

> Spring Bible Study - Habakkuk
> Lesson 8 - The Beginning of Woes

> Biblical Language Types:

- 1. Narrative and Historical (Gen, Ex, Joshua, Kings, Acts, etc)**
- 2. Poetic and Inspirational (Psalm, Ecclesiastes, Solomon, Lam)**
- 3. Commanding and Direct (Lev, Jonah, Nahum, Ephesians, etc)**
- 4. Parables and Analogies (Proverbs, Mark, John, etc)**
- 5. Symbols, Imagery, and Apocalyptic (Daniel, Revelation, etc)**

*** God's 2nd response in Habakkuk is changing in type, changing from historical to apocalyptic. One way we know it is it gets harder to readily**

understand. Before

the book ends, it moves to poetic and inspirational (Ch 3).

The Vision— 1. The just shall live by faith.

> Read Habakkuk 2:4-14

a. God says the non-righteous are:

- i. inflated ego, selfish, trust themselves**
- ii. no integrity, soul is not upright**
- iii. proud, arrogant, boastful**
- iv. greedy**
- v. betrayed by wealth, materialistic**
- vi. insatiable, cannot be satisfied**
- vii. exploit others, users**
- viii. seeks fame, loves to be noticed, even worshiped**

b. Who in turn mount an uprising and why?

i. those who are exploited, taken advantage of and used

will turn the table and taunt and mock the non-righteous

ii. debtors and creditors

Woe to those who...

- those who get rich via extortion, theft, exploitation

(How much longer?); those who accumulated by cheating

either in contract or some other 'legal' maneuver

- they will disturb the non-righteous or evil doers

- they will become spoil

- those who plunder, take by force

- those who kill or use violence and take
- those municipalities that also exploit (land, cities, etc)
- those who exploit the cities and move to safe sanctuary
- those who sin against self at the detriment of others
- those who build a city, town or nation on backs of others

c. The very end objective is what?
(return to Eden)

i. earth will be filled with
knowledge of the Lord

ii. life will have meaning again

Remember, God speaks to His people
and thru His prophets.

Hence, our concern ought always be

**what is happening to
and in the church. Let's take up the
descriptive action in
2 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**Oddly, what is happening in a church
that is doing well?**

**i. church is being persecuted and
afflicted**

**ii. church is suffering because of
evil doers**

**What does Paul call this phenomena
and what is the purpose?**

a. righteous judgment of God

b. God's judgement does two things:

**i. God afflicts those who afflict the
church, the righteous**

**ii. God rewards those who were
persecuted**

The appearance of Jesus also ushers in what? [verses 8-10]

- punishment of non-believers**
- glorification of the believers**

Verses 11 & 12 show why we “Pray your strength in the Lord.”

> Read: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

a. Our role today is clear, as we are charged to:

i. proclaim the message (what message?)= John 3:16

ii. persist in it even when inconvenient

iii. rebuke and correct with great patience & teaching

iv. encourage with great patience and teaching

***peep at 2 Timothy 1:11 (Does this verse describe you?)**

b. What if anything is disturbing in chapter 4, verses 3 & 4?

c. When Paul says, "They," to whom is he referring?

Outsiders or those in the church?

d. What do you find encouraging in verse 5?

***** Do you see how the END is a time of woes? *****

reference: The Jewish Study Bible

**2nd edition (Tanakh
translation)**