

Habakkuk

¹ The burden which Habakkuk the prophet saw.

² O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! *even* cry out to thee *of* violence, and thou wilt not save!

³ Why dost thou show me iniquity, and cause *me* to behold grievance? for devastation and violence *are* before me: and there are *that* raise strife and contention.

⁴ Therefore the law is slackened, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth encompass 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 theirs.

⁷ They *are* terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed from 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 to 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 to his god.

12 *Art* thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my 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: why lookest thou on them that deal treacherously, *and* keepest silence 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 animals *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 rejoyce and are glad.

16 Therefore they sacrifice to their net, and burn incense to their drag; because by them their portion *is* fat, and their food 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 seat myself upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say to 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 may 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 Yes 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 to him all nations, and collecteth to 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 suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall disturb thee, and thou shalt be for booties to them?

⁸ Because thou hast laid waste many nations, all the remnant of the people shall lay thee waste; 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 establisheth a city by iniquity!

¹³ Behold, *is it* not from the LORD of hosts that the people shall labor 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 to him that giveth his neighbor 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 to thee, and shameful vomiting *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 its maker 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 to 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 trembled.

⁸ Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? *was* thy anger against the rivers? *was* thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thy 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 thy 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 thy anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by uncovering the foundation to the neck. Selah.

14 Thou didst strike through with his staffs 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 thy horses, *through* the mire 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 to 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 labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no food; 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 my high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

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