

LESSONS FROM THE OLD SCHOOL

Entering the Old School...

The Old School Defined



Why Go Old School?

- A Focus on the _____
- We need to hear _____
- We need the God of the Bible, not the god of our _____



This is my first article of faith. I required no Bible to determine it, and—honestly—I will either interpret away or ignore altogether any Bible verse that suggests otherwise.

Bart Campolo

- We need to live _____ – within and in light of the narrative/story of the gospel, not simply the American story of comfort and self fulfillment.

The Importance of the Old Testament

- Understanding the Redemptive Historical Context of Our Lives
- A Complete Picture of Jesus the Christ



Fast Facts on Habakkuk

Author: The Hebrew Prophet Habakkuk

Recipients: Written for the Southern Kingdom of Judah

Date of Writing: Approximately 608-605 BC

Literary Forms: Habakkuk's prophecy is unique in that it records the prophet's personal interactions with God. The book takes the form of a series of questions from Habakkuk and subsequent answers from God. There is a taunting or mocking song given by God in chapter two towards the evil Chaldean empire. Finally, chapter three includes a psalm of worship by the prophet which sets up the culminating message of the book.

Reason and Occasion: The purpose of the prophecy was to prepare a people to live faithfully amidst an unexpected downturn of events. Judah was in a state of internal sin and chaos where both justice and religion were being perverted. As a consequence they were about to be conquered as discipline from God. God wanted his people to know several things during this time of discipline and turmoil. First, the righteous would live by faith in the midst of the discipline. They would trust God in the middle of the storm. Secondly, he wanted them to know that their hope was in Him, not simply their temporal circumstances. This prophecy was also to steady the people of God through one of their darkest hours of exile from the Promised Land. They were not to lose hope; they were to persevere in faith. I believe the same purposes are eternally relevant for the people of God for we all travel through many troubles and trials in life and we too must persevere.

Big Picture Themes in Habakkuk

- *Questioning God*
- *Making Sense of the Suffering of a Fallen World*
- *The Sovereignty of God in Human History*
- *Faith in the Faithfulness of God*
- *The Justice and Wrath of God*
- *The Evil of Idolatry*
- *The Source of True Rejoicing and Happiness*