

22. Habakkuk - Habaququq

(Version 4.2) 7-21-17

1:1 The burden which Habakkuk
the prophet observed.

1:2 Until when, **YAHWEH**, will I cry for help
but You will not listen attentively??
I cry to You, "Violence!"
But You do not deliver.

1:3 For what reason do You cause me
to see mischief
and cause me to watch trouble?
Even ravaging and violence are in front of me.
And strife exists.
And quarreling is raised up.

1:4 On account of this Instruction is paralyzed
and judgment has not gone forth forever.

Indeed, the morally wrong
surround the just themselves **nx**.
On account of this judgment goes forth perverted.

1:5 "Look at the nations and gaze intently!
And be astonished!
Be astonished because a work is working in your days!
You will not believe it when you are told!

1:6 Behold!
I am causing the Kasdim themselves **nx**,
the bitter and the rash nation,
the one going to the broad places of the earth
for the sake of possessing dwelling places
that are not theirs!

1:7 It is frightening and dreadful!
From it its judgment and its exaltation go forth!!

1:8 And swifter than leopards are its horses,
and more fierce than the wolves of evening!
And its horsemen spread out!
And its horsemen come from afar!
They fly like an eagle rushing to eat!

1:9 All of them will come
for the sake of violence!
All their faces are toward the east wind!
And they will collect captives like sand!

1:10 And he will scoff at kings!
And leaders are a laughing matter to him.
He will laugh at every fortress!
And he will heap up the dust!
And he will capture it!

1:11 Then he will pass by *like* a wind,
And he will pass over.
And he will be guilty of this,
ascribing his power to his god."

1:12 Are not You Yourself **nx** from eternity past,
YAHWEH, my Elohim, my Set Apart One?
You do not die, **YAHWEH**!
For the sake of judgment You have established it!
And, *Our* Rock, You have established it for correction!

1:13 *Your* eyes are undefiled,
beyond looking at *what is* bad!
And you are not able to look intently at misery!

For what reason do You look intently
at those acting treacherously?
For what reason is Your tongue silent
as the morally wrong swallows up one more just than he?

1:14 And will You make human beings
like the fish of the sea,
like creeping creatures
that have no ruler among them?
1:15 All of them have been brought up on a hook,
dragged in his net!
And he collects them in his fish net.

For this reason he gloats and rejoices.
1:16 For this reason he sacrifices to his net
and burns incense to his fish net
because with them his portion is fat
and his food is healthy.

1:17 On account of this
will he cause his net to empty
for the sake of continually killing nations
without sparing?

Chapter 2

2:1 I stand at my watch.
And I station myself on the tower
to see what He will say concerning me,
and how I will respond concerning my reproof.

2:2 And **YAHWEH** answered me.
And He said,
"Write the vision!
And explain it on the tablets
in order that the one reading it
will run on account of it!

2:3 Indeed, the vision is still for an appointed time!
And it will be caused to blow at the final end!
And it is not a lie!

If it lingers wait for it!
Indeed it is coming!
It will come!
It will not be held back!

2:4 Behold!
One who is presumptuous,
his life within him is not upright.
But the just one is to live by his faithfulness.

2:5 And furthermore,
when wine deals treacherously with a valiant man
he is arrogant.
And he does not stay at home who inflates himself.
His life is like She'ol,
and he is like death.
And he is not satisfied.
Then he gathers to him all the nations.
And he assembles to him all the peoples.

2:6 Will not these all raise up a proverb
concerning him,
and a taunting riddle about him?
And it will say,
'Woe to him who is increasing what is not his!
Until when?'
And, 'He is loading on himself pledged goods.'

2:7 Do not those oppressing you with interest
rise up suddenly?
Or will not being disturbed awaken you?

But you will exist as plunder for them!

2:8 Because you yourself **תנן**
have plundered many nations
all the remnant of the people will plunder you,
because of the blood of human beings,
and the violence to the land,
to the city and to all who are dwelling in it!

2:9 Woe to those gaining what is bad,
unjust gain by violence for the sake of his household,
for the sake of setting his nest on high,
for the sake of being delivered from the power of evil!

2:10 You have counseled shame to your household,
destroying many peoples!
And your life is offending!

2:11 Indeed, a stone from a wall will cry out
and a beam from a tree will answer it!

2:12 Woe to one building a city with blood,
and establishing a city by moral wrong!

2:13 Behold!

It is not from YAHWEH of Assemblies Himself **תנן**!
But people will labor much for fire
and communities are worn down by much vanity!

2:14 Indeed, the earth will be filled
for the sake of knowing
the splendor itself **תנן** of YAHWEH
like the waters covering over the sea!

2:15 Woe to him causing his friend to drink,
pressing your goblet on him
and even making him drunk
for the sake of looking upon their genitals!

2:16 You will be filled with shame instead of honor!
Drink, you yourself **תנן** also!
And expose your foreskin as one uncircumcised!

The cup of the right hand of YAHWEH
will be turned around against you!
And utter disgrace *will be* upon your honor!

2:17 According to the violence *done* to Lebanon
it will cover you!
And ravaging animals will cause them to be frightened
by the blood of human beings
and the violence of the land,
of the city and of all who dwelling in it!

2:18 Of what benefit will a carved image be

when it has been carved by its maker,
a molten image, and the teaching of lies!
Indeed, the one making it has trusted his imagination
for the sake of making mute idols!

2:19 Woe to one saying to a tree, 'Wake up!',
to mute stone, 'Alas!'
Can he cause it to teach?
Behold!
It is overlaid with gold and silver!
And there is no breath at all in its midst!

2:20 But **YAHWEH** is in His Set Apart Temple!
Keep silent before His face,
all the earth!"

Chapter 3

3:1 A hymn by Habakkuk the prophet
upon the shiggaion.

Traditional texts refer to this as a prayer. However, the term used can also mean a hymn. Since reference is made to "upon the shiggaion" we must assume this was a hymn or musical song of some type. There is uncertainty about what a shiggaion is. It appears likely that it was one of the musical instruments developed by King David. Reference to it is found in the Psalms of David.

3:2 **YAHWEH**,
I have listened attentively to your announcement!
I was frightened!
YAHWEH, revive Your work in the midst of the years!
Cause it to be recognized!
In agitation remember compassion!

3:3 The El will come from Teman,
even The Set Apart One,
from Mount Paran!
Selah.

His majesty has covered the skies!
And His praise has filled the earth!
Selah - a suspension of music; a pause.

3:4 And a brilliancy exists like light,
the rays from His hands!
And there His power is hiding!

3:5 Before His face goes a pestilence!
And a lightning bolt goes forth at His feet!

3:6 He stood.
And He measured the earth.
He looked.
And He caused the nations to be violently agitated!
Even the ancient mountains were shattered!
The ancient hills bowed down!

His ways are eternal!

3:7 I saw the tents of Kushan under affliction,
the hangings of the land of Midyan tremble!

3:8 Will **YAHWEH** be inflamed by the rivers?
Is Your anger against the rivers?
Is Your wrath against the sea
when You ride upon Your horses,

Your chariots of deliverance?

3:9 Your bow is bare, exposed!
Oaths of the tribes have been spoken!
Selah.

Rivers rip open the earth!
3:10 The mountains see You!
They writhe!
A cloudburst of waters passes over!
The deep gives forth its voice!
His hands are lifted up high!
3:11 The sun *and* the moon
stand still in their habitations!
As light Your arrows go,
as the brilliancy of lightning Your glittering spear!

3:12 With fury You march *across* the land!
With anger You thresh the nations!

3:13 You have gone forth
for the sake of the deliverance of Your people,
for the sake of the deliverance
of Your Anointed *themselves* **תא!**

You will smash the head
from the house of the morally wrong,
uncovering the foundation to the neck!
Selah.

3:14 You have pierced with his shafts,
the heads of his warriors!
They storm for the sake of scattering us,
gloating for the sake of devouring the poor in secret!

3:15 You have tread in the sea with Your horses,
foaming many waters!

3:16 I listened attentively!
And my inward parts trembled!
At the sound my lips quivered!
Rottenness came into my bones!
And beneath me it trembled where I was resting
for the sake of the day of distress
coming up on the people attacking us!

3:17 When the fig tree does not blossom,
and there is no fruit on the vines,
the labor of the olive has failed,
and the fields have produced no food,
the flock has been separated from the fold,
and there is no herd in the stalls,
3:18 I myself will jump for joy in **YAHWEH!**
I will rejoice in The Elohim of my deliverance!

3:19 **YAHWEH** is my Sovereign, my strength!
And he establishes my feet like the hinds.
And upon my high places He causes me to walk!

To the chief musician:
On stringed instruments.