

# **PERPLEXED**

## **Habakkuk 1**

**How should we respond when Gods ways sometimes leave us perplexed?**

### **I. HABAKKUK'S AGITATION** (2-4)

#### **A. HE IS IMPATIENT** (2)

1. Plea: "How long, O Lord, will I call for help?"
2. Problem: God is not hearing or helping
3. Perspective: Remember that just because God has not yet answered, does not mean that He won't

#### **B. HE IS CONTAMINATED** (3)

- Seeing iniquity, wickedness, destruction, violence, strife and contamination

#### **C. HE IS FRUSTRATED** (4)

1. Spiritually: The Law is paralyzed
2. Socially: Justice is perverted

### **II. GOD'S ANSWERS** (5-11)

#### **A. I'VE GOT A PLAN** (5)

1. Something's coming! (Look)
2. I am doing something!
3. I am doing something soon (in your days)
4. I am doing something unbelievable

#### **B. I'VE GOT A PEOPLE** (6-11)

1. I am raising up the Chaldeans ... (6a)
  - a. The people: New on the worldwide stage
  - b. The principle: God is in control of history!
2. And they are ruthless barbarians ... (6b-11)
  - Fierce (6b), frightening (7), fast (8), focused (9), fearless (10), and formidable (11)
3. And I can use wicked people
  - a. I've done this before with Pharaoh - See Ex. 9:16 and Rom. 9:17
  - b. I'll do this again with Nebuchadnezzar - See Dan. 4:34-37

### III. HABAKKUK'S ANALYSIS (1:12 - 2:1)

#### A. CONFESSION (1:12-13a)

1. Details: Here's what I know about God
  - a. His Attributes > Eternal, personal, holy, appointing and dependable
  - b. His covenant > We will not die
  - c. His purpose > Correcting and not killing
  - d. His character > Pure (13a)
2. Direction: When confused, always start with what you know about God

#### B. CONFUSION (1:13b-17)

- Here's what I don't know about God
1. Why do You favor the wicked? (13b)
  2. Why do the weak fall to the wicked? (14-16)
  3. Will evil men continue to prosper? (17)

#### C. CONCLUSION (2:1)

1. Action: I'll watch and wait and wonder
2. Application: When you don't know what to do ... wait for God to make it clear

### CONCLUSION:

**"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,"  
declares the LORD. - Isaiah 55:8**

#### **When you're perplexed ...**

1. Pray about your concerns (2-4)
2. Plan to hear from God (5-11)
3. Ponder what you know (12-13a)
4. Prepare to learn more (1:14-2:1)

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