

Habakkuk 2:6-20
Watching and Waiting, Part 2

Introduction

1. The Problem of History
2. If God is Completely Powerful, How can Things be the way they are?
3. God raised up Babylon to Judge Judah
4. Habakkuk asks Why use a more Wicked People to Judge those who are Not as Bad
5. God says Live By Faith (**Hab 2:1-5**)
6. God says The Babylonians Will Also Be Judged (**6-20**)
7. Structure of Habakkuk 2:6-20 – 5 Great Woes

Main Idea of Habakkuk 2:6-20

The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. (Proverbs 16:4 ESV) But He never leaves the ungodly unpunished. Believers should hear and tremble at the judgment of God and Worship Him as He has Prescribed in His Word.

God's Justice On The Plunderer: Thievery (vv 6-8)

1. Exodus 20:15 – You Shall Not Steal
2. Babylon Plundered, You Shall Be Plundered
3. Divine Retribution: An Eye for and Eye
4. *He Loads...* - Make one rich, Make on Heavy
5. God Repays: See 2 Thessalonians 1:6

God's Justice On Human Security: Covetousness (vv 9-11)

1. Exodus 20:17 – You Shall Not Covet
2. Babylon sought Greatness and Security apart from God
3. Security & Control in this world is an Illusion
4. Seeking Security is Futile

God's Justice On The Violent: Murder (vv 12-14)

1. Exodus 20:13 – You Shall Not Murder
2. Man's Kingdom will attempt to Spread = It will Fail
3. The Kingdom of God Will Spread, *Unthwarted*
4. God is in Control of Babylon; *They Weary Themselves* because it is *from* the Lord
5. The Enemy of God seeks His Own Glory to Build His own Kingdom = We have Each done this...

God's Justice On Cruelty: Adultery (vv 15-17)

1. Exodus 20:14 – You Shall Not Commit Adultery
2. Babylonians Commit Spiritual Adultery with Cruelty
3. Graphic Language in this Text
4. Point: Cruelty and Perversion Deserve God's Wrath
5. We ALL have a Babylonian Traitor in Our Heart

God's Justice on False Worship: Idolatry (vv 18-19)

1. Exodus 20:3-4 – You Shall Not Worship Another...
2. The Babylonians Worshipped Themselves and False gods; They had Religion (**Hab 2:11, 16**)
3. Idols Exist in the East as Images and Objects, in the West as part of the Imagination
 - a. You can tell your god what to do
 - b. Your god will never offend you; always will agree with you & disagree with what you do
4. We must beware of Creating a god in our Own image

The True God Lives (v 20)

1. Solomon's Temple will be Destroyed in 586 BC
2. God is Alive in His Holy Temple in Heaven
3. God Speaks – The Earth Remains Silent
 - a. Before God Judges there is Silence (**Zephaniah 1:7, Revelation 8:1**)
4. God would Judge Babylon
5. King Nebuchadnezzar would Realize it (**Daniel 4**)

Protection From God's Cup Of Wrath (vv 14, 16, 20)

1. The Enemy of God is the one who attempts to halt the spread of God's Kingdom and Glory on the Earth
2. They will endure the Cup of Justice and Wrath
3. For No one breaks God's Law, It only breaks the Lawbreaker!
4. What is *the Cup* in verse 16? The Cup Wrath
5. At the foot of the Cross is an Empty Cup
6. Christ Drank the Cup for Us – **Mark 14:36**
7. Only Protection from this Wrath is Jesus
 - a. We worship Jesus
 - b. Exact Imprint of God's Nature (**Heb 1:3**)
 - c. Image of the Invisible God (**Col 1:15**)
8. We Do Not Fit God into our Lives, We Must by Faith Join Him in His Work in History