

MINOR PROPHETS STUDY

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Winter 2024–Spring 2025

Session Eight: Habakkuk – The Truth About Trusting God

BACKGROUND

Who: Habakkuk (“Embrace(?)”) **When:** 605BC (Judah will fall in 586BC; overlaps Jeremiah)

Habakkuk 1:1–11 An Argument

Read 1:1–4: What is the tone? What is the content?

- What is he referring to? (read 2 Kings 23:23–24:4)
- *Can you relate to these emotions?*

Read 1:5–11: God’s response... cheering, or no?

- Is this response unfair? Desirable?
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Habakkuk 1:12–2:3 Another Argument

Read 1:12—2:1 Now what is the tone?

- What metaphor is being used? What is/are the meaning(s)?
- What stance does Habakkuk take?
- *What relationship is implied by this exchange between Habakkuk and YHWH?*

Read 2:2–4: What is the primary content here? Nearly central in the book, how is this central to the problem of evil?

Habakkuk 2:4–20 God’s Promise

Read 2:5–20: Who is God talking about here? What can we take from this for ourselves?

- v.5; v.15; v.18
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Habakkuk 3 Habakkuk’s Psalm

Read 3:1–15: What is Habakkuk’s primary topic/focus? When/what is the referent?

Read 3:16–19: What is Habakkuk’s response? How does it correspond to 2:2–3