

# **A Study of the Prophets**

## **O.T. Survey Lesson 166--Habakkuk 1:1-2:20**

**Introduction:** Habakkuk was likely written shortly before Nebuchadnezzar's invasion of Judah in 605 b.c. In this section, the prophet seeks to answer two perplexing questions: 1. Why does God allow increasing evil to go unpunished in Judah? 2. How could God justify using a people more wicked, the Chaldeans, to judge His sinful people?

**Lesson aim:** To show the justice of God in all of his dealings with evil men.

### **Habakkuk's first question and its answer-- Habakkuk 1:1-11**

1. With what two questions does Habakkuk begin this paragraph? (v. 2-3)
2. How does he describe the moral conditions in Jerusalem? (v. 3-4)
3. What people did God say He was raising up to judge the sinful in Israel? (v. 6) Describe their armies.
4. Why did God say He would hold the Chaldeans guilty in their destruction of Jerusalem? (v. 11)

### **Habakkuk's second question and its answer-- Habakkuk 1:12-2:20**

1. How does Habakkuk describe God? (v. 12)  
Habakkuk knows that his people will not \_\_\_\_\_. Instead God is using the Chaldeans for what purposes? (v. 12)
2. By what principle of justice does God deal with men? (v. 13) Yet, what problem did this present to Habakkuk? (v. 13b)
3. How does Habakkuk describe the ways of the Chaldeans (v. 14-17)?

4. What assurance does God offer to Habakkuk concerning His answer to Habakkuk's prayer? (2:1-3)
5. By what principle did God say He would deal with mankind? (v. 4) See if you can find the occurrences of this statement in the N.T.
6. What woe is pronounced upon the Chaldeans (v. 6-8)? What did God say would happen to them?
7. What is the second woe pronounced upon the Chaldeans? (v. 9-11) Besides the Lord, against whom did God say the Chaldeans were sinning?
8. What is the third woe pronounced upon the Chaldeans? (v. 12-14) As a consequence of the fulfillment of God's word, with what did God say the earth would be filled?
9. What is the fourth woe pronounced upon the Chaldeans? (v. 15-17) What did God say would come back around to the Chaldeans? (v. 16)
10. The final woe is pronounced upon what kind of person? (v. 18-19) How does God reveal the vanity of worshipping idols?
11. In contrast to the idols, where does Habakkuk say God is? (v. 20) What are all peoples urged to do? What does this mean?