

1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.	2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save!	3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention.	4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.	5 Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days which ye will not believe, though it be told you.	6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling- places that are not their's.
--	--	--	--	--	---

Chapter 1



Habakkuk



7 They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.	8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.	9 They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.	10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.	11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god.	12 Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.	13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?
--	--	---	---	--	--	---

14 And
makest men
as the fishes
of the sea, as
the creeping
things, that
have no ruler
over them?

15 They take
up all of
them with
the angle,
they catch
them in their
net, and
gather them
in their drag:
therefore
they rejoice
and are glad.

16 Therefore
they sacrifice
unto their
net, and burn
incense unto
their drag;
because by
them their
portion is fat,
and their
meat
plenteous.

17 Shall they
therefore
empty their
net, and not
spare
continually to
slay the
nations?

1 I will stand
upon my
watch, and
set me upon
the tower,
and will
watch to see
what he will
say unto me,
and what I
shall answer
when I am
reproved.

2 And the
LORD
answered me,
and said,
Write the
vision, and
make it plain
upon tables,
that he may
run that
readeth it.

3 For the
vision is yet
for an
appointed
time, but at
the end it
shall speak,
and not lie:
though it
tarry, wait
for it;
because it
will surely
come, it will
not tarry.

Chapter 2



4 Behold, his
soul which is
lifted up is
not upright in
him: but the
just shall live
by his faith.

5 Yea also,
because he
transgresseth
by wine, he is
a proud man,
neither
keepeth at
home, who
enlargeth his
desire as hell,
and is as
death, and
cannot be
satisfied, but
gathereth
unto him all
nations, and
heapeth unto
him all
people:

6 Shall not
all these take
up a parable
against him,
and a
taunting
proverb
against him,
and say, Woe
to him that
increaseth
that which is
not his! how
long? and to
him that
ladeth
himself with
thick clay!

7 Shall they
not rise up
suddenly that
shall bite
thee, and
awake that
shall vex
thee, and
thou shalt be
for booties
unto them?

8 Because
thou hast
spoiled many
nations, all
the remnant
of the people
shall spoil
thee; because
of men's
blood, and
for the
violence of
the land, of
the city, and
of all that
dwell therein.

9 Woe to him
that coveteth
an evil
covetousness
to his house,
that he may
set his nest
on high, that
he may be
delivered
from the
power of evil!

10 Thou hast
consulted
shame to thy
house by
cutting off
many people,
and hast
sinned
against thy
soul.

11 For the
stone shall
cry out of the
wall, and the
beam out of
the timber
shall answer
it.

12 Woe to
him that
buildeth a
town with
blood, and
stablisheth a
city by
iniquity!

13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?

14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!

16 Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory.

17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, which made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?

19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.

20 But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.

2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

4 And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.

5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.

6 He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting.

7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

Chapter 3



8 Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation?

9 Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

10 The mountains saw thee, and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high.

11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of thy glittering spear.

12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.

13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, through the heap of great waters.

16 When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.

17 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.