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## COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009

7:00PM

STUDY OUTLINE #002

**THEME:** HEAVEN'S STRATEGY FOR ALL-TIME LIVING. (PART 2)

**SCRIPTURAL TEXT:** "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY HIS FAITH." (HABAKKUK 2:4)

Our scriptural text was revealed to Prophet Habakkuk as he waited upon God for Divine Direction in the midst of societal chaos, violence, lawlessness, trouble, plundering and contention. This shows that GLOBAL CRISIS (political, economic, social and otherwise) is not new.

### LET'S TURN OUR BIBLES TO HABAKKUK 1: 1- 4.

Please note again the surrounding circumstances and the societal upheaval of Habakkuk's day:

1. Violence
2. Iniquity (Lawlessness)
3. Trouble
4. Plundering (Corruption)
5. Strife
6. Contention

### ARE THEY DIFFERENT FROM THE HAPPENINGS AROUND US TODAY?

Four major things became prevalent as a result of this social and economic upheaval.

1. The law became powerless - the rule of law became the ruse of law. (Ruse: an action intended to mislead, deceive or trick)
2. Justice did not go forth
3. The wicked surrounded the righteous
4. Perverse judgment proceeded from the courts.

As it was then, so it is now.

### GOD'S RESPONSE:

In the midst of the Prophet's lamentation, God spoke from His vantage position in HABAKKUK 1: 5.

### THE PROPHET'S FURTHER QUESTION:

This may well be in the mind and mouth of every concerned citizen of the planet today.

(HABAKKUK 1:12 -17)

To this 2nd question, the Lord did not respond; so the Prophet decided to wait on the Lord.

(HABAKKUK 2:1)

After this period of waiting, the Lord answered His Prophet. (HABAKKUK 2: 2- 4)

### INSIGHT FOR LIVING

I. How then should the just live in the midst of violence, lawlessness, trouble, plundering, strife & contention?

II. How should the just live when the law becomes powerless, when justice never goes out, when the wicked surround the righteous and when perverse judgments proceed?

### "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY HIS FAITH." (HABAKKUK 2:4)

From the book of Habakkuk, there are three important principles we must learn and embrace in the midst of our present day global crisis.

**HEAVEN'S STRATEGY FOR ALL TIME LIVING<sup>2</sup>** *(Continued)*

1. The Role of the Praying Prophets and Prophetic Intercessors.

A. HABAKKUK 2:1

B. DANIEL 2, 3, & 6 (living by faith in the midst of chaos, lawlessness and uncertainty.)

"Yes! and all that will live godly in Christ shall suffer persecution." (2 TIMOTHY 3:12)

C. DANIEL 9, 1 KINGS 17 & 18, JAMES 5: 17 & 18.

**ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE 3 PHASES OF PROPHECY:**

1) Declaration: "Thus says the Lord"

2) Intercession: Praying the word of the Lord.

3) Manifestation: fulfillment of the word of the Lord.

2. Effective communication to all concerned of what we receive from the Lord in the secret place of prayer. (HABAKKUK 2: 2 & 3, HEBREWS 10: 35-39)

**NOTE:**

The role of confidence and endurance while waiting on God till "it" becomes "he" i.e. the word becomes Flesh. (JOB 14:14)

3. Deliberate alignment with the revealed word and will of God (HABAKKUK 3: 1 & 2, 12 & 13, 16-19).

This is the everlasting posture of faith. When you line up with the revealed word & will of God and act like it is, before it is, then it shall be. (LUKE 1: 37 & 38)

**PRAYER FOCUS**

PSALM 48:8