

Passage: Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai

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Discovered:

Habakkuk

- H: How long must I cry for help, Lord? I am surrounded by sin & violence.
- L: I am raising up the Babylonians against you, to destroy.
- H: Why must the wicked be used as punishment/judgement?
- L: the plan will happen @ its time & the righteous will live by faith.
- Woe/what sorrow to Babylonians (& Israel) who were: 1. greedy 2. evil gain 3. violent 4. drunks & 5. idol worshippers.
- Those who labor for themselves will grow weary for nothing.
- H's prayer: Lord, I am filled with awe by your glory, you trample nations for our salvation. I will wait for disaster to strike our invaders & will rejoice in the strength of the Lord

Zephaniah

- Word of God came to Zephaniah during King's Josiah's reign over Judah.
- Coming judgement on Judah: I will wipe away everything off the face of the earth, cut off their idol worship.
- The day of the Lord is near & I will search Jerusalem for the complacent & punish them, pour out their blood, devoured by His jealousy.
- Repent before the Lord, seek to do what is right & live humbly.
- Lord will bring judgement against Judah's enemies: Gaza, Cherethites, Canaan, Philistines, Moab, Cushites & Assyria.
- Jerusalem is a rebellious city that runs from God.
- It was a warning for you when I destroyed other nations, but you ignored it.
- I will judge the nations & pour out my wrath on them.
- Those who are left will be humble & seek refuge in the Lord & feel no shame.
- Rejoice & be glad the Lord has taken judgement from us.
- For the Lord is with you, living with you, He is a mighty savior.

Haggai

- Word of Lord came to Haggai (prophet), Zerubbabel (governor) & Joshua (priest)
- You live in fancy homes while my temple is in ruin. Go rebuild!
↳ There will be drought & famine until you rebuild, will work hard for little gain.
- They obeyed with excitement & began to rebuild the temple.
- Temple may not look like its previous glory but continue to work & do not worry, for I will restore it & its treasures.
- Righteousness cannot be spread, but uncleanness/sin was contagious, so take care of your actions.
- Once the foundation of temple was laid, they were to be blessed.
- Lord speaks to Haggai a 2nd time: I will overthrow foreign kingdoms & I will honor Zerubbabel as my signet ring

Help me to remember:

judgement for my actions will come, just as it did for Judah, Israel & other nations. Obedience to the Lord will always be rewarded.

Lord, I ask that

I focus on your glory and seek to follow your instructions, for my actions can lead others astray or influence them to seek you.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...
the blessings you send for the righteous.