

Habakkuk begins his prophesy by bringing a complaint before the LORD.

In Habakkuk we read that almost three millennia ago there was injustice and wickedness which permeated society. What does Habakkuk do? Prays.

Now we will see the LORD's answer to Habakkuk's prayer as He deals with Israel's sin.

Who are the Chaldeans? They are the Babylonians.

As Christians we are not called to live our lives by the balance in our bank account, or by the confidence we have in our retirement plan. We are to live our lives by faith.

To say that God is holy is to say that He cannot look upon sin nor tolerate its presence. His holiness demands justice and whatever the LORD does is righteous and good. Even if we disagree with the LORD's answer to our prayer.

When we are in the middle of evil times, we must rest assured that God is in control, and He will use every circumstance for His glory and for our good.

This is where most Christians struggle. We make our requests made known to the LORD, then we try and fix it ourselves!

God is sovereign as He orchestrates the events of history to fulfill His purpose.

This verse is the key to understanding Habakkuk, and to understanding all of Scripture.

We have two choices: We can live like the Babylonians and trust in our own might and prowess in dealing with the issue; or we can live by faith trusting in the LORD to answer our problem and bring us closer to Him.

Keep your eyes focused on Christ.

To what did the Babylonians owe their success? They owed their success to God.

We must remember that there is no strength in the idols of this world.

When we have our hope and trust in Jesus Christ and His Kingdom, there is nothing in this world that should frighten us or cause us to doubt in His sovereignty and power.

Habakkuk ends by describing economic collapse and complete destitution of all earthly possessions. And what is his response? "yet I will rejoice."