

# OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

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Lesson 39

Habakkuk

We continue our survey of the Old Testament and our survey of the Minor Prophets. In this lesson, we will finish our look at the prophets of Judah with a quick survey of the book of Habakkuk.

Habakkuk is the only Minor Prophet to actually record a dialogue with God about the injustices of this world and why God seems to allow them. Quoting again this week from *The (Old Testament) Bible Knowledge Commentary* by John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck (written in 1978, over thirty years ago), we observe references to the very questions that we ask ourselves today. It reads:

"Planet Earth may look marvelous from a satellite, but for those who live on the dusty globe, things tend to look rather grim. Increased turmoil, rising terrorism, mounting tragedies, unprecedented trauma, increasing pollution, deepening trials, and unparalleled tensions cast dark shadows over earthlings. The world looks more and more like some ominous black sphere with a very short fuse, a time bomb sizzling to explode.

"It is little wonder thinking people begin to ask questions. Why is there so much oppression? Why all the injustice? Why do evil men prosper? Why do the righteous suffer? Why doesn't God clean up this mess? Why? Why? Why?"

We will examine these as well as other questions that Habakkuk asked God; and we will also examine God's response:

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***Read the book of Habakkuk and consider the following questions:***

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1. For a better understanding of the times when Habakkuk was a prophet, read the following passages and note what insight it provides us into the evil and unrighteousness that existed:

a. 2 Kings 23:36 through 2 Kings 24:7

b. 2 Chronicles 36:5-8

