



## Summary of Habakkuk

### Chapter One

Habakkuk is disappointed that God does not seem to be answering his prayers; but God's response indicates that, unknown to the prophet, he has already begun answering them.

Habakkuk then starts a second cycle which expresses the age-old dilemma concerning God's justice: 'Why does evil seem to go unpunished?' God's vindicating answer is, "I will see to it that all those who are wicked will be punished, but the righteous ones must live by faith."

### Chapter Two

Habakkuk concludes his second complaint, which was to wonder how God could use the wicked Babylonians as a means for punishing the less wicked Israelites. God responds by stating that the wicked will be judged according to their sin.

### Chapter Three

Habakkuk asks for a new demonstration of God's wrath and mercy, such as God demonstrated so powerfully in the past, and closes with a confession of faith and trust in God. This prayer uses terms similar to Psalms 17 and 90.