OLD TESTAMENT · MINOR PROPHETS · BOOK 35 OF 66

Habakkuk

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

3	Habakkuk	c. 607 B.C.	3 times
Chapters, 56 Verses	The prophet	Under Jehoiakim	Quoted: 2:4 in the NT

STRUCTURE

The Book in Three Parts

The book moves from a cry (1), to waiting and an answer (2), to a song (3).



Each bar shows that part's share of the 56 verses.

I · 1 · 17 verses

Habakkuk's Questions

"How long?" and "Why?"

II · 2 · 20 verses

Live by Faith

Wait for the vision.

III · 3 · 19 verses

A Prayer of Trust

"Yet I will rejoice."

HABAKKUK 1–2

Habakkuk Talks with God

Two questions from the prophet, two answers from the LORD.

HABAKKUK ASKS	THE LORD ANSWERS
"O LORD, how long shall I cry, and Thou wilt not hear!" 1:2	**"Lo, I raise up the Chaldeans"** 1:6
"Wherefore lookest Thou upon them that deal treacherously?" 1:13	**"The just shall live by his faith"** 2:4

HABAKKUK AT A GLANCE · PART 2 OF 4

Upon My Watch, and Five Woes

HABAKKUK 2:1–4

Upon My Watch

Habakkuk took his questions to God and then waited for the answer.

1 **2:1**
Stand
Upon my watch

2 **2:2**
Write
Make it plain upon tables

3 **2:3**
Wait
It will surely come

4 **2:4**
Live
By faith

> *“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.”*
>
> Habakkuk 2:3 (KJV)

HABAKKUK 2:6–20

Five Woes on the Proud

The conqueror who seemed unstoppable stands condemned on five counts.

1 **2:6–8**
Plunder
Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his.

2 **2:9–11**
Greed
The stone shall cry out of the wall.

3 **2:12–14**
Bloodshed
Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood.

4 **2:15–17**
Drunkenness
The cup of the LORD’s right hand.

5 **2:18–19**
Idols
No breath at all in the midst of it.

✓ **2:20**
The LORD Reigns
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

“For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea” (2:14).

Yet I Will Rejoice, and Christ in Habakkuk

HABAKKUK 3:17–19

Yet I Will Rejoice

Even if every harvest fails, God Himself is enough.

3:17

Though Fruit Fails

Fig tree, vine, olive and field

3:17

Though Flocks Fail

No herd in the stalls

3:18

Yet I Will Rejoice

In the God of my salvation

> *"The LORD God is my strength, and He will make my feet like hinds' feet, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places."*
>
> Habakkuk 3:19 (KJV)

LOOKING FORWARD

Christ in Habakkuk

Habakkuk's words became the heart of the gospel message.

2:4 · ROMANS 1:17

The Just Shall Live by Faith

Paul shows that righteousness comes by faith in Christ.

2:3 · HEBREWS 10:37–38

He That Shall Come

The vision that will surely come points to Christ's return.

3:13 · LUKE 2:30

Salvation with Thine Anointed

God saves His people through His Anointed, the Christ.

2:14 · REVELATION 21:23

The Earth Filled with Glory

The Lamb is the light of the new creation.

Key Themes and Key Verse

BIG IDEAS

Key Themes

Honest Prayer
How long shall I cry?
1:2

God Is Holy
Of purer eyes than to behold evil.
1:13

God Rules History
I raise up the Chaldeans.
1:6

Waiting
Though it tarry, wait for it.
2:3

Faith
The just shall live by his faith.
2:4

Pride Judged
Five woes.
2:6–19

God's Glory
As the waters cover the sea.
2:14

Mercy in Wrath
In wrath remember mercy.
3:2

Joy in God
Yet I will rejoice in the LORD.
3:18

KEY VERSE

"Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith."

Habakkuk 2:4 (KJV)