



It's all about Him!

BOOK OF THE BIBLE

Transformational Bible Study Method

STEP 1—INTENT

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Look at the full context and avoid imposing a 21st-century worldview or assumptions into the ancient text.

TITLE/MEANING:

AUTHOR:

DATE/PERIOD OF HISTORY:

AUDIENCE:

BIBLICAL LITERARY GENRES: The author may use different types within the same book.

Circle the genre(s) used:

Historical/Narrative – Law – Poetry – Wisdom – Letters/Epistles – Prophecy – Apocalyptic – Gospels

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/CONTEXT:

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GOD THE FATHER, SON, & HOLY SPIRIT

OTHER MAIN CHARACTERS



STEP 3—TRANSFORMATION

If I BELIEVE and ACT on what God has revealed, how will my heart be changed
and my life be different tomorrow?

If I BELIEVE and ACT on what God has revealed, I WILL . . .



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HABAKKUK

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TITLE/MEANING: HABAKKUK = "TO EMBRACE" (PROBABLY). HABAKKUK EMBRACED GOD'S PEOPLE AND DESIRED THEIR TURN FROM EVIL. BY THE END, HABAKKUK EMBRACED GOD'S WILL

AUTHOR: HABAKKUK "THE PROPHET"

DATE/PERIOD OF HISTORY: AROUND 607 BC - BEFORE BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY (CHALDEANS) IN 605 BC AND AFTER GOOD KING JOSIAH'S DEATH IN 609 BC.

AUDIENCE:

ULTIMATELY JUDAH, BUT THIS IS THE ONLY BOOK IN THE BIBLE THAT RECORDS A CONVERSATION BETWEEN ONLY GOD AND ONE OF THE BIBLE'S AUTHORS. MOST PROPHETS PREACH TO GOD'S PEOPLE. NEITHER GOD NOR HABAKKUK ADDRESSED JUDAH DIRECTLY, BUT THIS MESSAGE WAS FOR THE WARNING AND COMFORT OF JUDAH.

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AFTER JUDAH'S GOOD KING JOSIAH DIED, JUDAH RETURNED TO THEIR EVIL WAYS. ASSYRIA HAD BEEN THE TERRIFYING WORLD POWER, BUT GOD WAS RAISING UP BABYLON (THE CHALDEANS) TO OVERTHROW JUDAH TO BRING THEM BACK TO THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND POSTURE BEFORE HIM, AND THUS BACK INTO HIS BLESSINGS AND PEACE.

CHRIST CONNECTION: It's all about Him!

IN CHRIST ALONE, ALL GOD'S PROMISES FOR HIS PEOPLE WILL BE FULFILLED AND HIS GLORY WILL BE REVEALED TO THE WHOLE WORLD. CHRIST FILLS US WITH ABIDING JOY AND PEACE AS WE TRUST IN HIM. THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH



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<p>LORD/YAHWEH -- GOD/ELOHIM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YAHWEH--WANTS AND HAS PROMISED A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PEOPLE - ELOHIM, THE ALMIGHTY CREATOR WHO HAS NO NEEDS - EVERLASTING (FOREVER THE SAME) - HOLY ONE (NOT EVEN THE HINT OF SIN IN HIM) - JUDGE - HE DECLARES RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT - ROCK - IMMOVABLE/FAITHFUL PROVIDER (FROM WILDERNESS IN EXODUS) - ROCK WHO REPROVES HIS CHILDREN 	<p>HABAKKUK</p>	<p>JUDAH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SINFUL AND IN NEED OF REPROOF 	<p>BABYLON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ORDAINED AND SENT BY GOD FOR JUDGMENT AND REPROOF

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- NO MATTER WHAT COMES, I WILL REMEMBER HE HAS PROMISED TO LOVE ME WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE AND KEEP ALL HIS PROMISES FOR ME
- WHEN GOD SENDS REPROOF, I WILL TRUST HIM AND NOT QUESTION HIS WAYS.
- I WILL REMEMBER THAT ALL HIS WAYS ARE HOLY AND FOR MY GREAT GOOD
- WHEN EVIL PEOPLE PROSPER, I WILL REMEMBER THAT GOD IS THE JUDGE WHO KNOWS WHEN TO SEND JUDGMENT.
- I WILL PRAY FOR MERCY FOR ME AND FOR ALL WHO SIN
- I WILL BE QUICK TO REPENT WHEN I SIN