

# THE KING IS COMING

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LESSON 6: THE PROPHECY OF HABAKKUK . . . *PROPHECY*

MEMORY. Memorize Hab 2:4.

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**READING.** Read Habakkuk. After doing your reading, in the space below write down something that you found to be interesting or important. It can be something that you have never noticed before or something that you want to remember and apply.

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## DISCUSSION.

1. *Complaint.* What complaint did Habakkuk bring to God? (Hab 1:2-4) How did God plan to deal with the sin of Judah, and how did Habakkuk respond? (1:5-2:1) What can we learn from the dialogue between Habakkuk and God?

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2. **Woes.** The word translated “woe” (Heb. *hōy*) occurs five times in Habakkuk (2:6, 9, 12, 15, 19). What does this exclamation signal or imply in Scripture? Upon whom does God pronounce these woes? (vv. 2-19) Where did the Lord reside, and how should the earth respond to him? (v. 20)

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## DISCUSSION.

3. *Prayer.* Summarize the prayer of Habakkuk (Hab 3:1-19). What does this prayer teach us about the nature of God, judgment, and faith? (Optional: What does the name "Habakkuk" mean, and how does the prayer of Habakkuk match his name?)

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**CONNECTION.** The Old Testament (OT) points forward to Christ and the New Testament (NT). Record any significant OT-NT connections that you observe in Isaiah. In addition, answer the following questions and be ready to discuss: Where is Hab 2:4 quoted in the NT, and how do the NT authors apply the statement “the righteous will live by his faith”?

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**APPLICATION.** Read Hab 3:16-19. Though he would suffer emotionally and physically with the unrighteous, Habakkuk promised to rejoice in God and found strength in him. If you are enduring a trial, meditate on the character of the Lord and praise him for his salvation. If you are not currently facing any major difficulties, give thanks to God for his providence.