

## Where Do We Go From Here? Habakkuk 1-2:4

### Please Stand and Open Your Bibles to Psalm 73

As we read the psalmist, we can all agree we have been there. We look around and we see evil unhindered having its way in the world. There seems to be no stopping it. The pressure to conform is great and resistance seems futile. What do we do and more importantly where do we go from here? It is something not foreign to God's people through the ages and especially to the remnant in the days of the southern kingdom of Judah. The northern Kingdom of Israel has already been taken captive by the Assyrians and Judah has been plagued by the teeter totter of good kings to bad kings. There was a prophet that lamented during the final kings before the captivity to Babylon. Habakkuk wrote his small prophecy most likely during the reign of Jehoiakim right before the first invasion of Babylon. Judah had experienced the reign of Josiah who had done the most to expel idolatry from the land. Even though Josiah was the real deal, his impact was only superficial. A band aid on an incurable wound. Jeremiah would say of that time...

### Jeremiah 3:6-10

The Lord said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: "Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot. 7 And I said, after she had done all these things, 'Return to Me.' But she did not return. And her

treacherous sister Judah saw it. \* 8 Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also. 9 So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees. \* 10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretense,” says the Lord.

So just like the psalmist, we too can almost slip. We look around and see halfhearted revival. We see what Paul said was...

2 Timothy 3:5

...having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

We see a world ripe for the Tribulation period and if we are not careful, we can allow that to lead us to despair and not hope. We too can almost slip. We can almost get envious of the success of the wicked. This is the same context we find the prophet Habakkuk in. Let's turn there now and look at the first half of his short prophecy and see if there is a correlation.

Habakkuk 1:1-2

The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2 O Lord, how long shall I cry,

And You will not hear?

Even cry out to You, “Violence!”  
And You will not save.

This is an interesting start for a prophet of God. Most of them start with the word of the Lord came to so and so. But this one starts with the prophet asking God a question, or more like a series of questions. A matter of fact this “Minor” prophet ends with a psalm, and some suggest the whole thing is a song.

But notice the cry? How long? How long have we been praying in the days we are living in? Oh, we see a little movement in the right direction but for the most part the enemy is entrenched and not moving. Don’t you think that we see the same things today that he saw?

<https://time.com/5886348/report-peaceful-protests/>

93% of Black Lives Matter Protests Have Been Peaceful, New Report Finds

<https://www.opb.org/news/article/police-violence-portland-protest-federal-officers/>

50 days of protest in Portland. A violent police response. This is how we got here.

<https://www.wsj.com/us-news/education/columbia-university-pro-palestinian-protests-deadline-93eca6ca>

Pro-Palestinian Protests Mount at College Campuses Across the U.S.

Discussions continue between Columbia University and pro-Palestinian demonstrators

<https://www.newsweek.com/retail-crime-theft-crash-grab-stores-1847346>

Retailers Facing New Crime Wave and It's More Violent Than Ever

<https://www.recordnet.com/story/news/crime/2024/04/08/six-shot-three-killed-saturday-in-stockton-police/73246502007/>

Six people shot, three killed Saturday in Stockton

Do we see any end to it? How much longer Lord until you come?

Habakkuk 1:3

Why do You show me iniquity,

And cause me to see trouble?

For plundering and violence are before me;

There is strife, and contention arises.

<https://www.kcra.com/article/california-newsom-emergency-legislation-arizona-abortion/60567161#:~:text=Gov.%20Gavin%20Newsom%20in>

[roduced%20emergency,abortions%20to%20take%20effect%20again.](#)

Gov. Newsom proposes 'emergency' bill for Arizona doctors to perform abortions in California

<https://www.kqed.org/news/11929233/california-becomes-first-sanctuary-state-for-transgender-youth-seeking-medical-care>

California Becomes First Sanctuary State for Transgender Youth Seeking Medical Care

<https://www.abc10.com/article/news/community/race-and-culture/elk-grove-unified-recognizes-pride-month/103-ae4c7c44-33da-4db0-8905-79338d8ed75c>

Elk Grove Unified recognizes Pride month, transgender & non-binary students

[https://www.abc4.com/news/wasatch-front/utah-student-furry-protest/?utm\\_source=substack&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.abc4.com/news/wasatch-front/utah-student-furry-protest/?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

Students walk out of Utah middle school to protest 'furries'

“I really like the idea of animals that walk and talk, so I’m going to dress up as one, as kind of a fun sort of cosplay thing,” Strudel said.

Strudel said there is a difference between furies and a group called therians, who believe that, on some level, they are an animal.

WebMD said people are often interested in becoming furies to find a sense of community, though some of the drawbacks they may face are negative stereotypes and social stigmas.

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2024/04/why-the-rise-in-trans-shooters/>

Why the Rise in Trans Shooters?

<https://www.eviemagazine.com/post/transgender-teenager-arrested-planning-shoot-up-elementary-school>

Transgender Teenager Arrested For Planning To Shoot Up An Elementary School

<https://www.newsweek.com/greg-abbotts-fight-biden-spark-warnings-civil-war-has-begun-1863910>

Greg Abbott's Fight With Biden Sparks Warnings 'Civil War' Has Begun

<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/when-worldviews-collide-americas-2024-election/>

When worldviews collide: America's 2024 election.

All we see is iniquity and strife everywhere! How long Lord???

Habakkuk 1:4

Therefore the law is powerless,  
And justice never goes forth.  
For the wicked surround the righteous;  
Therefore perverse judgment proceeds.

Here \* is the picture that says it all. Love him or hate him if you dare question the powers that be you will be prosecuted!

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/justice-department/trump-republicans-jan-6-hostages-violence-capitol-police-rcna143888>

Meet some of the violent Jan. 6 rioters Donald Trump keeps calling 'hostages'

Trump has made his defense of those incarcerated in Capitol attack cases a central piece of his 2024 campaign. Many are accused of assaulting police. Some others fled.

<https://www.rachelpowell.org/>

<https://www.ncregister.com/cna/six-pro-life-activists-convicted-of-federal-face-act-charges-face-over-a-decade-in-prison>

Six Pro-Life Activists Convicted of Federal FACE Act Charges, Face Over a Decade in Prison

<https://www.statepress.com/article/2023/02/arizona-chase-tower-anti-abortion-climber>

## ANTI-ABORTION ACTIVIST ARRESTED AFTER CLIMBING ARIZONA'S 40-STORY CHASE TOWER TO RAISE MONEY

Detained by Phoenix PD after climbing to the top of the now vacant Chase building, "Pro-Life Spider-Man" draws more public safety concern ahead of Super Bowl weekend

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/eight-defendants-indicted-michigan-obstructing-reproductive-health-services-facility>

## Eight Defendants Indicted in Michigan for Obstructing a Reproductive Health Services Facility

Do you really think we still have freedom in this country to live out our faith? Do you really think we will see justice? Can you see the resemblance to Habakkuk? Can you hear your cry along with his? How long before you return God? What is the answer He gives?

Habakkuk 1:5

“Look among the nations and watch—

Be utterly astounded!

For I will work a work in your days

Which you would not believe, though it were told you...”



Did any of us see Covid coming? We should have! Remember Event 201?

<https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/our-work/tabletop-exercises/event-201-pandemic-tabletop-exercise>

Did any of us realize that this would lead to \* the Great Reset!

We are paying attention now! But believe me that if God was to tell us about the next steps in His plan we would say, no way! Not that guy or not that thing! Notice what God says to Habakkuk...

God tells us His plan  
Habakkuk 1:5-11

For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans,  
A bitter and hasty nation  
Which marches through the breadth of the earth,  
To possess dwelling places that are not theirs.  
7 They are terrible and dreadful;  
Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves.  
8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards,  
And more fierce than evening wolves.  
Their chargers charge ahead;  
Their cavalry comes from afar;  
They fly as the eagle that hastens to eat.  
9 “They all come for violence;  
Their faces are set like the east wind.

They gather captives like sand.  
10 They scoff at kings,  
And princes are scorned by them.  
They deride every stronghold,  
For they heap up earthen mounds and seize it.  
11 Then his mind changes, and he transgresses;  
He commits offense,  
Ascribing this power to his god.”

We have hindsight and know that this did happen when the Babylonians came and took Judah into captivity. In our case the Evil Satanic Global Empire is forming. Israel is back in the land in unbelief and the world is ripe for the deception of the Antichrist. It is coming and nothing can stop it. Now Habakkuk is going to respond to this, and he seems to talk his way through the truth of it. He starts by questioning God’s motives.

### The Prophet’s Reply Habakkuk 1:12-17

Are You not from everlasting,  
O Lord my God, my Holy One?  
We shall not die.  
O Lord, You have appointed them for judgment;  
O Rock, You have marked them for correction.  
13 You are of purer eyes than to behold evil,  
And cannot look on wickedness.  
Why do You look on those who deal treacherously,  
And hold Your tongue when the wicked devours

A person more righteous than he?

14 Why do You make men like fish of the sea,  
Like creeping things that have no ruler over them?

15 They take up all of them with a hook,  
They catch them in their net,  
And gather them in their dragnet.

Therefore they rejoice and are glad.

16 Therefore they sacrifice to their net,  
And burn incense to their dragnet;  
Because by them their share is sumptuous  
And their food plentiful.

17 Shall they therefore empty their net,  
And continue to slay nations without pity?

What do you mean the Great Reset is going to prosper? How could You allow the WHO to take over the world's pandemic response? How could You ever let Joe Biden win again? Don't You know they cheated??? These people are wicked to the core, and you are going to use them to bring about Your judgement? No way!

Who are we to question what God is going to do? The moment we do that we are putting ourselves in the place of God and saying we know best. We are all guilty of it. We all are questioning the motives of God right now. But fortunately, the prophet comes to realize what he is saying before he finishes his response...

Habakkuk 2:1

will stand my watch

And set myself on the rampart,

And watch to see what He will say to me,

And what I will answer when I am corrected.

He finally comes to the place that all of us must do, trust in what God has to say. Understand He has a plan. That the wicked might look like they are succeeding at the moment, but their end is going to come. And because the prophet talked his way through all this and came to the resolve to trust in Him God would respond...

Habakkuk 2:2-3

Then the Lord answered me and said:

“Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

You and I are now just waiting. It is coming. More importantly, He is coming. Remember Paul warned...

1 Thessalonians 5:3

For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

And Jesus had said the same thing...

Luke 17:26-27

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

He also alluded to this in His letter to Church in Thyatira

Revelation 2:22

Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

Now that we know this. Now that we know that everything is not falling apart but falling into place, what do we do and more importantly, where do we go from here?

Habakkuk 2:4

“Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.”

Just as Martin Luther saw this as the great cry to reform us back to justification by faith alone in Christ alone, we can take this one step further in trusting in God’s final plan.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who

have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Remember Paul had already told us...

1 Thessalonians 1:10

...and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

And finally, Jesus told us...

Revelation 3:10-11

Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am

coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

The Bible insists that this is where you place your trust. It is not in this world. Jesus is not going to revive this evil world system; He is going to let it play out. He is using it to bring about judgment and destroy it to bring about His kingdom. But our faith is in His soon return to rescue us and that is where we have our hope.