

# A PROPHET WITH A PROBLEM

# HABAKKUK

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## Habakkuk | **A Prophet With a Problem** Habakkuk 1-3

We should **PAY ATTENTION** to the times

**don't be led astray** Matthew 24:4-5

**don't be alarmed** Matthew 24:6-7

**don't ignore the contractions** Matthew 24:8

—not with **FEARFUL HEARTS**

**expect to be persecuted** Matthew 24:9

**expect many to fall away** Matthew 24:10-11; John 6:60-71

**expect moral decay** Matthew 24:12

but with **GREAT HOPE!**

**stand firm! be ready! be joyful!** Matthew 24:13-14

**parable of the fig tree** Matthew 24:32-35

*"When these things begin to take place, stand up. Hold your head up with joy and hope.  
The time when you will be set free will be very close." — Jesus in Luke 21:28*

**pay attention, obey the Lord, pray for strength, protection, and joy** Luke 21:24-26



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# Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

1. Faith is trusting God even when it makes no sense and nothing works out like it's supposed to. We can whine about God not acting like we want him to, or become more comfortable with the fact that we will never fully understand God and why he does what he does. How do the following passages reinforce the idea that many aspects of God and how he works will always be a mystery to us?

**Isaiah 45:9-13**

**Isaiah 55:8-9**

**Romans 9:20-21**

2. Life often gets difficult, but the Bible encourages us to hang on and not quit. Throughout the Bible, God provides us with motivations for not quitting. What motivation do you find in the following passages that could help us persevere in difficult times?

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8**

3. Think of a challenge or difficulty someone you know is currently facing. How could these truths be of help to them in continuing to be obedient and not giving up?

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4. Another example of someone who said "I'll trust you [God] no matter what happens" is Job. Unbeknownst to him, God gave Satan permission to take away his wealth, his ten children and finally his health. In the following passages, how could Job's responses to all his losses help us develop a more realistic and appropriate response to difficult (and seemingly unfair) circumstances we may face in our own life?

**Job 1:18-22**

**Job 2:7-10**

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## Word Find in the Word

*Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.*

### Word Find for Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIRV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

<sup>17</sup>The fig **trees** might not bud. The **vines** might not **produce** any **grapes**. The **olive crop** might **fail**. The **fields** might not **produce** any **food**. **There** might not be any **sheep** in the **pens**. **There** might not be any **cattle** in the **barns**. <sup>18</sup>But I will **still** be **glad** **because** of what the **LORD** has **done**. God my **Savior** **fills** me with joy. <sup>19</sup>The **LORD** and **King** **gives** me **strength**. He **makes** my **feet** **like** the **feet** of a **deer**. He **helps** me **walk** on the **highest** **places**. *This **prayer** is for the director of music. It should be sung while being accompanied by stringed instruments.*