

THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

Habakkuk was written as a dialogue of conversation between God and the prophet. Habakkuk saw that the leaders in Judah were oppressing the poor, so he asked the question as to why God allowed those wicked people to prosper. When God told him that the Babylonians would come to punish Judah, Habakkuk became more concerned. He did not understand how God could use the Babylonians, who were actually more wicked than the wicked Jews, to bring judgment on God's chosen people. God's answer was that the just would live by faith in God and that they had the assurance that God was doing what was right. God told Habakkuk that in due time the Babylonians too would be judged and that justice would come about for the people of God. Habakkuk ends his book with a prayer of praise.

THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK - Chapter 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Does Habakkuk say about the law and justice? _____ . Verse _____
2. Who is God going to raise up to punish the kingdom of Judah? _____ . Verse _____
3. What is the God of the Babylonians? _____ . Verse _____
4. Which nation was the more wicked, Judah or Babylon? _____ . verse _____
5. To what do the Babylonians sacrifice? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ In the first four verses Habakkuk is complaining about Judah.
7. _____ God knew that Habakkuk would not believe what he was going to do.
8. _____ The Babylonians could capture anything except a fortified city.
9. _____ Habakkuk was convinced that God would not tolerate wrong.
10. _____ creatures do not have a ruler.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Were the people of Judah following the law at this time?
12. _____ Is it possible for God to use wicked people to do his will?
13. _____ Will a "wall fortified city" be able to withstand the Babylonian army?
14. _____ I God called "Rock" in this chapter?
15. _____ Does Habakkuk know that the Babylonians live in luxury?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK - Chapter 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What nation's destruction is God describing in this chapter? _____. Verse _____
2. what are the righteous to live? _____. Verse _____
3. What will happen when their debtors arise? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. Why do people give drink to their neighbors? _____. Verse _____
5. What is it that people make that cannot teach, speak or give advice? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Habakkuk was commanded to write down the revelation that he received.
7. _____ The nations that Babylon plundered would never rise again.
8. _____ The earth will be filled with the knowledge of God.
9. _____ The babylonians killed both men and animals.
10. _____ The earth is to be silent since the Lord is in his holy temple

YES OR NO

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11. _____ Would this destruction come at God's appointed time?
12. _____ Would Babylon become the victim of it's former victims?
13. _____ Will people be burned with fire but their work live on?
14. _____ Had Babylon captured Nineveh?
15. _____ Can a stone idol come to life?

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THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK - Chapter 3
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did Habakkuk pray concerning wrath and mercy? _____ . Verse _____
2. Where did Habakkuk say that God's power was hidden? _____ . Verse _____
3. What did God do with rivers? _____ . Verse _____
4. What would happen to the sun and the moon? _____ . Verse _____
5. How did Habbakuk say he would wait to see what God did? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ God's splendor is like the sunset.
7. _____ God can shake the earth.
8. _____ God would come to save his people
9. _____ Habakkuk remained strong while waiting for the destruction of the enemy.
10. _____ Habakkuk counted on the Lord for his strength.

YES OR NO

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11. _____ This chapter is in poetic form, was it also a song?
12. _____ I Israel's history remembered in this prayer?
13. _____ Are mountains and hills indestructible in the Lord's presence?
14. _____ Were the trees producing fruit and the fields their crops at this time?
15. _____ Were musical instruments to be used when this was read?

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