

Interesting Facts About Habakkuk

MEANING: “One who embraces.”

AUTHOR: Habakkuk

TIME WRITTEN: Probably around 607 B.C.

POSITION IN THE BIBLE:

- 35th Book in the Bible
- 35th Book in the Old Testament
- 13th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 8th of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
- 31 Books to follow it.



CHAPTERS: 3

VERSES: 56

WORDS: 1,476

HABAKKUK

OBSERVATIONS ABOUT HABAKKUK:

- Habakkuk ministers during the “death throbs” of the nation of Judah.
- Habakkuk sees the increased wickedness among the people and wants to know why God allows such iniquity to go unpunished.
- God told Habakkuk that Babylon would be His chastening rod against Judah.
- God raised up Babylon to chastise Judah.
 - Babylon began to rise in power during the reign of Nabopolassar (625-605 B.C.).
 - In 612 B.C., 96 years after Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel, Babylon rebelled against Assyria.
 - 16 years later, Babylon overthrew Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria. This takes place:
 - 150 years after Nineveh had been spared at the preaching of Judah.
 - 50 years after the prophecies of Nahum about the fall of Nineveh.

- By the time of Jehoiakim (18th king of Judah), Babylon had become the undisputed world power.
- Nabopolassar’s successor, Nebuchadnezzar, came to power in 605 B.C. and carried out a number of successful military campaigns in the west, advancing into Palestine and Egypt.
- Nebuchadnezzar’s first invasion into Palestine occurred in his first year.
 - He deported some 10,000 captives from the Jerusalem area to Babylon, some 900 miles away.
 - Included in the first group of captives were:
 - Daniel
 - Shadrach
 - Meshach
 - Abednego

“The Lord is in His holy temple, Let all the earth keep silent before Him.”

Habakkuk 2:20

