

Habakkuk

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Habakkuk - prophet to Judah - (the Southern Kingdom of Israel)
He prophesied from about 621-609 BC.

Three Invasions of Judah by the Chaldeans (AKA Babylonians):

1. 605 BC - when Daniel and many of the nobles were captured
2. 597 BC - Ezekiel was taken
3. 586 BC - Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed

"Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.
Habakkuk 2:4 NASB

"The righteous will live by his faith"

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed--a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."
Romans 1:17 NIV

Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith."
Galatians 3:11 NIV

So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For, "In just a little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay...But My righteous one will live by faith. And I take no pleasure in the one who shrinks back."
Hebrews 10:35-38

1. God Gave Him a Proper Perspective:

I will stand at my guard post

*And station myself on the watchtower;
And I will keep watch to see what He will say to me,
And how I may reply when I am reprimanded.*

Habakkuk 2:1

*“Live by what you know from God’s Word
rather than by your present experiences.”*

Kay Arthur

*God certainly is good to Israel, To those who are pure in heart! But as for
me, my feet came close to stumbling, My steps had almost slipped. For I
was envious of the arrogant As I saw the prosperity of the wicked. ...*

Psalm 73:1-3

*Surely in vain I have kept my heart pure And washed my hands in
innocence; For I have been stricken all day long, And punished every
morning. If I had said, "I will speak this way," Behold, I would have betrayed
the generation of Your children. When I thought of understanding this, It
was troublesome in my sight. **Until I entered the sanctuary of God;***

Psalm 73:13-17a

*When my heart was embittered And I was pierced within, Then I was
stupid and ignorant; I was like an animal before You. Nevertheless I am
continually with You; You have taken hold of my right hand. You will guide
me with Your plan, And afterward receive me to glory. Whom do I have in
heaven but You? And with You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my
heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*

Psalm 73:21-26

*But as for me, the nearness of God is good for me; I have made the Lord
GOD my refuge, So that I may tell of all Your works.*

Psalm 73:28

***The Sovereign LORD** is my strength; **He** makes my feet like the feet of a
deer, **He** enables me to tread on the heights.*

Habakkuk 3:19

*The LORD Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be,
and as I have purposed, so it will happen...For the LORD Almighty has*

*purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can
turn it back?
Isaiah 14:24, 27*

2. He Trusted God was Working

*Even when I don't see it, You're workin'
Even when I don't feel it, You're workin'
You never stop, You never stop workin'
You never stop....*

*"My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working."
John 5:17*

*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.
Habakkuk 1:5*

*For since the world began, no ear has heard and no eye has seen a God
like you, who works for those who wait for him!
Isaiah 64:4*

***And I will be dancing when circumstances drown the music out
Say I won't***

***The sovereign Lord is my strength
He makes my feet like the feet of a deer
He enables me to tread on the heights
Habakkuk 3:19a***

*Not by might, not by power but by My Spirit says the Lord.
Zechariah 4:6*

*"God is at work and He always acts in accordance with His character.
Sometimes we shipwreck our faith by thinking that God is like man. We
begin to evaluate His actions on the basis of how we would behave if we
were God. We judge God from man's perspective."*

Kay Arthur

*For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,"
declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are*

*My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.
Isaiah 55:8-9*

3. He Took all His questions to God

*In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while,
if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,
so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold
which perishes though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise,
glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ
1 Peter 1:6-7*

*I will stand at my guard post
And station myself on the watchtower;
And I will keep watch to see what He will say to me,
And how I may reply when I am reprimanded.
Habakkuk 2:1*

*“Despair walks away, thinking God doesn’t care.
Faith waits and listens, knowing that in God’s perfect time He will speak.
Silence doesn’t mean that God has abandoned you or that He does not
care. It doesn’t mean that God is like man, showing anger by refusing to
communicate. When God is silent, it simply means that He has, for some
reason, not yet chosen to say any more. Yet in the silence He is still fulfilling
His purpose. He is still acting according to His character and sovereignty -
whether we understand it or not.”
Kay Arthur*

“And the righteous shall live by his faith...”

*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,
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.
Habakkuk 3:17-19a*

God's Sovereignty Is My Sanity

I Will Be Dancing When Circumstances Drown The Music Out