

OWNit365 Bible Reading Tips

To assist you in making the most of your Bible reading, we offer the following:

- Background and overview information about the book
- Thoughts and questions for your personal reflection and observation
- Questions that you can use in a small group setting
- Something to look for in each chapter

Habakkuk

Author

Habakkuk is simply a servant of God. We do not know anything about him, except what we find in the book of Habakkuk ([Hab 1:1](#)). Habakkuk's name means embrace or wrestle.

Book Background

Habakkuk was written before the southern kingdom (Judah) fell. Since the Temple was still standing until 597 B.C., it was written before then.

Key Verse

Habakkuk 2:20 But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Book Outline

Burden Hab 1	Habakkuk's question God's answer Habakkuk's response
Vision Hab 2	God's reply: The 5 Woes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • woe to the proud thieves • woe to the greedy • woe to the violent • woe to the immoral • woe to the idolater
Prayer Hab 3	Habakkuk's prayer of praise

Book Highlights

Have you ever watched the evening news with all the violence and injustice in the world and in frustration asked, "Why isn't God doing something?" Habakkuk questions how a good and holy God could allow sinful Judah to be judged by Babylon, a nation that is far worse.

If God is good, then why is there evil in the world? If there has to be evil, then why do the evil prosper? What is God doing in the world?

From his perspective, Habakkuk fears God and does what is right, but it doesn't appear to get him anywhere.

concludes by worshipping God. When Habakkuk hears who is coming, he trembles (**Hab 3:16**). The last two verses express Habakkuk's faith.

While Habakkuk begins by questioning God's seeming indifference to the evil in the world, he

Personal Reflection and Application

Those who trust in God can and do question Him (**Hab 1:2-4**). Be aware that God doesn't always give answers that you want or expect (**Hab 1:5-11**).

Consider how you respond to unexpected answers from God. Think about how much you really trust God.

Small Group Conversation Guide

How comfortable are you in pouring out your frustration and questions to God (**Hab 1**)?

What can help you return prayer and praise to God once you humbly get His answer (**Hab 3**)?

How do you respond when God gives you an answer you do not expect or do not want (**Hab 2**)?

Something to Find in Each Chapter

As you read through the book, it may help to have something to look for in each chapter.

What to Look for:

01. What questions Habakkuk asked of God	02. How people prepare for and respond to God's direction
03. How Habakkuk responded to hearing God's judgment	