

# Why Injustice? - Book of Habakkuk

Adult Equipping Center – Glenwood Community Church  
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## Overview

- Book: Habakkuk
  - Structure: Q&A + Taunt + Song
- Class Schedule

Date	Text
5/1	Hab. 1:1-11
5/8	Hab. 1:12-2:1
5/15	Hab. 2:1-5
5/22	Hab. 2:6-20
5/29	Hab. 3:1-16
6/5	Hab. 3:17-19

Superscription: Hab. (1:1)

*The oracle...*

*...that Habakkuk the prophet saw.*

The Prophet's Complaint (v. 2-4)

Likely Historical Backdrop of Habakkuk (609-605 BC; 2 Kings 22-23)

- Invasions of Israel/Judah – Assyria (722 BC), Babylon (586 BC)
- Josiah reigned in Judah from (640-609 BC).
- Jehoiakim reigned in Judah from (609-597 BC).

## An Unexpected Answer (1:5-11)

Q: Does God answer Habakkuk's complaint? Why or why not? What answer does he give?

### Habakkuk's Complaint (1:2-4)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

### God's Response (1:5-11)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

V. 5-6

### Likely Historical Backdrop of Habakkuk (609-605 BC; 2 Kings 22-23)

- **609 BC** – Egyptian king kills Judean King Josiah
- **609-597 BC** – Jehoiakim, a puppet king of Egypt, succeeds Josiah.
- **605 BC** – King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian empire win the Battle of Carchemish, establishing themselves as superpowers in the region.
- 603-601 BC – King Jehoiakim pays tribute to Babylon as a vassal king (until 600 BC)
- 597 BC – Nebuchadnezzar lays siege to Jerusalem and deports king and elites to Babylon.

V. 7-11

### **Implications** – Widens our view...

*“Will Habakkuk allow himself to be challenged and expanded in vision?” (VanGemeren)*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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#### *Work @ Home*

1. *What is your reaction to Habakkuk's boldness in complaining to the Lord? How has this challenged your relationship with God?*
2. *Read Habakkuk.*
3. *Read ahead and consider how you might word the complaint of 1:12-20 in your own words or in light of modern circumstances.*