



**HOW LONG, O LORD?**  
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*The oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw. How long, O Lord, will I call for help, and Thou wilt not hear? I cry out to Thee, violence! Yet Thou dost not save. Why dost Thou make me see iniquity, and cause me to look on wickedness? Yes, destruction and violence are before me; strife exists and contention arises. Therefore, the law is ignored and justice is never upheld. For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore justice comes out perverted. ~ Habakkuk 1:1-4 (NASB 1977)*

*What has been is what will be and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. ~ Ecclesiastes 1:9 (ESV)*

*Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, be zealous and repent.  
~ Revelation 3:19 (NASB 1977)*

**THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE BOOK OF HABAKKUK**

**Chapter 1 - The Problems of Habakkuk**

- A. The first problem of Habakkuk
- B. God's first reply
- C. The second problem coming from the first reply

**Chapter 2 -**

- A. God's second reply

**Chapter 3 - The Praise and Prayer of Habakkuk**

- A. Habakkuk prays for God's mercy
- B. He remembers God's mercy from the past
  - 1. The Glory of the person of God
  - 2. The Power of the saving acts of God.
- C. Habakkuk trusts in God's salvation

*Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.  
~ Isaiah 5:20 (NIV)*

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ~ Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)*



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*Look among the nations! Observe! Be astonished! Wonder! Because I am doing something in your days -- you would not believe it if you were told.  
~ Habakkuk 1:5 (NASB 1977)*

*For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that fierce and impetuous people, who march throughout the earth to seize dwelling places which are not theirs. ~ Habakkuk 1:6 (NASB 1977)*

*Then they will sweep through like the wind and pass on.  
But they will be held guilty, they whose strength is their god.  
~ Habakkuk 1:11 (NASB 1977)*

*Art Thou not from everlasting, O Lord, my God, my Holy One? We will not die. Thou, O Lord, has appointed them to judge; and Thou, O Rock, hast established them to correct. Thine eyes are too pure to approve evil, and Thou canst not look on wickedness with favor. Why dost Thou look with favor on those who deal treacherously? Why are Thou silent when the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they?  
~ Habakkuk 1:12-13 (NASB 1977)*

*I will stand at my guard post and station myself on the rampart;  
and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved. ~ Habakkuk 2:1 (NASB 1977)*

*Then the Lord answered me and said, "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it, may run. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal, and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.  
~ Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NASB 1977)*

*Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; but the righteous shall live by his faith. ~ Habakkuk 2:4 (NASB 1977)*

### **GOD ISSUES FIVE WOES TO BABYLON**

- 1. Aggression and Greed - verses 5-8**
- 2. Exploitation, Extortion and Covetousness - verses 9-11**
- 3. Cruelty and Violence - verses 12-13**
- 4. Inhumanity and Heartlessness - verses 15-17**
- 5. Idolatry - verses 18-19**

*For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,  
as the waters cover the sea. ~ Habakkuk 2:14 (NASB 1977)*

*But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him.  
~ Habakkuk 2:20 (NASB 1977)*

*I heard and my inward parts trembled, at the sound my lips quivered.  
Decay enters my bones, and in my place I tremble. Because I must wait quietly for the day of distress, for the people to arise who will invade us.  
~ Habakkuk 3:16 (NASB 1977)*

*Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines,  
though the yield of the olive should fail, and the fields produce no food,  
though the flock should be cut off from the fold, and there be no cattle in the stalls,  
Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.  
~ Habakkuk 3:17-18 (NASB 1977)*

*The Lord God is my strength, and He has made my feet like hinds' feet, and makes me walk on my high places. ~ Habakkuk 3:19 (NASB 1977)*

### **ENCOURAGING ASPECTS FROM HABAKKUK**

- 1. Chapter 1, verse 12 - "We shall not die."**
- 2. Chapter 2, verse 1 - "I will stand on my guard post and station myself on my rampart."**
- 3. Chapter 2, verse 4 - "Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous shall live by his faith."**
- 4. Chapter 2, verse 14 - "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."**
- 5. - Chapter 2, verse 20 - "But the Lord is in His Holy temple. Let all the earth be silent before Him."**
- 6. Chapter 3, verses 17-18 - "Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation."**
- 7. Chapter 3, verse 19 - "The Lord God is my strength, and He has made my feet like hinds' feet, and makes me walk on my high places."**