

HABAKKUK'S WORD TO US

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INTRODUCTION

1. What wld you say to a congregation about to be invaded? Isa 33:5-6

2. Hab - familiar but relevant

1st: Habakkuk Encourages Us To Keep An Eschatological Perspective

1. Perspective on ethics: 2 perplexing questions will be resolved in future

i. 1st: *why* - 1:3-4 & v14

ii. 2nd: *how long?* - 1:2 - Hab 2:3

iii. A perspective on history that transcends history. 2:20 silent serenity.

2. Perspective on hope. 2:14. Satan's ploy = truncated hope. Rv 21:1-5

3. Perspective on authority: 2:20. Can issues of conscience be adjudicated in men's courts - or God's court? Isa 5:20. Chpt 2 - prophetic *woes*.

2nd: Habakkuk Encourages Us To Persevere in Hearing God's Word

1. We serve exalted Lord by proclaiming His Word - 2:2-3.

2. So many speakers!! [Jer 23:29] Be silent before enthroned Lord. He Speaks - *This is My Beloved Son: Hear Him* - Hb 12:25

3rd: Habakkuk Encourages Us To Persevere In Prayer

1. 3:1-2 Hab stops arguing & submits - *O Lord*

i. *I have heard*

ii. *the report*

iii. *and I fear*

iv. *the report about You => Your work* - 1:5

v. *Shigionoth* = highly emotional hymn

2. Hab lives *in midst of the yrs (2x) - the day of distress* (3:16). Time tw/ 2 acts of judgment: on Judah & on Bab: time = *in wrath*. We live tw/ 2 acts of judgment: cross & 2nd coming/Final Judgment [Rm 1:17-18]. Pray.

i. Petition #1: Revive Your work in & for us

ii. Petition #2: Reveal understanding: give discernment

iii. Petition #3: Remember to be merciful: Ex 34:6-7. [Isa 49:15]

4th: Habakkuk Encourages Us To Persevere By Faith

1. 2:4b Faith of Abraham - *the righteous by faith shall live* [Gal & Rm]; *the righteous shall live by faith* [Heb 10:35-39].

2. Victory of Warrior God: apocalyptic - 3:3-15 Perseverance of Saints

5th: Habakkuk Encourages Us To Persevere In Priestly Worship

1. *I have heard the report about You & I fear* - 3:16-19 in fear & trembling - *yet I will exult in the Lord* - He strengthens me to *walk on my high places*

2. Worship & warfare. 3:16 *I must wait quietly - to rest*. 1] Submission; 2] Security; 3] Sabbath Keeping; 4] Sacrificial worship - *soothing aroma* - *beside quiet waters* [Ps 23:2] - table spread in presence of enemies.

3. 3:19b 3:3-15 sung in worship celebrate: [Isa 38:20]

4. Septuagint - v19: *The Lord God is my strength & He has made my feet like hinds' feet, & brings me to completion on my high places that I may conquer in His song*. [Rm 8:37] *conquer*. *We conquer in His song*.

5. Really? 2Chron 20:1-30

6. Do you believe that the Lord defends His worshiping people? I ask "Do you believe?" b/c the *righteous man will live by faith*.

7. How? *wait quietly*: worship & sing; read & run; live by faith not by fear. Christ is with us. Christ is coming for us. Persevere - the righteous shall live & conquer by faith. AMEN