



The Book of the Twelve

*A Journey Through the
Minor Prophets*

Nahum Cont.

- **Textual Connection to the New Testament**

- Nahum 1:15—and likely Isa. 52:7—may lie behind Rom. 10:15.

- **Application in Light of Christ**

- The comfort provided by judgment—accomplished and impending
- The God who is *working*

Habakkuk | Historical & Critical Info

- Given that the Chaldeans (Babylonians) are depicted as God's instrument of judgment but that such judgment had not yet taken place, we can be fairly certain that Habakkuk is addressing the sins of Judah prior to 605 BC, the first stage of Babylonian exile/judgment. Beyond that, the specifics rest on whether one dates the book before or after Josiah's reforms in 622 BC.
- No prophetic book more robustly blends the prophet, Psalmist and sage. Not only is chapter three a psalm itself, but Habakkuk's complaints and Yahweh's replies are couched in the feel of psalm and wisdom literature.
- Unlike the other prophets, Habakkuk depicts a dialogue between the prophet and God and does not directly address any nation, although the clear implied audience is Judah.
- Habakkuk 1-2 is structured primarily by two complaints and two replies. Chapter 3 is a psalm/prayer in light of chapters 1-2.