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Habakkuk

1 ¹ The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

2 “Until when, Yahweh, will I cry aloud, but you will not listen?

I cry out to you ‘Violence!’ but you do not save.

3 Why do you make me see iniquity, and **why** do you behold trouble?

And destruction and violence **are** to the front of me, and **there** is strife, and contention arises.

4 Therefore the law weakens, and justice does not go forth to perpetuity.

For the wicked surrounds the righteous, therefore justice goes forth perverted.”

5 “See among the nations and consider, and be amazed, be amazed!

For I am working a work in your days **that** you will not believe when it is recounted.

6 For behold me, raising up the Chaldeans, the bitter and hastening nation,

the one going through the breadths of the earth to seize dwellings not to him.

7 He **is** dreadful and terrifying; from him goes forth his justice and his dignity.

8 And his horses are swifter than leopards, and they are fiercer than wolves of the evening.

And his horsemen spread out, and his horsemen come from a distance,

they fly like an eagle rushing to devour.

9 All of them will come for violence.

The direction of their faces **is** eastward, and he gathers captives like the sand.

10 And he, he mocks at kings, and rulers **are** laughter to him.

He, he laughs at every fortress, for he piles up dirt and captures it.

11 Then he sweeps by **like** the wind and goes on.

But he will become guilty, this **one** whose might **is** his god.”

12 “**Are** you not from ancient times, Yahweh my God, my Holy One?

We will not die.

Yahweh, you have appointed him for judgment,

and Rock, you have established him for correcting.

13 Your eyes are pure from seeing evil, and you are not able to look at trouble.

Why do you look at treacherous ones, keep silent when the wicked devours **one** more righteous than him?

14 And you make man like the fish of the sea, like a creeping thing **with** no ruler over it.

15 All of them, he brings up with a hook.

He drags him with his net, and he gathers him with his dragnet.

Therefore he rejoices and
exults.

16 Therefore he sacrifices to his
net and burns incense to his
dragnet,

for by them his portion **is** fat
and his food is rich.

17 Therefore will he empty his
net,

and will he not spare to slay
the nations continually?"

2 ¹ I shall stand at my
watchpost

and shall station myself on the
watchtower,

and I will watch to see what
he will say to me

and what I will respond
concerning my complaint.

2 Then Yahweh answered me
and said, "Write the vision, and
make **it** plain on the tablets,
so that the one reading it may
run.

3 For the vision **is** still for the
appointed time;
it speaks of the end and will
not lie.

Though it tarries, wait for it.
For coming, it will come; it
will not delay.

4 Behold! His soul is puffed up;
it is not upright within him,
but the righteous will live by
his faithfulness.

5 And moreover wine deceives
the arrogant warrior;
and he will not rest,
who enlarges his appetite like
Sheol,

and he **is** like death and is
never satisfied.

And he gathers to himself all of
the nations

and collects for himself all of
the peoples.

6 Will not these, all of them, take
up a proverb against him,
and ridicule, a riddle about
him, so that it says,

'Woe to the one increasing **what**
is not his'—until when?

'and loading onto himself
pledges'!

7 Will not your biters suddenly
rise up,

and the ones shaking you
awaken?

Then you will become spoils
for them.

8 Because you have plundered
many nations,

all of the remainder of the
peoples will plunder you,

from the bloodshed of man and
the violence of the land,

the city, and all the dwellers
in it.

9 'Woe to the one gaining an evil
gain for his house,

to set his nest on high, to be
delivered from the hand of
evil.'

10 You have counseled shame for
your house,

cutting off many peoples, and
sinning against your soul.

11 For a stone will cry out from
the wall,

and a beam from the wood
will answer it,

12 'Woe to the one building a
city with bloodshed,

and **who** establishes a town
with injustice.'

13 Behold, **is it** not from Yahweh
of armies

that peoples labor for fire and
nations become weary for
emptiness?

14 For the earth will be filled
with knowing the glory of
Yahweh,
as the waters cover over the
sea.

15 'Woe to the one causing his
neighbor to drink,
pouring out your wineskin,
and even making **him** drunk,
in order to look upon their
nakedness.

16 You have become full **of**
shame instead of glory.
Drink, you also, and be
uncircumcised!
The cup of the right hand of
Yahweh will come around to you,
and disgrace upon your glory.

17 For the violence of Lebanon
will cover you
and the destruction of beasts
will terrify them,
from the bloodshed of man and
the violence of the land,
the city, and all the dwellers
in it.'

18 What does a carved image
profit when its fashioner has
carved it,
a molten idol and a teacher of
lies?

For the one forming its form has
trusted in it,
to make mute idols.

19 'Woe to the one saying to the
wood, Awake,
to the silent stone, Arise!'
It teaches!

Behold, it is overlaid with gold
and silver,
but there is not any breath
within it.

20 But Yahweh is in the temple
of his holiness!

Hush, all the earth from his
face!"

3 ¹ A prayer of Habakkuk the
prophet, on shigyonoth.

2 Yahweh, I have heard your
report;
I feared, Yahweh, your work.
In the midst of the years, revive
it;

in the midst of the years,
make it known.
In wrath, remember compassion.

3 God came from Teman,
and the Holy One, from Mount
Paran. Selah

His splendor covered the
heavens,
and his praise filled the earth.

4 And **his** brightness was like the
light;
his rays **came** from his hand,
and there **was** the hiding of
his strength.

5 Before his face plague went,
and fiery bolts went out at his
feet.

6 He stood, and he measured the
earth.

He looked, and he made the
nations spring apart.
The eternal mountains were
shattered;

the everlasting hills sank
down.

His goings **are** everlasting.

7 Under trouble I saw the tents
of Cushan;
the curtains of the land of
Midian trembled.

8 Was it against the rivers that
Yahweh burned?
Or **was** your nose against the
rivers?
Or **was** your fury against the
sea,
that you rode on your horses,
your chariots of salvation?

9 Your bow was completely
bared;
the oaths **sworn** to the staffs
were a word. Selah
You split the earth with rivers.

10 The mountains saw you; they
writhed.
A torrent of waters swept
past.
The deep gave its voice;
it lifted its hands on high.

11 The sun **and** moon stood still
in their habitation,
at the light of your arrows as
they flew,
at the gleam of the lightning
of your spear.

12 In indignation you marched
through the earth;
in anger you threshed the
nations.

13 You went out for the salvation
of your people,
for the salvation of your
anointed one.
You struck the head from the
house of the wicked,
laying bare the foundation to
the neck. Selah

14 You pierced with his own
staffs the head of his warriors.
They stormed to scatter me;

their exultation **was** as if to
devour the afflicted in secret.

15 You trod the sea with your
horses,
through the heap of great
waters.

16 I heard, and my belly
trembled;
at the sound, my lips
quivered.

Decay entered into my bones,
and in my place I trembled.
Yet I may rest for the day of
distress,

to come up against the people
who attack us.

17 Though the fig tree does not
blossom,

and **there** is no produce on
the vines,

the work of the olive has been
deceptive,

and the fields have not
produced food,

the flock has been cut off from
the fold,

and **there** are no cattle in the
stalls—

18 yet I, I will exult in Yahweh;
I will rejoice in the God of my
salvation.

19 Yahweh the Lord **is** my
strength,

and he made my feet like
deer,

and on my high places he makes
me tread.

To the chief musician, on my
stringed instruments.