

Joy, Regardless



Habakkuk (*he that embraces; a wrestler*) was a Jew who lived 600 years before Jesus.

Babylon was the most powerful empire of the era and a growing threat to Habakkuk's people (1:6b-11).

The LORD uses Habakkuk as a prophet (2:2-3); his message is an "oracle" (1:1, literally, *a burden*).

Habakkuk's _____

- "Why aren't you listening, God?" (1:2)
- "Don't you _____ what's going on?" (1:3)
- "This isn't right!" (1:4)
- "Aren't you in _____?" (1:12)
- "How can you allow this to continue?" (1:13)

The LORD's _____

- "I know what I'm doing and I'm working in ways you can't understand." (1:5-6a)
- "_____ me; I'm telling you the truth." (2:3)
- "My plans are much bigger than Jerusalem or Babylon." (2:12-14)
- "I and I _____ am God." (2:18-20)

NOTES:



Habakkuk's _____

- "You are the I AM." (3:2a)
- "I reverently _____ your past judgments, victories, and deliverances." (3:2b)
- "I am distressed and I don't know what the future holds." (3:16a)
- "Yet I will quietly _____ for and trust in you." (3:16b)



The Key to Joy, Regardless (3:17-19)

- If my joy is built upon anything other than God, I'm depending upon a foundation too _____.
- To love and trust and pursue anything more than God is _____ (2:18-19).
- As long as I love and trust and pursue _____ more than God, joy will escape me.
- But when I trust God to be my strength, my hope, and my Savior, I find joy, _____.