

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"When Your Whole World Has Fallen Apart"

Habakkuk 1:1-4

May 10, 2026



2 Tim 2:15

15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a **workman** that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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- **“oracle”** - מַסָּא' *massa'* (mas-saw') - a burden. To lift up to carry or to bear. That which is carried and thus a burden or load.
- God’s Word is “heavy”. Never light. It’s weighty. Serious. Meaty. It is heavy with truth. It is a burden to bring before people.
- **Habakkuk** – “to embrace” – the people and their dilemma and to embrace the final outcome of this book.
- **“the prophet”** – on the Temple staff – led the people in worshipping God.

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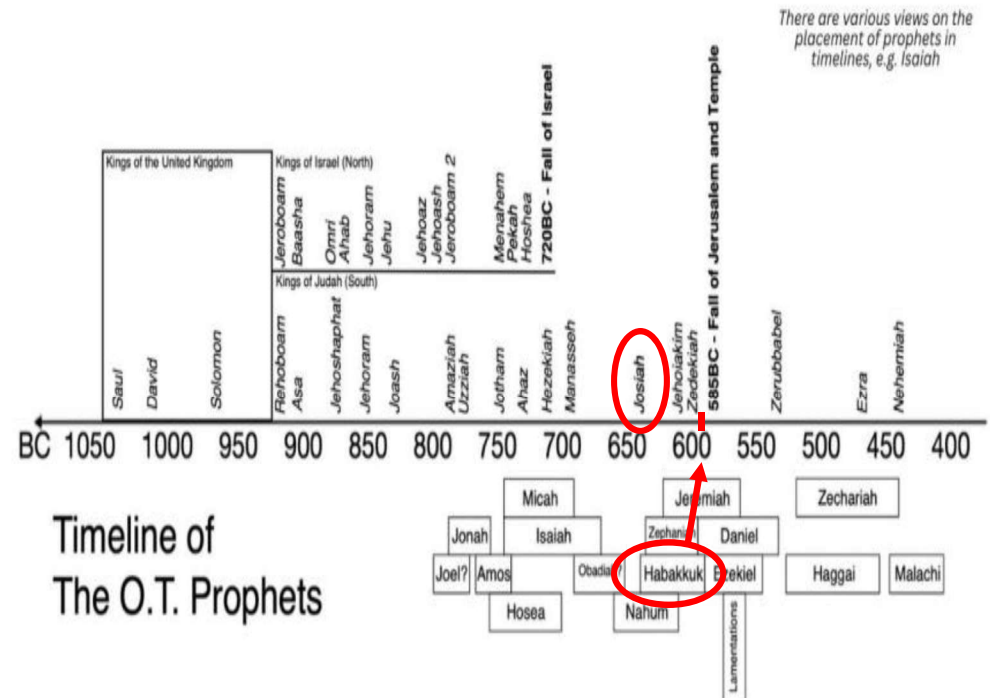
- What Is a Prophet in the Bible?

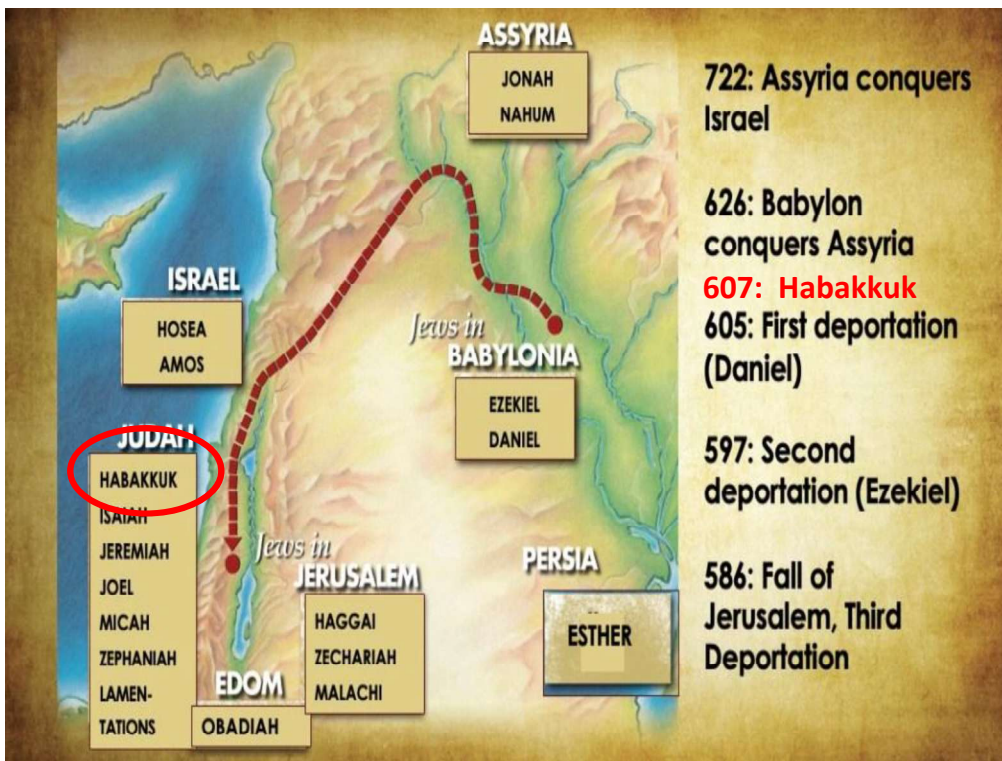
A prophet was someone who:

- Spoke God’s message.
- Warned against sin.
- Called people to repentance.
- Revealed future hope.
- Pointed toward God’s covenant.

- Habakkuk is the only OT book consisting entirely of a dialogue between God and a man.
- **“saw”** – this is what Habakkuk observed of the world around him.

OLD TESTAMENT - 39 Books			NEW TESTAMENT - 27 Books	
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Habakkuk

When: 607-605 B.C.

Where: Jerusalem

Why: Israel is in serious decline. Habakkuk's world has fallen apart. And to top it all off Habakkuk is getting no answers from God.

Purpose: To show us God knows what He is doing.

Theme: "Be still and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10

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- "How long . . ." – Hab. has been at this for some time. He is praying every day. He has asked for answers. But nothing, God is silent. "How long do I have to keep this up?", "Do You not care?" "Are you unconcerned?"
- He accuses God of not hearing. False premise: If God hears He will answer.
- "cry out" – intense call for help. You can't fault Hab. for his effort. He has taken the time and emotion, but is getting no results.
- Judah is filled with violence (used 6 times) – wickedness, unrest, fear, etc. Describes our society today.

Job 30:20

20 "I cry out to You for help, but You do not answer me;
I stand up, and You turn Your attention against me.

Job 23:8-9

8 "Behold, I go forward but He is not there,
And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
9 When He acts on the left, I cannot behold Him;
He turns on the right, I cannot see Him.

Ps 12:1-2

1 Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases to be,
For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men.
2 They speak falsehood to one another;
With flattering lips and with a double heart they speak.

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Lam 3:8

8 Even when I cry out and call for help,
He shuts out my prayer.

Rev 6:10

10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

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- Living in a fallen world is difficult.

Phil 2:14-15

14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;
15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

John 17:15

15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.

- Seeing sin and evil run rampant is difficult, depressing, and perplexing.
- **Note:** It is more than just violence, it is wickedness, destruction, strife (quarreling, disputing, hostility) and contention (arguing, fighting, conflict).

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“Have you ever felt like Habakkuk? Look around at our nation and you can see everything breaking up, the shaking of long-standing foundations, people turning away from the faith and questioning things they never questioned before. People are expressing doubts, even outright unbelief, in circles where doubts have never been expressed before. Have you been praying for loved ones, wanting to see God change them and reach their lives, and nothing happens? This is the problem of unanswered prayer.”

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- Remember that Judah is a theocracy, meaning the government and the people of God are one entity.
- Our country is not a theocracy. Our country is not the people of God. The Church is separate from the government.
- In Judah, God’s Word (the Law) was being ignored. In the Church today God’s Word is being ignored. We have a famine in the land. Apostasy, liberalism, a denial of the authenticity of Scripture, a denial of verbal plenary inspiration, a denial of the deity of Jesus Christ. There are perversions of the person of God and the gospel that are found in the false teachings of the Emergent Church, Open Theism, the New Perspective on Paul, Egalitarianism, Mysticism, Moralism, and the list goes on and on. Why is God allowing this today?
- In Judah justice is perverted because the wicked out-number the righteous. In our country, justice is ever increasingly being corrupted and twisted by the powerful and wealthy. If you have enough power and money, you can buy the courts. Why is this allowed to continue?

Application

1. Has your world fallen apart?
2. What do you do when life takes a turn for the worse?
What do you do when it seems like God is silent?
What do you do when life doesn't make sense?
3. How is your prayer life? How intense are your prayers?
4. Have you given-up on God?
5. In reality, everyone of us is named Habakkuk.