

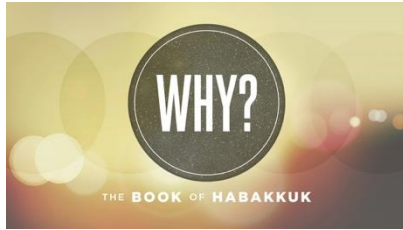
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Lesson Two – Why Us? Why Now?



Hook

A/D: There is no place for evil in this world.

Book

Superscription (1:1)

I. The Prophet's Perplexities and God's Explanations (1:2-2:20)

A. First Perplexity: How Can God Disregard Judah's Sin? (1:2-4)

B. First Explanation: God Will Judge Judah Through the Chaldeans (1:5-11)

C. Second Perplexity: How Can God Employ the Wicked Chaldeans? (1:12-2:1)

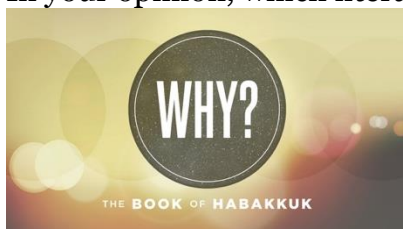
The first chapter of Habakkuk flows similar to a song (A,B,A,B) with Habakkuk introducing the content with the superscription. Habakkuk struggles to understand the atrocities among God's people and asks God for an explanation of the evil he witnesses in his day. The Lord answers his prophet in detail, yet it is not the answer he expects! In fact, it begets another question from Habakkuk.

Let's look at the literary devices used in Habakkuk Chapter 1:

- Hendiadys
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- Hyperbole
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- Metaphor
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- Personification
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- Proverb
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- Rhetorical question
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- Simile

How does Habakkuk's use of these literary devices contribute to the content of chapter 1?

In your opinion, which literary device is the most vivid? Explain your choice.

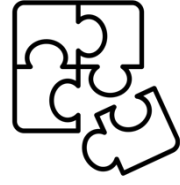
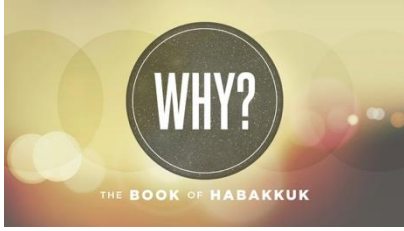


Look

Society According to Habakkuk

חַמָּס (<i>hamas</i>)	
אָוֵן (<i>awen</i>)	
אֲמָל (<i>amal</i>)	
שׁוֹד (<i>shod</i>)	

1. How do the four words above reflect the society of Habakkuk's day? What about our day?
2. Describe the Babylonians in your own words using the text. (1:6–10; 1:11,15–16)
3. Summarize Habakkuk's response to God's answer (vv.12–17); How would you describe his attitude toward God's response? What would your attitude be like?



Took

A. What is God's providence?

God's providence is carried out in three acts:

1. *Preservation*

2. *Cooperation*

3. *Government*

B. God governs evil in one of four ways:

1. *Permissio* or _____

2. *Impeditio* or _____

3. *Directio* or _____

4. *Determinatio* or _____
