



**WHY?**

THE **BOOK** OF **HABAKKUK**

# Background

- Author: Habakkuk the prophet
- Date: Between 612 BC (Babylon conquers Nineveh) and 587 BC (Babylon conquered Jerusalem)
- Habakkuk lived during King Josiah's revival and the fall of Josiah's successors.
- Habakkuk probably means, "He Who Embraces" or "He Who Clings."

# Purpose

- To proclaim that God as Judge will punish Judah for its evil by bringing Babylonian invasion and captivity
- To proclaim that God as protector will sustain and eventually deliver His people from the Babylonians
- To proclaim that God as Judge will one day punish the evil of Babylon

# Habakkuk

- Question #1: God, why have You allowed Judah to become so evil?
- He asked a question believers usually ask “How long will You put up with evil people, God?”
- Why do you make me look at injustice
  - personal
  - national

- Why do we see personal injustice?
  - discipline/correction
  - creates humility
- Why do we see national injustice?
  - evil people do evil things
  - reminds us where we came from
  - it should create passion in us to reach the lost

- What do we do about the sinfulness that surrounds us?

# God Answers Habakkuk

- To bad to be true? God tells Habakkuk that the judgment He is about to bring would be hard to believe
- God chose to use an evil nation to bring judgment against Judah
- This leads to Habakkuk's next question

# Question #2

- God why would you use a people more evil than us to bring judgment upon us?
- How do you handle adversity?
  - Think before you talk
    - Is it possible my actions led to this outcome?
  - Know the Truth
    - What does the Bible say?



- How do you handle adversity?
  - Apply the principles
    - Take what you know to be true and act on it
  - Commit it to God
    - Have faith He is in control and trust Him