

# Habakkuk



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Habakkuk's message

1 The message seen by the prophet Habakkuk.  
(Habakkuk)

2 How long, Lord, will I cry out and you will not hear?

a nd you will not hear me, because you are silent.

I cry out, "Violence!"

b ut you do not help me.

3 Why do you make me look upon wickedness?

a nd behold, trouble?

Destruction and violence are before my eyes,

a nd fighting and quarrelling.

4 Therefore the law is weak,

a nd justice is never rendered;

**f** or **the** wicked **surround** **the** righteous,

**s** o **that** justice **is** perverted.  
(**The** **Lord**)

**5** **Look** at **the** **nations**, **look** well,

**b** e **shocked** and **amazed**.

**F** or **I** **am** **about** **to** **do** **a** **work** **in** **your** **days**;

**y** ou **will** **not** **believe** **it** **when** **it** **is** **told**.

**6** **For** **I** **am** **about** **to** **raise** **up** **the** **Chaldeans**,

**a** **nation** **grim** and **quick** **of** **action**

**w** ho **sweep** **over** **the** **whole** **breadth** **of** **the** **earth**

**t** o **seize** **dwellings** **not** **their** **own**.

**7** **They** **bring** **fear** **and** **terror**.

**T** hey **write** **their** **own** **rules**.

8 Their horses are swifter than leopards,

quicker than wolves hunting at dusk.

From afar they come swooping down,

like an eagle attacking its prey.

9 They all come to do violence,

as a horde like a desert wind,

they gather up captives like sand.

10 At kings they scoff,

and princes are sport to them.

They laugh at every fortress,

and heap up earth to take it.

11 Then they sweep on like the wind,

Their strength is their god.  
(Habakkuk)

12 Are you not eternal, w Lord w\*,

my holy one, who does not die?

w Lord w\* you have appointed them to execute judgment,

my rock, you have established them to punish.

13 Your eyes are too pure to look at evil,

you cannot condone iniquity.

So why do you regard the treacherous in silence,

while the wicked swallows the upright?

14 You have made people like the fish of the sea,

like reptiles that have no ruler.

15 The wicked sweep them all into their nets,

and gather them into their drag-nets,



a nd|strong = "H5927" rejoice|strong = "H8055" and|strong = "H5927"  
celebrate|strong = "H6213".

16Therefore|strong = "H3651" they|strong = "H1992"  
sacrifice|strong = "H2076" to|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H1992"  
net|strong = "H2764",

a nd|strong = "H2076" burn|strong = "H6999" offerings|strong = "H3588"  
to|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H1992" drag-net;

f or|strong = "H3588" by|strong = "H5921" their|strong = "H1992"  
nets|strong = "H2764" are|strong = "H1992" their|strong = "H1992"  
portions|strong = "H2506" generous|strong = "H6340",

a nd|strong = "H2076" their|strong = "H1992" food|strong = "H3978"  
is|strong = "H3651" rich|strong = "H8082".

17Will|strong = "H1471" they|strong = "H3651" empty|strong = "H7324"  
their|strong = "H5921" nets|strong = "H2764" continually|strong = "H8548",

s laughter|strong = "H2026" nations|strong = "H1471" unpityingly?

2I|strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H4100" take|strong = "H7725"  
my|strong = "H7200" stand|strong = "H5975" on|strong = "H5921"  
my|strong = "H7200" watch-tower|strong = "H0975",

a nd|strong = "H7725" station|strong = "H3320" myself|strong = "H0589"  
on|strong = "H5921" a|strong = "H7200" turret.

I |strong = "H5921" will|strong = "H4100" watch|strong = "H6822"  
to|strong = "H1696" see|strong = "H7200" what|strong = "H4100"  
the|strong = "H5921" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w\* will|strong = "H4100"  
say|strong = "H1696" to|strong = "H1696" me|strong = "H7725",

w hat|strong = "H4100" answer|strong = "H7725" he|strong = "H5921"  
will|strong = "H4100" make|strong = "H7200" to|strong = "H1696"  
my|strong = "H7200" complaint|strong = "H7879".  
(The|strong = "H5921" Lord|strong = "H3068")

2Then|strong = "H6030" the|strong = "H5921" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w\*  
answered|strong = "H6030" me|strong = "H5921" and|strong = "H3068"  
said|strong = "H6030":

I nscribe|strong = "H3789" the|strong = "H5921" vision|strong = "H2377"  
plainly|strong = "H5046" on|strong = "H5921" tablets|strong = "H3871",

s o|strong = "H4616" that|strong = "H3068" even|strong = "H3068"  
someone|strong = "H0376" running|strong = "H7323" by|strong = "H5921"  
could|strong = "H3201" read|strong = "H7121" it|strong = "H7121".

3Though|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588" vision|strong = "H2377"  
waits|strong = "H2442" for|strong = "H3588" the|strong = "H3588"  
time|strong = "H4150" set|strong = "H6315",

i t|strong = "H3588" hastens|strong = "H6315" to|strong = "H4150"  
fulfilment and|strong = "H4150" will|strong = "H3808" not|strong = "H3808"  
fail|strong = "H3576";

T hough|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H3588" linger|strong = "H0309"  
long|strong = "H5750", wait|strong = "H2442" for|strong = "H3588"  
it|strong = "H3588".

F or|strong = "H3588" it|strong = "H3588" surely|strong = "H3588"  
will|strong = "H3808" come|strong = "H5750" and|strong = "H4150"  
will|strong = "H3808" not|strong = "H3808" be|strong = "H3808"  
delayed|strong = "H4102".

4The|strong = "H3808" strength|strong = "H5315" of|strong = "H5315"  
the|strong = "H3808" proud|strong = "H6075" fails|strong = "H3615",

b ut|strong = "H3808" the|strong = "H3808" upright|strong = "H3474"  
lives|strong = "H5315" by|strong = "H3808" their|strong = "H3808"  
faithfulness|strong = "H0530".

5Wealth|strong = "H3808" is|strong = "H1931"  
treacherous|strong = "H0898",

t he|strong = "H3605" arrogant|strong = "H2086" never|strong = "H3808"  
have|strong = "H5971" enough|strong = "H7646".

T hey|strong = "H3588" make|strong = "H7337" their|strong = "H3605"  
desire|strong = "H5315" as|strong = "H5315" wide|strong = "H7337"  
as|strong = "H5315" Sheol|strong = "H7585",

a re|strong = "H5971" like|strong = "H3808" death|strong = "H4194",  
unsatisfied|strong = "H7385",

**F** or they gather to themselves all the nations,

bring together to themselves all peoples.

6Shouldn't everyone mock them?

sing against them, and say:

Who to the person who amasses what is not theirs,

and loads them self down with goods taken in!

7Won't your creditors suddenly rise,

and those who will overthrow you awake,

and you become their prey?

8For as you have plundered many peoples,

the survivors will prey upon you.

**Y**ou|strong="H3588" have|strong="H5971" shed|strong="H1818"  
blood|strong="H1818" and|strong="H5971" committed|strong="H6213"  
violence|strong="H2555"

**t**o|strong="H5971" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776",  
peoples|strong="H5971" and|strong="H5971" their|strong="H3605"  
cities|strong="H7151".

**9**Woe|strong="H1945" to|strong="H1004" you|strong="H7760"  
who|strong="H1945" seeks|strong="H1245" unjust|strong="H1215"  
gain|strong="H1215" for|strong="H1004" your|strong="H7760"  
dynasty|strong="H1004",

**w**ho|strong="H1945" sets|strong="H7760" your|strong="H7760"  
nest|strong="H7064" on|strong="H7760" high|strong="H4791"  
to|strong="H1004" be|strong="H1004" safe|strong="H7965"  
from|strong="H5337" the|strong="H7760" reach|strong="H5060"  
of|strong="H1004" misfortune|strong="H7451"!

**10**You|strong="H3289" have|strong="H5971" planned|strong="H3289"  
only|strong="H0389" shame|strong="H1322" for|strong="H1004"  
your|strong="H5971" dynasty|strong="H1004".

**Y**ou|strong="H3289" have|strong="H5971" destroyed|strong="H4229"  
many|strong="H7227" peoples|strong="H5971",

**a**nd|strong="H1004" brought|strong="H0935" guilt|strong="H0817"  
upon|strong="H3289" yourself|strong="H5315";

**11**the|strong="H3588" stone|strong="H0068" will|strong="H2199"  
cry|strong="H2199" out|strong="H2199" from|strong="H6086"  
the|strong="H3588" wall|strong="H7023",

**a**nd|strong="H6030" the|strong="H3588" beam|strong="H4500"  
from|strong="H6086" the|strong="H3588" timber|strong="H6086"  
will|strong="H2199" answer|strong="H6030" it|strong="H3588".

**12**Woe|strong="H1945" to|strong="H5892" the|strong="H1129"  
person|strong="H1818" who|strong="H1945" builds|strong="H1129"  
a|strong="H1129" city|strong="H5892" by|strong="H5892"  
bloodshed|strong="H1818",

- a nd|strong = "H5892" founds|strong = "H3559" a|strong = "H1129"  
town|strong = "H7151" by|strong = "H5892" crime|strong = "H1818"
- 13while|strong = "H2009" the|strong = "H3068" peoples|strong = "H5971"  
toil|strong = "H3021" for|strong = "H3068" what|strong = "H7385"  
fires|strong = "H0784" will|strong = "H3068" consume|strong = "H0398",
- a nd|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" nations|strong = "H5971"  
weary|strong = "H3021" themselves|strong = "H0905" for|strong = "H3068"  
nothing|strong = "H3808"!
- T his|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H3068" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w\*  
of|strong = "H3068" hosts|strong = "H6635" has|strong = "H3068"  
said|strong = "H0559", <sup>14</sup> and|strong = "H3068" the|strong = "H5921"  
earth|strong = "H0776" will|strong = "H3068" be|strong = "H3068"  
as|strong = "H3068" full|strong = "H4390" of|strong = "H3068"  
the|strong = "H5921" knowledge|strong = "H3045" of|strong = "H3068"  
the|strong = "H5921" glory|strong = "H3519" of|strong = "H3068"  
the|strong = "H5921" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w\* as|strong = "H3068"  
the|strong = "H5921" seas|strong = "H3220" are|strong = "H3068"  
full|strong = "H4390" of|strong = "H3068" water|strong = "H4325".
- 15Woe|strong = "H1945" to|strong = "H5921" him|strong = "H5921"  
who|strong = "H1945" in|strong = "H5921" fury|strong = "H2534"  
gives|strong = "H5414" drink|strong = "H8248" to|strong = "H5921"  
his|strong = "H5921" neighbor|strong = "H7453"
- t o|strong = "H5921" make|strong = "H7937" him|strong = "H5921"  
drunk|strong = "H7937", and|strong = "H7453" see|strong = "H5027"  
him|strong = "H5921" naked|strong = "H6174".
- 16You|strong = "H5921" are|strong = "H3068" filled|strong = "H7646"  
with|strong = "H7646" shame|strong = "H7036", not|strong = "H1571"  
glory|strong = "H3519";
- d rink|strong = "H8354" yourself|strong = "H5921" and|strong = "H3068"  
be|strong = "H3068" uncovered|strong = "H6188".
- T he|strong = "H5921" cup|strong = "H3563" from|strong = "H5921"  
the|strong = "H5921" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w\*'s hand|strong = "H3225"
- w ill|strong = "H3068" pass|strong = "H5674" in|strong = "H5921"  
turn|strong = "H5437" to|strong = "H3068" you|strong = "H5921",

**a** nd|strong="H3068" shame|strong="H7036" will|strong="H3068" cover|strong="H3680" your|strong="H3068" glory|strong="H3519"!

17For|strong="H3588" the|strong="H3605" violence|strong="H2555" done|strong="H3605" to|strong="H3427" Lebanon|strong="H3844" will|strong="H3844" overwhelm|strong="H3680" you|strong="H3588",

**t** he|strong="H3605" destruction|strong="H7701" of|strong="H3427" animals|strong="H0929" will|strong="H3844" terrify|strong="H2865" you|strong="H3588",

**b** ecause|strong="H3588" you|strong="H3588" shed|strong="H1818" people's|strong="H5971" blood|strong="H1818" on|strong="H3427" the|strong="H3605" earth|strong="H0776",

**d** estroyed|strong="H7701" people|strong="H3427" and|strong="H1818" their|strong="H3605" cities|strong="H7151".

18What|strong="H4100" use|strong="H6213" is|strong="H4100" an|strong="H6213" idol|strong="H6459"?

**A** |strong="H6213" human|strong="H0120" made|strong="H6213" it|strong="H5921",

**a** |strong="H6213" metal|strong="H6213" image|strong="H6459".

**I** t|strong="H5921" cannot|strong="H3808" speak|strong="H1696",

**i** t|strong="H5921" cannot|strong="H3808" teach|strong="H3384" truth|strong="H0571",

**W** hy|strong="H4100" does|strong="H6213" its|strong="H5921" maker|strong="H6213" trust|strong="H0982" it|strong="H5921"?

19Woe|strong="H1945" to|strong="H7307" the|strong="H3605" person|strong="H5315" who|strong="H3605" says|strong="H1748" to|strong="H7307" a|strong="H5782" block|strong="H4383",  
awake|strong="H5782"!

**t** o|strong="H7307" a|strong="H5782" dumb|strong="H1748" stone|strong="H0068", arise|strong="H5782"!

W hat|strong = "H4100" can|strong = "H7307" it|strong = "H1931"  
teach|strong = "H3384"?

I t|strong = "H1931" may|strong = "H1931" be|strong = "H6086"  
set|strong = "H3384" with|strong = "H3605" gold|strong = "H2091"  
and|strong = "H3701" silver|strong = "H3701",

b ut|strong = "H2009" there|strong = "H2009" is|strong = "H1931"  
no|strong = "H3605" breath|strong = "H7307" at|strong = "H7307"  
all|strong = "H3605" within|strong = "H7130" it|strong = "H1931".

20The|strong = "H3605" w Lord|strong = "H3068" w\* is|strong = "H3068"  
in|strong = "H3068" his|strong = "H3605" holy|strong = "H6944"  
temple|strong = "H1964".

L et|strong = "H7971" all|strong = "H3605" the|strong = "H3605"  
earth|strong = "H0776" be|strong = "H3068" silent|strong = "H2013"  
before|strong = "H6440" him|strong = "H6440"!  
Habakkuk's psalm

3A|strong = "H5921" prayer|strong = "H8605" of|strong = "H5921"  
Habakkuk|strong = "H2265" the|strong = "H5921" prophet|strong = "H5030",  
according|strong = "H5921" to|strong = "H5921" the|strong = "H5921"  
Shigionoth|strong = "H7692".

2I|strong = "H3045" have|strong = "H7355" heard|strong = "H8085", w  
Lord|strong = "H3068" w\*, of|strong = "H3068" your|strong = "H3068"  
fame|strong = "H8088",

I |strong = "H3045" have|strong = "H7355" seen|strong = "H7200", w  
Lord|strong = "H3068" w\*, your|strong = "H3068" work|strong = "H6467";

t hrough|strong = "H7130" the|strong = "H8085" years|strong = "H8141"  
you|strong = "H3045" have|strong = "H7355" make|strong = "H3045"  
yourself|strong = "H3045" known|strong = "H3045",

i n|strong = "H8141" wrath|strong = "H7267" you|strong = "H3045"  
remember|strong = "H2142" mercy|strong = "H7355".

3God|strong = "H8064" comes|strong = "H4390" from|strong = "H8064"  
Teman|strong = "H8487",

**a** nd|strong="H8064" the|strong="H3680" Holy|strong="H6918"  
 One|strong="H6918" from|strong="H8064" the|strong="H3680"  
 mountain-land of|strong="H2022" Paran|strong="H6290". w  
 Selah|strong="H5542" w\*

**H** is|strong="H4390" glory|strong="H1935" covers|strong="H3680"  
 the|strong="H3680" heavens|strong="H8064",

**a** nd|strong="H8064" his|strong="H4390" splendor|strong="H1935"  
 fills|strong="H4390" the|strong="H3680" earth|strong="H8064".

4Before|strong="H1961" him|strong="H3027" it|strong="H8033"  
 is|strong="H3027" like|strong="H1961" the|strong="H3027"  
 light|strong="H5051",

**r** ays|strong="H7161" he|strong="H8033" has|strong="H1961"  
 at|strong="H1961" his|strong="H3027" side|strong="H3027",

**w** here|strong="H8033" his|strong="H3027" power|strong="H3027"  
 is|strong="H3027" hidden|strong="H5641".

5Before|strong="H6440" him|strong="H6440"  
 pestilence|strong="H1698" stalks|strong="H6086",

**a** fter|strong="H7272" him|strong="H6440" plague|strong="H1698"  
 follows|strong="H3652".

6He|strong="H7200" stands|strong="H5975", and|strong="H5769"  
 the|strong="H7200" earth|strong="H0776" trembles|strong="H2729",

**h** e|strong="H7200" looks|strong="H7200", and|strong="H5769"  
 the|strong="H7200" nations|strong="H1471" melt|strong="H4549"  
 away|strong="H5493",

**a** nd|strong="H5769" the|strong="H7200" mountains|strong="H2042"  
 of|strong="H1389" old|strong="H5769" are|strong="H1471"  
 scattered|strong="H6327",

**t** he|strong="H7200" everlasting|strong="H5769" hills|strong="H1389"  
 bow|strong="H7817" down|strong="H7817".



**T** hese|strong="H0428" are|strong="H1471" his|strong="H7200"  
ways|strong="H1979" from|strong="H1471" of|strong="H1389"  
old|strong="H5769".

7The|strong="H7200" tents|strong="H0168" of|strong="H8478"  
Cushan|strong="H3572" are|strong="H8478" afraid|strong="H7264",

**t** he|strong="H7200" curtains|strong="H3407" of|strong="H8478"  
Midian|strong="H4080" tremble|strong="H7264".

8Is|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" wrath|strong="H5678", w  
Lord|strong="H3068" w\*, with|strong="H3068" the|strong="H5921"  
rivers|strong="H5104"?

**I** s|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" anger|strong="H5678"  
against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" streams|strong="H5104"?

**O** r|strong="H3068" your|strong="H3068" rage|strong="H5678"  
against|strong="H5921" the|strong="H5921" sea|strong="H3220"?

**I** s|strong="H3068" that|strong="H3588" why|strong="H5921"  
you|strong="H3588" ride|strong="H7392" on|strong="H5921"  
your|strong="H3068" war-steeds?

**W** hy|strong="H5921" you|strong="H3588" mount|strong="H2022"  
your|strong="H3068" chariots|strong="H4818" of|strong="H3068"  
victory|strong="H3444"?

9Why|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" bare|strong="H6181"  
your|strong="H5104" bow|strong="H7198"?

**W** hy|strong="H4100" you|strong="H0859" fill|strong="H4390"  
your|strong="H5104" quiver|strong="H0827" with|strong="H7198"  
shafts|strong="H1814"?

**Y** ou|strong="H0859" split|strong="H1234" the|strong="H1234"  
earth|strong="H0776" with|strong="H7198" torrents|strong="H5158".

10The|strong="H7200" mountains|strong="H2022" see|strong="H7200"  
you|strong="H5414" and|strong="H3027" writhe|strong="H2342".

The tempest of  
waters sweeps by.

The great deep  
sends forth its  
voice,

and lifts up  
its hands.

11The sun forgets  
to rise.

The moon stands  
still in its  
place.

Your arrows go  
forth to give  
light.

Your glittering spear  
is as lightning.

12In rage you  
stride over the  
earth.

In wrath you  
trample the nations.

13You go forth  
to save your  
people.

You go to  
help your  
anointed.

You crush the  
head of the  
wicked nation,

**l** aying|strong = "H6168" him|strong = "H3318" bare|strong = "H6168"  
 from|strong = "H3318" thigh|strong = "H3247" to|strong = "H5704"  
 neck|strong = "H6677". w Selah|strong = "H5542" w\*

14 You|strong = "H3644" pierced|strong = "H5344" his|strong = "H5344"  
 head|strong = "H7218" with|strong = "H6041" his|strong = "H5344"  
 spears|strong = "H4294",

**a** s|strong = "H3644" his|strong = "H5344" champions  
 storm|strong = "H5590" out|strong = "H6327" to|strong = "H7218"  
 scatter|strong = "H6327" us|strong = "H5414",

**a** s|strong = "H3644" they|strong = "H3644" rejoice|strong = "H8055"  
 to|strong = "H7218" devour|strong = "H0398" the|strong = "H6327"  
 poor|strong = "H6041" secretly|strong = "H4565".

15 You|strong = "H4325" tread|strong = "H1869" the|strong = "H1869"  
 sea|strong = "H3220" with|strong = "H4325" your|strong = "H3068"  
 horses|strong = "H5483",

**w** hile|strong = "H7227" the|strong = "H1869" mighty|strong = "H7227"  
 waters|strong = "H4325" roar|strong = "H7580".

16 I|strong = "H3117" hear|strong = "H8085", and|strong = "H3117"  
 my|strong = "H8085" body|strong = "H6106" trembles|strong = "H7264",

**a** nd|strong = "H3117" at|strong = "H3117" the|strong = "H8085"  
 sound|strong = "H6963" my|strong = "H8085" lips|strong = "H8193"  
 quiver|strong = "H6750".

**M** y|strong = "H8085" bones|strong = "H6106" begin|strong = "H2490"  
 to|strong = "H5927" decay|strong = "H7538",

**a** nd|strong = "H3117" my|strong = "H8085" footsteps|strong = "H1870"  
 totter|strong = "H4131" beneath|strong = "H8478" me|strong = "H6963",

**w** hile|strong = "H3117" I|strong = "H3117" long|strong = "H3117"  
 for|strong = "H8478" the|strong = "H8085" day|strong = "H3117"  
 of|strong = "H3117" distress|strong = "H6869"

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 those|strong = "H8085" who|strong = "H5971" attack|strong = "H5927"  
 us|strong = "H3117".

17 Though the fig tree bears no fruit,

and there are no grapes on the vines,

though the olive harvest fails,

and the fields produce no food,

though the flock is cut off from the fold,

and there is no herd in the stalls,

yet I will exult in the Lord,

and rejoice in the Lord who saves me.

19 The Lord with God is my strength;

he makes my feet as sure as asphalt,  
as the feet of deer,

and causes me to walk on the heights!