

Habakkuk (Habaq – embrace. One who embraces.)

Habakkuk the Prophet (1:1; 3:1).

Habakkuk was associated with the temple worship as the book is written ‘To the Chirf Musican. With my stringed instruments.’ (3:19)

Written as Babylon rose in power over the Assyrians.

Probably written during the reign of King Jehoiakim (609 –597 BC).

2 Kings 23:34 – 24:5; Jeremiah 22:17.

Most likely date would therefore be just before the Babylonians invaded Judah in 605 BC.

Date of Habakkuk c. 607 BC

Theme: The just shall live by faith (2:4)

Habbakuk prophesied about 607 BC

The Babylonians invaded Judah during the first year of the reign of Nebuchadrezzar (605BC). 10,000 Jews were taken into captivity.



Jews being taken as prisoners to Babylon

Outline of Habakkuk

Chapter 1

The burden (1:1-4)

Habakkuk questions God

Imminent destruction by the Chaldeans (1:5-11)

Habakkuk's intercession (1:12- 2:1)

Chapter 2

The vision (2:2-20)

The just shall live by faith (2:2-4)

God rebukes the unrighteous (2:5-20)

Proud – plundering nations

Will be plundered by other nations

Coveting evil gain (2:9-11)

Violence and sin (2:12-14)

Drunkenness (2:15-17)

Idolatry (2:18-20)

Chapter 3 – Habakkuk’s prayer and praise

Habakkuk prayer (3:1-3)

In wrath remember mercy (3:2)

His glory (3:4)

His wrath (3:5-15)

Habakkuk trusts in the Lord (3:16-19)

Habakkuk trembles (3:16). Judah will be invaded and taken into captivity by the Babylonians yet Habakkuk sees the eternal plan and purpose of God.

Habakkuk will rejoice even in sorrow (3:17-18)

The Lord is His strength (3:19)