

**Preliminary to Daniel:**  
***Graduating from the University of Faith!***  
**Habakkuk 3: 16-19**

*...but the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God! ~ Hab. 2: 4b*

**The situation:** It's 606 BC. There are two super powers in the Middle East; The Babylonians and the Egyptians. What about the Assyrians? The Babylonians conquered Nineveh (612 BC), the Assyrian Capital, but the bloodied Assyrian army escaped to set up their capital at Haran. There, the Babylonians defeated them again. They re-escaped to the City of Carchemish where the Egyptian Army reinforced the Assyrians. This time the Babylonians under the leadership of the Crown Prince Nebuchadnezzar utterly destroyed the combined army and in a final blow became the world's only super power! **Next on the Neb's list: Conquer JUDAH.**

Habakkuk's education and ours too!

**I. Hab's Underdeveloped Faith:**

- **Chapter 1:** The Jews are the apple of God's eye. The chosen!
- So God will always **BLESS** us because we are special.
  - But Why? Why? Why?

**II. Hab's Next Lesson on Faith ~ Chapter 2**

- God loves them/us too much to **LEAVE US ALONE**.
- Facing the Future ~ Two ways:
  - The Road of **FEAR**.
  - The Road of **FAITH**.

**III. Hab's Graduation ~ 3: 16-19**

- Lesson on Fear: It kills our **POTENTIAL**.
- Lesson on Faith: It **FUELS** our potential.

- How to we then live? See verse 2: 4b!