

A Survey of The Book of Habakkuk

Romans 1:17 (NKJV)

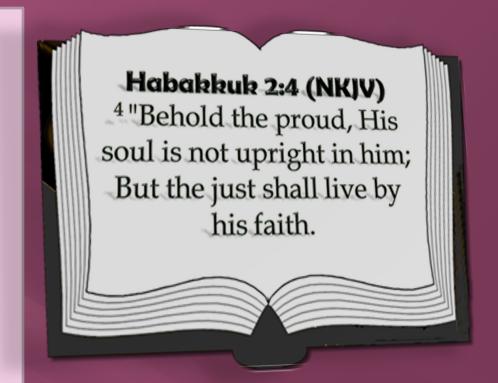
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Date of Writing: 612-606 B.C.

- Habakkuk's statement: "I must wait quietly for the day of trouble, for the coming up of the people that invade us" (3:16).
- The oppression of Judah and the carrying of the first group into Babylon, 605 B.C., had not taken place yet.
- This book was written after the beginning of Babylon's westward move for world conquest, but prior to the invasion of Jerusalem.

Author - Habakkuk: [*Love's Embrace*] Nothing is known of Habakkuk's birthplace or heritage. Unlike the other prophets, Habakkuk presented his message in the form of questions addressed to God - (Hab. 1:2,3).

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"The Just Shall Live By Faith" Faith Struggling With His Own Sinful Nation and the Lord's Reply – 1:1-11

- ★ The prophet's struggle: How can God remain indifferent to the wickedness of His people? (1:2)
- ★ The prophet's lamentation: wickedness & violence rules in the land (1:3,4)

- **◆ God's reply –** "I am raising up the Chaldeans" to judge this people 1:5,6
- ◆ God's description of their character — Bitter, hasty, terrible, dreadful, violent, mockers, idolatrous – 1:6-11

"The Just Shall Live By Faith" Faith Struggling With The Solution & The Lord's Reply - 1:12-2:20

- ★ The prophet's perplexity How can a holy God employ an impure and godless agent? (1:12,13)
- ★ The prophet's rationalization – The Chaldeans were more wicked than Israel (1:14-2:1)

God's reply (2:2-20)

- ◆ Write it down and make it plain(2)
- **♦** The time will come (3)
- **♦** A proud soul is not upright but the just shall live by faith (4)
- **♦** Five woes proclaimed against wicked (5-20)

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- **♦ Woe Endless appetite for conquest (***Hab.* 2:5-8)
- **→ Woe Greed and Pride** (*Hab.* 2:9-11)
- **→ Woe Enrichment through bloodshed (***Hab.* 2:12-14)
- **→ Woe Corruption of neighbors** (*Hab.* 2:15-17)
- **♦ Woe to those given over to idolatry** (*Hab.* 2:18-20)

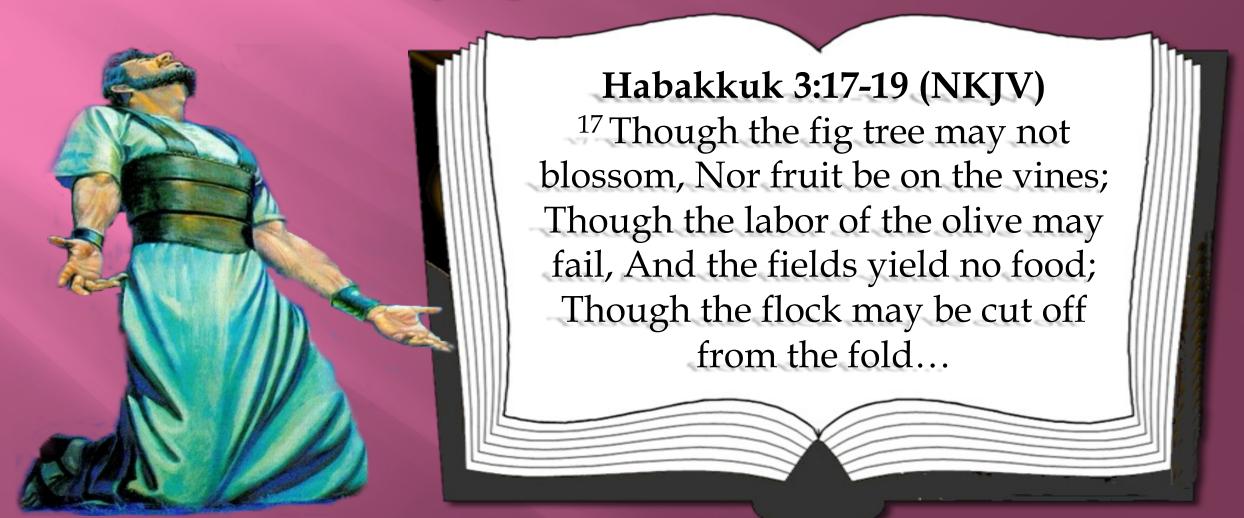
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Fear & Humility With Hope before God - 3:1-16



- ◆ Praise for the Person of God (3:1-3) (Asking that in His wrath He remember mercy - Praised God as Holy; Glorious; Praiseworthy)
- ◆ Praise for the Power of God (3:4-7) (God's exposing light; His judgment upon the nations; power over the earth)
- ◆ Praise for the Purpose of God (3:8-16) (Bringing both judgment to the wicked and salvation to His people)
- ★ Humility & Hope Before God (3:16) (He trembled at what he has heard, that he will have rest in the day of trouble)





"The Just Shall Live By Faith" The Prophets "Song": Faith Glorying In Assurance - 3:17-19

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹ The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's *feet*, And He will make me walk on my high hills.

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Habakkuk 1:1

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- God will judge the wicked
- **♦** The faithful often suffer because of wickedness of others
- Evil is self destructive
- **♦** The fact of divine discipline
- "The just shall live by his faith"

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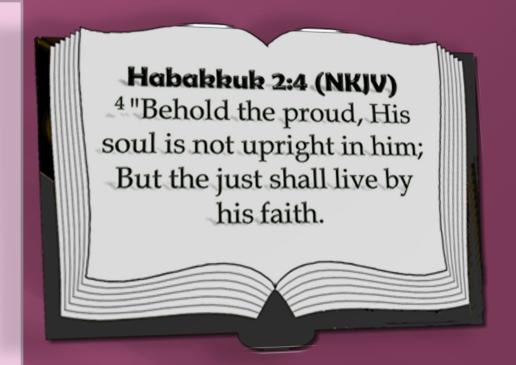
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