

THE PROPHET HABAKKUK / *Habakkuk 1*

Served as a prophet to Judah from 612–589 B.C.

Climate of the times Judah's last four kings were wicked men who rejected God and oppressed their own people. Babylon invaded Judah twice before finally destroying it in 586 B.C. It was a time of fear, oppression, persecution, lawlessness, and immorality.

Main message Habakkuk couldn't understand why God seemed to do nothing about the wickedness in society. Then he realized that faith in God alone would supply the answers to his questions.

Importance of message Instead of questioning the ways of God, we should realize that he is totally just, and we should have faith that he is in control and that one day evil will be utterly destroyed.

Contemporary prophets Jeremiah (627–586 B.C.), Daniel (605–536 B.C.), Ezekiel (593–571 B.C.)