - HABAKKUK IS PERPLEXED AT GOD'S ANSWER - HOW CAN GOD USE BABYLON, WHO IS MORE CORRUPT THEN JUDAH TO PUNISH HIS PEOPLE?

## **HABAKKUK 2**

- ▶ VS.1 - HABAKKUK AWAITS GOD'S ANSWER
- ▶ VS.2-4 - GOD'S ANSWER - THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH
  - 1) ROMANS 1:14 / GALATIANS 3:11 / READ 1SM 389 - JUSTIFIED BY FAITH
  - 2) REVELATION 10 / GC 392
- ▶ VS.5-19 - THE FIVE WOES OF BABYLON
  - 1)VS.5-8 - PRIDE, GREEDY
  - 2)VS.9-11 - COVETOUS
  - 3)VS.12-14 - VIOLENT AMBITION
  - 4)VS.15-17 - DRUNKENNESS - REV.18:3
  - 5)VS.18-19 - IDOLATRY
- ▶ VS.20 - HABAKKUK'S CONFIDENCE IN GOD

## **HABAKKUK 3**

- ▶ VS.1-19 - HABAKKUK'S PRAYER
- ▶ VS.1-2 - THE PETITION - REVIVE THY WORK
- ▶ VS.3-16 - THE VISION - JUDGEMENT & SALVATION
- ▶ VS.17-19 - THE REJOICING - HABAKKUK'S ABIDING FAITH IN GOD