

Habakkuk 1:1-4

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1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

The Prophet's Complaint

- 2** O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
- 3** Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
- 4** So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

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