

5 Year - Habakkuk's Journey – Stand in Awe – Last – The Power of God is Unchanging & Unchallenged
Mind-Blowing Majesty | Eye-Opening Eminence | Jaw-Dropping Justice

Seeing how God in His infinite power – orchestrating world events to fulfill His purpose

Chess: Amateur = 'D' – 'A' | Experts & Masters | Professionals – 'International Masters' – 'Grandmasters'

- Grandmasters eat IM's for breakfast...L...D | playing 20-30 simultaneously vs. experts & masters
 - Capable of playing 10-20 games blindfolded at the same time and never losing

You're out of your mind...put together a strategy that ends up being victorious...MOVES AHEAD

Mind-Blowing Majesty | Eye-Opening Eminence | Jaw-Dropping Justice...MOVES AHEAD – Accomplish

Big Idea – The Triumph of God is Unmatched and Unrivaled

- *Unmatched in scope* – Using everything in the cosmos – nature – will of evil to accomplish
- *Unrivaled in Opposition* – Everything will come into submission to Lord...Doesn't stand a chance

Do you believe it? It's been a rough week for the Christian World Viewed in our Nation

- More than that...when things don't go according to your plan...will you submit to God's plan

We like to stand on the side of God...our way | Drift...when...out of our desires | **Conquering Purpose**

Was your wrath against the rivers, O Lord? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation? ⁹You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. *Selah* You split the earth with rivers. ¹⁰The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high. ¹¹The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear. ¹²You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger. ¹³You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. *Selah* ¹⁴You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. ¹⁵You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters.

Describes battle – **In corner:** Nature – Cosmic Realms – Demonic Throngs – Godless Systems | **GOD**

- **Remember...psalm – building to a crescendo – Waterfall moment in a song | Warrior's purpose**
Answers the question – What is God's conquering purpose

1. God's Inevitable Victory Demonstrates His: **Dominion Over His Creation**

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Scene changes from the preparation for battle into engagement – Lord strikes with awesome force

- Weird rhetorical questions – Why would the Lord be angry with water? **Madman & Stick**

Water represents events in Israelites history...EXODUS - Display His Dominion over creation.

- His triumph: Nile – Blood | Jordan – Stopped flowing | Red Sea – Split | **Anger at the water?**

No...God was using the forces of nature to accomplish His purpose | Jesus – Storm - **Matt. 8:27**

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- How cool is this imagery | Creation...separated the land from the water – Bow and arrow

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- 'Mountains Withered' – Describe women in childbirth – **Whatever...leave me out of it**

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- Joshua...victory over Amorites...miracle | **Military has direct hierarchy...yes sir | Nature...yes sir**

Have you ever felt the power of the wind? Heat of sun? Force of ocean – **Awe of the commander**

- Stand in opposition to God – God could turn nature and the cosmos against us...His to command

What's God's conquering purpose **God's Inevitable Victory Demonstrates His: Dominion Over His Creation**

2. God's Inevitable Victory Demonstrates His: **Dominance Over His Adversaries**

From a description of God's dominion...nature – To any of earths inhabitants who stand in opposition

⇒ **I love the Bible...Brian Maggard** | Akkadian (Babylon) – gods pitting humanity against nature

'Yamn' – God...Sea | Marduk – God...storms | **FEARED BAAL | Not angered water – angered systems!**

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Goodness...marched fury – threshed anger – crushed wicked lead heads.....leaving bare *groin to neck*

God's fury burns blazing hot against people and worldviews who oppose Him and His people

People worshiped a river god – I made the river | Mountain...I made the mountain | Storm...mine

- **Big one was Baal – Voldemort** | Worldview - So afraid of him...*they would sacrifice their children*
Before we think that's a lost archaic practice – We sacrifice babies on the altar of a worldview
- **Bought the lies of Baal under the guise of 'rights' and 'healthcare' – Disagree...love...not true**
What text saying – All worldviews, systems, people who stand in opposition to God's order...in danger

Loot at v.14 You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret.

⇒ Whatever weapons or abilities are possessed by those who use them to oppose rather than to further God's work will find those weapons of abilities turned upon themselves

- **Haman was hanged on the gallows built to hang Mordecai** (Esther 7:10)
- **Daniel's enemies thrown into the lion's den meant for him** (Dan. 6:24)
- **David's enemies fell into the pit they had dug for him** (Ps. 7) **God's enemies set own trap**

These texts...give us...best words humanly available show: unmatched / unrivaled triumph of God

- There are many conflicting & contradictory worldviews to Christianity – God will allow...choose **One day...in fullness...ALL will into subjection before God - Opposition = spitball at an aircraft carrier**
God's conquering Purpose: Inevitable Victory Demonstrates: Dominion...Creation – Dominance Adver

3. **God's Inevitable Victory Demonstrates His: Dedication to His Promise**

What I haven't done...answer the question – What is God's conquering purpose...How not why **TIME**

- **All the cosmic & natural forces – All the schemes of the demonic and evil – All HIS POWER...why?**
¹³**You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed** (Wait...)
- **Why did Habakkuk see the vision of the Lord's majesty?**

Foreshadows the redemption of God's people – Assurance...God will fulfill His promise to save!

The Lord's wrath is directed against any system that take or oppress His people

'Anointed' – Chosen by God for a specific purpose - totally defeats cosmic & earthly powers to save

Noah – Flood | Abraham – Fire from the sky | Moses – Nature | Joshua – Sun | Gideon – Dew

Elijah – Earthquake | Daniel – Lion | Tire & Sidon – Locusts | Jonah – Whale

Satan used every one of his tools to try and stop one thing – Jesus | Jesus will crush his head!

All of the might of God is to accomplish a purpose – Bible is clear...we're all captives to sin & Satan

Captives – the Lord is coming | GOSPEL | Message to Habakkuk...message to us

It may feel like a long time coming...God will act on behalf of His people with great power and victory

The Lord is exalted because He is the Savior of His people in every generation

More than a Grandmaster in chess...God is working all things to the accomplishment of His promise – Save Sinners!

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God's Inevitable Victory Demonstrates His:

- **Dominion Over His Creation**
- **Dominance Over His Adversaries**

To Accomplish His:

- **Dedication to His Promise**