

## GOOD THINGS, LITTLE PACKAGES



### HABAKKUK



## Habakkuk 605-598 B.C. King Jehoiakim's Reign



## Audience This book was written for the Jewish people during one of their darkest hours: captivity.



#### Habakkuk's 1st Question

#### God, why does it seem you are indifferent to injustice around me?



#### Habakkuk 1:2-3 How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?





## God's 1<sup>st</sup> Response (Habakkuk 1:5-11)

## Justice is coming but in a way you won't like.



#### <sup>S</sup> Habakkuk 1:5-6

Look at the nations and watch— and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own.



## Habakkuk 1:11 Then they sweep past like the wind and go on—guilty people, whose own strength is their god.



# Habakkuk's 2<sup>nd</sup> Question (Habakkuk 1:12-2:1)

#### Are you serious?



#### Habakkuk 1:13 Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?



## God's 2<sup>nd</sup> response (Habakkuk 2:2-20)

#### I'm in control. I am the Judge. Trust me and live.



### l'm in control. Habakkuk 2:3

For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.



#### Habakkuk 2:13b-14 Has not the Lord Almighty determine that the people's labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing? For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.



## I will judge all injustice. (2:6-19)



#### Trust me and live.

#### Habakkuk 2:4

See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous will live by faith.



#### Habakkuk's Prayer of Faith (Habakkuk 3)



## He remembers who God is and what He has done. (3:2-15)



## He resolves to wait and rejoice in the Lord. (3:16-19)



## Habakkuk 3:16a I heard and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled.



## Habakkuk 3:16b Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us.



#### Habakkuk 3:17-19 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls



#### Habakkuk 3:17-19 yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.





# The righteous will live by faith in the Lord.



#### Whose strength are you trusting in for your salvation, your own or God's?



### Isaiah 53:11 By his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities.



## Hebrews 9:27 It is appointed for me to die once, and after that comes judgment.



## What are you trusting in to bring ultimate joy?

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