

Habakkuk 2: 4-20 (4, 14 & 20) The Just Shall Live by Faith

- From 2: 4-20 focus is on how Chaldeans will be routed and cast down
- God was using them temporarily but their final end was certain
- God would humble the pride of the Chaldeans, punishing them terribly

I. Historical Events Must Be Interpreted with God's Kingdom in View

- Historical principles in the prophets time stress a universal principle for all men
- If we want peace within while there is turmoil in the world around us the only way to do so is to understand the biblical explanation of history.
- History can only be understood in terms of God's kingdom , it's all His purpose

II. Confusion about World Events is not New

- Our problems are not new, we have been foolish to think they are unique
- History repeats itself. Psalmist struggled with same issues we do (Ps 73: 12)
- The Lord is not slow concerning His promise as some men count slowness (v.3)
- The theme of history is also central to the book of Revelation. However you may interpret it, it is clearly a forecast of history until final consummation.
- Unfortunately man get obsessed with the symbolism and miss the main theme
- Book of Revelation is a great preview of history: Jesus Christ opens the seals
- It contains great consolation for first century and 21st century Christians alike

III. Two Attitudes to Life Governed by Opposing World Views

- Vs.4 'The just shall live by faith' a passage found often in the New Testament
- There are only two possible attitudes to life: that of faith or that of unbelief
- We may either withdraw ourselves from faith in God or as believers trust God.
- A man's belief determines his conduct. A man who lives by faith is righteous
- I can observe, then hear what politicians say and then draw my conclusions
- Or I can see that there is a Biblical worldview, believe it because God said it

IV. Two Attitudes Which Lead to Two Unavoidable Paths in Life

- Either I take the bare Word of God by faith and live by it, or I do not.
- Hebrews 11 speaks of men who took the Word of God by faith and acted on it
- Faith in God, goes further, we take God's Word and live our lives based on it
- The Word of God does not call us to completely turn away from the world but it does insist that we have the right Biblical view in the world.