

## **Habakkuk 1:12-2:1**

### **Wondering and Worrying, Part 2**

#### **Introduction: Review of Habakkuk 1:1-11**

1. Habakkuk witnessed the immorality of God's People in Judah (605 BC)
2. Habakkuk asked God How long was He going to tolerate their sin (**1:2a**) – he expected revival & reform
3. God surprised Habakkuk – He was going to judge Judah with the Babylonian War Machine (**1:6**)
4. Habakkuk was Stunned: the Babylonian people were more wicked than Judah
5. Context: Approximately 100 Years before Habakkuk
  - a. Envoys were sent to Judah from Babylon
  - b. King Hezekiah showed off Judah's Treasures
  - c. Isaiah prophesied Judah's defeat (**Isaiah 39**)
  - d. 605 BC – Babylonian Empire defeats Egypt in the Battle of Carchemish (**see Jeremiah 46:2**)
  - e. Babylon then turns sights on Judah
6. The People of God presumed security based on the Davidic Covenant – A King Forever on the Throne
7. The People of God ignored the curses in the Law of Moses regarding their disobedience (**Deut 28:36-37**)
8. Complacency, Apathy, and Presumption are Symptoms of Unbelief in God as Judge (**Acts 13:38-41**)

#### **Main Idea To Grasp from Habakkuk 1:12-2:1**

**We serve a Great God who is Lord and Judge over All things! We can approach Him in Christ and seek His perfect Will in His Revealed Word. We can trust the Lord to fulfill His Word, therefore do not presume on His patience toward you, but repent and believe in Christ today.**

#### **Habakkuk's Prayer of Certainty About God (vv 12-14)**

1. God is Everlasting – He is Eternal
2. God is Personal – O LORD (Yahweh) *My God, my Holy One*
3. God is Holy (**v 13a**) – Pure and Righteous
4. God is Sovereign – He Ordained the Babylonian Rise
5. God is Immoveable, Unchangeable Judge – The Rock
6. God is a Covenant Keeping God – **We Shall Not Die (See Gen 15)**

7. God is Creator of All (**v 14**) – **See Acts 17:24-28**

*Habakkuk knows these truths, which is why he is perplexed*

#### **Habakkuk's Complaint About God's Justice (vv 13-17)**

1. You are Holy. Why do you Tolerate Wickedness?
2. You are Righteous. Why do you Use a More Wicked People to Judge a Less Wicked People? (**v 13**)
3. You are the Maker. You made the Babylonians who do not Even Acknowledge You as their God (**14-16**)
  - a. They are Violent – lead captives w/ hooks
  - b. They are Insolent – they rejoice over them
  - c. They are Idolaters – they worship the dragnet
  - d. They are Greedy – they enjoy the spoils
4. Will this ever End? (**v 17**)
5. Habakkuk's Argument: God is not Just since He sends a nation that is less righteous as the Hand of Judgment against Judah – Habakkuk is Wrong...

#### **Habakkuk's Clear Faith That God Will Respond (2:1)**

1. Watchpost & Tower – He is in a Defensive Posture
2. Who is Habakkuk Waiting On?
  - a. He knows the Babylonians are Coming
  - b. He waits on the Lord to Answer/Rebuke Him
3. Habakkuk Waits to Listen and Respond to the Lord

#### **What We Can Learn From This Passage**

1. We Serve A Great God Who Is Lord of All, Whom We can Approach with All of Our Cares
2. We Have God's Revelation of His Will in the Word, and We must Wait for His response to our Prayers
3. God is a Holy Judge and Acts in the World in Surprising Ways – He will use His enemies to fulfill His perfect will for the good of His people (**Acts 4:27-28**)
4. God can be Counted On to Fulfill His Promises and Covenant – This is Both Frightening and Comforting
5. God is Patient → Salvation of His Children (**2 Peter 3:8-9**); But God's Patience doesn't last forever
6. God Has CUT a New Covenant with the Blood of His Son for Any Who Would Believe – Therefore, Repent and Believe in Christ for the Forgiveness of Sins