

## Habakkuk: Hope For Our Present Distress

## How Long?

Habakkuk 1:1-11 Pastor Chris Lenhart – May 22, 2022

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1	Next Steps: Home Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide	
Get	together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!	Supporting Scripture
Start w	ith <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests er.	2 Kgs. 23:35- 24:7
Read th	ne Text -read the text together. (Habakkuk 1:1-11)	Jer. 22-36 Mk. 6:4
Discuss	sion Guiding Questions:	
	What are the present realities that are driving Habakkuk to bring his complaint or lament to God? How do we see these realities alive and active in our world today? (vss. 1-5)	
2.	Where does God direct Habakkuk's attention and why? How could it be helpful for us to consider the nations when looking for evidence of God's work in the world? (vss. 5-6a)	
3.	What is the difficult reality that Habakkuk must come face-to-face with as he considers God's response? (vss.6-11)	
4.	How does God describe the Babylonians/Chaldeans in his response to Habakkuk? (vss. 6-11)	<u>Prayer</u> Requests
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5.	Why would God raise up an enemy to bring judgment upon his own people? What will the oppression and captivity of the Babylonians drive the people of Israel to do? How will God ultimately be glorified in all of	Family
	this? (vss. 1-11)	Church
	ons towards Spiritual Growth & Discipleship:	
1.	How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God?	Community
2.	How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others?	
3.	How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches?	Career/Friends
4.	How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?	Othor
5.	How can we pray for each other between now and next time?	Other