

## **A Study of the Prophets**

### **O.T. Survey Lesson 167--Habakkuk 3:1-20**

**Introduction:** This chapter has been called one of the most beautiful psalms in the O.T. There is some evidence in the book suggesting that Habakkuk might have been a Levitical musician with a thorough knowledge of the Psalms. In this prayerful song Habakkuk sets forth his trust in the salvation God is to bring after judgment is over.

**Lesson aim:** To show the need to look through the judgments of God to the salvation He has promised.

#### **Habakkuk petitions God for mercy in His judgment--Habakkuk 3:1-2**

1. What was Habakkuk's response to the revelations concerning judgment made in the first two chapters? (v. 2)
2. In response, what two things did Habakkuk pray for God to do? (v. 2)

#### **Habakkuk portrays God coming in judgment for the salvation of His people--Habakkuk 3:3-15**

1. How is God's appearance described in v. 3-4? What is said to go before Him and to follow after Him? (v. 4)
2. What is the reaction of the nations to His appearance for judgment? (v. 6-7)
3. How is the natural world pictured as responding to God's wrath? (v. 8-11)
4. For whose sake is God portrayed as trampling the nations? (v. 13)

#### **Habakkuk promises faithfulness to God in the midst of judgment--Habakkuk 3:16-19**

1. How does Habakkuk feel about God's promise to use the Chaldeans to punish the evil doers in Judah? (v. 16)
2. Despite the loss of physical blessings, what does Habakkuk promise to do? (v. 18)
3. What does Habakkuk affirm about God? What did He say God had done for him? (v. 19)