“God is still in control”

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Habakkuk
FROM THE BIBLE'S PROPHETIC BOOKS
Do you think GOD is in control?
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4 Major Prophets   12 Minor Prophets
Timeline of the minor prophets

- Habakkuk
- Obadiah
- Jeremiah
- Daniel
- Ezekiel
- Zechariah
- Haggai
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Malachi

Key Events:
- Fall of Babylon 539 BCE
- Return of exiles 537 BCE
- Destruction of Jerusalem 607 BCE
- Temple rebuilt 515
- Walls Rebuilt 455

Timeline:
- 625
- 600
- 575
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- 475
- 450
- 425
To embrace/wrestle

Habakkuk
wrestling with God
To embrace/wrestle
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“How long, Oh Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, ‘Violence!’ but you do not save.” (Habakkuk 1:2)
# The Book of Habakkuk

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OUTLINE

HABAKKUK'S FIRST COMPLAINT: Why does the evil in Judah go unpunished? (1:2-4)

GOD'S ANSWER: The Babylonians will punish Judah (1:5-11)

HABAKKUK'S SECOND COMPLAINT: How can a just God use wicked Babylon to punish a people more righteous than themselves? (1:12; 2:1)

GOD'S ANSWER: Babylon will be punished, and faith will be rewarded (2:2-20)

HABAKKUK'S PRAYER: After asking for manifestations of God's wrath and mercy (as he has seen in the past), Habakkuk closes with a confession of trust and joy in God (Ch. 3)
Why?
God!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?
A Study of Habakkuk
HABAKKUK

A SUMMARY ...
“See he is puffed up; his desires are not upright ...”

(Habakkuk 2:4)
The just will live by faith.
What’s the practical application for us?
It’s OK to question God
(but with reverence & respect)
When everything seems like
it's falling apart
that's when God is
putting things together
just the way He wants it

GOD IS SOVEREIGN
(HE HAS ALL THINGS UNDER HIS CONTROL)
THE BIBLE NEVER ONCE SAYS, "FIGURE IT OUT," BUT OVER AND OVER IT SAYS, "TRUST GOD." HE'S ALREADY GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT.
There are no guarantees that bad things will not happen to good people.
WE MAY BE CALLED UPON TO SERVE HIM ALONE.
“I WILL STAND AT MY WATCH …”
HABAKKUK 2:1
Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

Habakkuk 3:18
The righteous shall live by their faith.

Habakkuk