**Habakkuk**

*Resignation and Rejoicing*

*Habakkuk 3*

Background

* Habakkuk means “the embracer” as one who embraces and presses to his chest a weeping child
* Timing
  + 609 BC Josiah dies (the last king to bring spiritual revival to the southern kingdom). NOTE: Josiah reigned 31 years.
  + 607 BC - Habakkuk begins his prophetic ministry
  + 605 BC – First invasion of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar – Daniel taken captivity
  + 597 BC – Second invasion of Judah by Babylon – Ezekiel and 10,000 taken captive
  + 586 BC – Fall of Jerusalem. Destruction of the Temple.
* Habakkuk was a contemporary with Jeremiah (the weeping prophet) because he ministered to the southern kingdom of Judah during it’s darkest days.
* Unlike Joel, Zephaniah and Amos, Habakkuk does not mention the possibility that destruction could be deverted. He does not call for national repentance. It is too late.

Habakkuk’s Prayer (v 2)

* Recognizes His Fear
* Requests Revival
* Requests Mercy

Remembers

* God’s Power (v 3-11)
* God’s Past (v 12-15)
* God’s Purpose (v 13)

Remembering Brings

* Rest (v 16)
* Rejoicing (v 18)
  + In spite of dreadful circumstances (v 17)
* Revival (v 19)