

HABAKKUK.

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 marvellously:

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 theirs.

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 de-
voureth *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?

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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.

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 putteth 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 spuing *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.

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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.

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 lift 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.

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