

Habakkuk

Chapter 1

The vision which Habakkuk
{strong embrace}
the prophet saw.

O LORD {Jehovah}, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear!
even cry out to You *about* violence, and You will not save!

Why do You show me sin, and cause *me* to see perversity?
because destruction and violence *are* before me:
and there are those who raise up strife and contention.

Therefore the law is not enforced, and justice never goes forth:
because the wicked encircle around the righteous;
therefore injustice continues.

Listen you who live among the heathen
{ungodly nations},
and pay attention, and wonder marvelously:
because *I* will work a work in your days, *which* you will not believe, though it is told *you*.

Because, indeed, I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which shall march
through the breadth of the land, to possess the homes *that are* not theirs.

They *are* terrible and dreadful:
their judgment and their dignity will proceed from themselves.

Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves:
and their horsemen will spread themselves, and their horsemen will come from far away; they
will fly as the eagle *that* hurries to eat.

They will all come for violence:
their faces will devour *as* the east wind, and they will gather the captives as the sand.

And they will scoff at the kings, and the princes will be a scorn to them:
they will deride every stronghold;
because they will heap up dirt, and take it.

Then *his* mind will change, and he will pass over, and offend, giving credit to his god for his
power.

Are You not from everlasting, O LORD {Jehovah} my God, my Holy One?
we shall not die.

O LORD {Jehovah}, You have ordained them for judgment;
and, O mighty God, You have established them for correction.

You are of purer eyes than to look upon evil, and cannot look on sin:
why do You look upon those who deal treacherously, *and* hold Your tongue when the wicked
man devours *one who* is more righteous than he?

And make men as the fish of the sea, as the crawling things, *that have* no ruler over them?

All of them take up with the hook, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their
fishing net:
therefore they rejoice and are glad.

Therefore they sacrifice to their net, and burn incense to their fishing net;
because by them their portion *is* fat, and their meat plenteous.

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

Habakkuk Chapter 2

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

And the LORD {Jehovah} answered me, and said,
Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tablets, that he who reads it may run.

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

Indeed,
he whose soul is puffed up is not upright in himself:
but the just will live by his faith.

Yes also, because he sins by wine, *he is* a proud man, neither stays at home, who enlarges his desire as hell, and *is* as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathers to himself all nations, and heaps up to himself all people:

Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say,
Woe to him who increases *that which is* not his!
how long?
and to him who loads himself up with pledges he does not plan to keep!

Shall they not rise up suddenly who will bite you, and awake who will torment you, and you will be for their booty?

Because you have spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people will spoil you;
because of men's blood, and *for* the violence of the land, of the city, and of all who live in it.

Woe to him who desires an evil desire for what belongs to someone else for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!

You have consulted shame to your house by cutting off many people, and have sinned *against* your own soul.

Because the stone will cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber will answer it.

Woe to him who builds a town with blood, and establishes a city by sin!

Indeed, *is it* not of the LORD {Jehovah} of hosts
{armies; multitudes}
that the people shall labor in the very fire, and the people will weary themselves for only vanity?

Because the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD {Jehovah}, as the waters cover the sea.

Woe to him who gives his neighbor drink, that puts your bottle to *him*, and also causes *him to be drunk*, that you may look on their nakedness!

You are filled with shame for glory:
you also drink, and expose yourself:
the cup of the LORD's {Jehovah's} right hand will be turned against you, and shameful vomiting *will be* on your glory.

Because the violence of Lebanon will cover you, 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 who live in it.

What does the graven image profit that its maker has formed it;
the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusts in it, to make idols that cannot speak?

Woe to him who says to the wood,
Awake; to the stone that cannot speak,
Arise, it shall teach!
Indeed, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and *there is* no breath at all in its midst.

But the LORD {Jehovah} *is* in His holy temple:
let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Habakkuk Chapter 3

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet set to poetic verse.

O LORD {Jehovah}, I have heard
Your speech, *and* was afraid:
O LORD {Jehovah}, revive Your
work in the midst of the years, in
the midst of the years make
known;
in wrath
{anger; judgment}
remember mercy.

God came from Teman, and the
Holy One from mount Paran.
Selah
{musical pause}.
His glory covered the heavens,
and the earth was full of His praise.

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

Before Him went the pestilence,
and burning coals went forth at
His feet.

He stood, and measured the earth:
He looked, and violently shook the
nations;
and the everlasting mountains
were scattered, the
perpetual hills bowed down
{before Him}:
His ways *are* everlasting.

I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction:
and the curtains of the
land of Midian trembled.

Was the LORD {Jehovah}
displeased against the rivers?
Was Your anger against the rivers?
Was Your wrath {anger; judgment}
against the sea, that You rode

upon Your horses *and* Your chariots
of salvation?

Your bow was made quite naked,
according to the oaths of the
tribes, *even* Your word.
Selah {musical pause}.
You divided the earth with rivers.

The mountains saw You, *and*
they trembled:
the overflowing of the water passed
by:
the deep spoke, *and* lifted up his
hands on high.

The sun *and* moon stood still in
their homes:
at the light of Your arrows they
went, *and* at the shining of Your
glittering spear.

You marched through the land in
indignation, You threshed the
heathen {ungodly nations} in
anger.

You went forth for the salvation
of Your people, *even* for salvation
with Your anointed;
You wounded the head out of the
house of the wicked, by uncovering
the foundation up to the neck.
Selah
{musical pause}

You stuck through with his clubs
the head of his villages:
they came out as a whirlwind to
scatter me:
their rejoicing *was* as to devour
the poor secretly.

You walked through the sea with
Your horses, *through* the heap of
great waters.

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 comes up to the people,
He will invade them with His
troops.

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

Yet I will rejoice in the LORD
{Jehovah}, I will rejoice in the
God of my salvation.

The LORD {Jehovah} God *is* my
strength, and He will make my
feet like deer's *feet*, and He will
cause me to walk upon my high
places.

To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.