

Week beginning 28th April 2019

Twelve dead men speak

Habakkuk

Welcome



Which Bible character do you most closely identify with?

15 mins 28/4

Worship

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9. Let us thank God for Easter. Sing some songs.



20 mins 28/4

Word

The northern kingdom of Israel fell to the Assyrians in 722BC and now the Chaldean (second Babylonian) empire is rising to become the great power in the region. In 605BC the Chaldeans invaded Judah and Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, made Jehoiakim, King of Judah his vassal.



Read Habakkuk 1:1–2:1

- What is Habakkuk's complaint?
- What is the Lord's answer?
- What is surprising about this answer?
- What was God's purpose in using the Babylonians to punish Israel?
- How does Babylon see itself?
- Why does this cause a problem for Habakkuk?
- What is Habakkuk's second complaint?
- What does it mean to sacrifice to a net v16?
- What changes for Habakkuk in 2:1?

Read Habakkuk 2:2-14

- What revelation is Habakkuk to write down?
- Within the context of the book, who is 'he' in verses 4 -5?
- How will the righteous live by faith (or faithfulness)?
- What do we learn about Babylon in the three woes?
- How is Habakkuk's original concern of chapter 1 answered in this chapter?
- How will destroying Babylon spread God's glory (v14)

10 mins 28/4

Witness

Habakkuk has to wait for this prayers to be answered. Think about a 'yet-to-be answered-prayer', share it with the group if you wish and pray for continued trust in God's faithfulness.



10 mins 28/4