

**HABAKKUK**  
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**Habakkuk 1:1-6**

The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. The Lord replied, "Look around at the nations; look and be amazed! For I am doing something in your own day, something you wouldn't believe even if someone told you about it. 6 I am raising up the Babylonians, a cruel and violent people.

**Habakkuk 1:11-12**

They will march across the world and conquer other lands. They sweep past like the wind and are gone. But they are deeply guilty, for their own strength is their god. Lord, are you not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, you will never die. You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment; you, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.

**Habakkuk 2:1**

I will climb up to my watchtower and stand at my guardpost. There I will wait to see what the Lord says and how he will answer my complaint

*"You complain that you do not feel the power of prayer — that your thoughts wander — and your heart is cold and dead. This, you say, discourages you from praying. But, my dear friend, this is the very reason why you ought to pray. The more weak and helpless you feel, the more earnestly you should look to Him who is mighty to save." - John Newton*

**Psalms 73:16-17**

When I tried to understand all this, it troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood their final destiny.

**Habakkuk 2:2-4**

Then the Lord said to me, "Write my answer plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed. "Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.

**2 Corinthians 5:7**

For we live by faith, not by sight.

**Job 23:9-10**

When he is at work in the north, I do not see him;  
when he turns to the south, I catch no glimpse of him. 10 But he knows the way that I take;  
when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.

**Habakkuk 2:20**

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.

**Habakkuk 3:1-8**

This prayer was sung by the prophet Habakkuk: I have heard all about you, Lord. I am filled with awe by your amazing works. In this time of our deep need, help us again as you did in years gone by. And in your anger, remember your mercy. I see God moving across the deserts from Edom, the Holy One coming from Mount Paran. His brilliant splendor fills the heavens,

and the earth is filled with his praise. His coming is as brilliant as the sunrise. Rays of light flash from his hands, where his awesome power is hidden. Pestilence marches before him; plague follows close behind. When he stops, the earth shakes. When he looks, the nations tremble. He shatters the everlasting mountains and levels the eternal hills. He is the Eternal One! I see the people of Cushan in distress, and the nation of Midian trembling in terror. Was it in anger, Lord, that you struck the rivers and parted the sea? Were you displeased with them? No, you were sending your chariots of salvation!

**Habakkuk 3:16-18**

I trembled inside when I heard this; my lips quivered with fear. My legs gave way beneath me, and I shook in terror. I will wait quietly for the coming day when disaster will strike the people who invade us. Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord!