

THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK

OT/NT: Old Testament

SECTION: Minor Prophets (8 of 12)

TRADITIONAL AUTHOR: Habakkuk

KEY PEOPLE: The Babylonians, Habakkuk.

SUMMARY: Canonically, Habakkuk is the thirty-fifth book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the thirty-fifth book of the [Old Testament](#) (2) and the eighth of twelve [Minor Prophets](#) (3) books. It was probably written just prior to the Southern Kingdom of Judah being sacked and destroyed by the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar II. To see how this all came to be, consider exploring [1 Kings](#) (4), [2 Kings](#) (5) and [Jeremiah](#) (6).

The book of Habakkuk is a compilation of the prophet's laments, not an accusation against Israel and its sin or a message to the people on God's behalf like some of the other prophetic books. Instead, Habakkuk questions God's goodness because he sees so much injustice, evil and tragedy in the world. He's also concerned because God plans to send Babylon, an intensely evil nation, to judge Israel.

Throughout the book, we see that Babylon is an example of any nation that exalts itself above God and practices injustice, violence and idolatry. In the end, God reminds Habakkuk and every generation that He will deal with evil. We can continue to love and trust His timing and plan as we remain faithful to Him.

COMING UP: Next up is the book of Zephaniah (7). Click [HERE](#) to explore!

FOOTNOTES:

- (1) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-word-of-god>
- (2) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/old-testament>
- (3) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/ot-minor-prophets>
- (4) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/1-kings>
- (5) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/2-kings>
- (6) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/jeremiah>
- (7) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/zephaniah>

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