

Week 32: Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai

Minor Prophets 1) Forsaking the law, 2) Idolatry and cult prostitution, 3) trust in kings, 4) injustice (CSB Study Bible).

Habakkuk

Author/ Date: Habakkuk is the author, prophesying in Judah (640-610BC) before the Babylonian invasion destroyed the country.

Themes: The ways of God are often hard to understand; wickedness will be punished; the righteous shall live by faith.

Fun Facts: The prophet directly questions God. The righteous shall live by faith is the NT's defense for justification by faith alone (Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38)

Outline:

1. Habakkuk's Complaint, God's Response - Part 1 1:1-11 **Read**
2. Habakkuk's Complaint, God's Response - Part 2 1:12-2:20 **Read 1:12-15**
3. Habakkuk's Prayer-Psalm Chapter 3 **Read 3:1-19**

Zephaniah

Author/Date: Zephaniah was the great grandson of King Hezekiah who was preaching to the southern kingdom of Judah during the reign of Josiah. He was likely a contemporary of Habakkuk.

Themes: Day of the Lord, lots of references to judgment.

Fun Facts: Has a royal lineage, prophesied during a time of spiritual revival (at least on the surface).

Outline

1. Judgment on Judah - Chapter 1 **Read 1:1-6**
2. Judgment on Surrounding Countries Chapter 2-3:8
3. Restoration of God's People Chapter 3:9-20 **Read**

Haggai

Author/Date: Haggai is post-exilic, writing after the Jews began to return to Israel from the Babylonian captivity. The date is very specific: late 520BC (see 1:1, 1:15, 2:1, 2:10, 2:20).

Theme: Restore the house of God!

Fun Facts: God taunts his own people. Haggai 2:6 is quoted in Hebrews to refer to final judgment.

Outline

1. Build the Temple Chapter 1 **Read 1:1-11**
2. A Greater Temple is Coming Chapter 2 **Read 2:1-9**