

Purpose

To show that God is still in control of the world despite the apparent triumph of evil

Meaning of Name

"To Embrace"

Date Written

Between 612-589 BC

Setting

Babylon was becoming the dominant world power, and Judah would soon feel Babylon's destructive force

Key Place

Judah

Key People

Habakkuk and the Babylonians

Key Verse

"I have heard all about you, Lord, and I am filled with awe by the amazing things You have done. In this time of our deep need, begin again to help us, as You did in years gone by. Show us Your power to save us; and in Your anger, remember Your mercy."

Habakkuk 3:2

Used Tyndale's "Life Application Bible" (NLT)

An Overview (3 Chapters)

- Habakkuk's Complaints (1:1-2:20)
- Habakkuk's Prayer (3:1-19)

Major Themes

- *Struggle and Doubt:* God wants us to come to Him with our struggles and doubts, but His answers may not be what we expect. God sustains us by revealing Himself to us. Trusting Him leads to quiet hope, not bitter resignation.
- *God's Sovereignty:* God is still in control of this world in spite of the apparent triumph of evil. Although Habakkuk questions God's use of the Babylonians to judge Judah, God reveals that He will ultimately judge Babylon for their wickedness. God is the perfect Judge.
- *Hope:* Hope means going beyond our unpleasant daily experiences to the joy of knowing God. We live by trusting in Him, not by the benefits, happiness, or success we may experience in this life. Our hope comes from God.