

## Background

Name of the Book:

Habakkuk

Who wrote the book? (Name of the author & any background info about the author)

Habakkuk. There is no reliable information about him other than that he is the author of this book.

Who read the book? (Name the recipients and background about them)

The people and King of Judah. These were very sinful people. The king at this time, was Jehoiakim, the son of Josiah.

Josiah has been killed in battle with the Egyptians. Jehoiakim is a vassal king of the Egyptian pharaoh. Jehoiakim is taxing the people of Judah heavily so he can rebuild his palace (Jeremiah 22:27).

The people are deeply involved in the worship of idols, which includes all kinds of perverse worship practices.

When & where do the events of the book take place

Around 600 BC during the reign of Jehoiakim. This is about 15 years before the Chaldeans will attack Jerusalem and carry Judah into exile.

The events take place in Jerusalem.

Why did the author write it?

To warn Judah that the Chaldeans are coming to punish them for their injustice and immorality.

To express his faith that God's punishment is a good thing for Judah.

What kind of writing is this?

Letter  History  Poetry  Story  Wisdom  Prophecy