

A Personal Conversation Habakkuk 1

I. The First Discourse (Habakkuk 1:1-11)

A. Prophet: The Prophet's First question **WHY?** (Habakkuk 1:1-4)

1 The burden(**load**, bearing) which Habakkuk the prophet did see(**mentally to perceive**).

1. The Prophet's **Cry** (Habakkuk 1:2)

2 O LORD, how long **shall I cry**, and **thou wilt not hear!** even cry out unto thee of **violence(unjust gain)**, and **thou wilt not save**(**To be open wide or free**)!

2. The Prophet's **Concern** (Habakkuk 1:3)

3 Why dost thou shew me **iniquity**, and cause me to behold grievance(**worry**)? for **spoiling(violence)** and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention(**brawling**).

3. The Prophet's **Confusion** (Habakkuk 1:4)

4 Therefore the law is **slacked(sluggish)**, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth **compass(enclose)** about the righteous; therefore **wrong judgment** proceedeth.

B. **God: I'm Gonna use the Chaldeans** (Habakkuk 1:5-11)

5 Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for **I will work a work in your days**, which ye will not believe, though it be told you.

1. They will **invade** God's people's land (Habakkuk 1:6)

6 For, lo, **I raise up the Chaldeans**, that bitter and **hasty** nation, which **shall march through the breadth of the land**, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs.

2. They will **impair** their armys (Habakkuk 1:7-8a)

7 They are **terrible and dreadful**: their judgment and their **dignity** shall proceed of themselves.
8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far;

3. They will **injest** whoever they want (Habakkuk 1:8b-9)

they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to **eat**.

9 They shall come **all for violence**: their faces shall **sup** up as the east wind, and they shall **gather the captivity as the sand**.

4. They will **ignore** the leaders (Habakkuk 1:10)

10 And they shall **scoff(mock)** at the kings, and the princes shall be a **scorn(laughing stock)** unto them: they shall **deride(mock)** every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

5. They will go **insane** with power (Habakkuk 1:11)

11 Then shall his mind(**rational**) change(**alter**), and he shall pass over, and offend(**be guilty**), imputing(**giving**) this his power unto his god.

II. The Second Discourse (Habakkuk 1:12-2:20)

A. Prophet: How can you use the **wicked** to get them? (Habakkuk 1:12-2:1)

1. God has a plan to use **Babylon** to accomplish His will (Habakkuk 1:12)

12 Art thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained(**chosen**) them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.

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Jeremiah 27:1-6 **597 BC**

1 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD to me; **Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy neck,**

3 And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah;

4 And command them to say unto their masters, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say unto your masters;

5 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.

6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of **Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant**; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.

7 And **all nations shall serve him**, and his son, and his son's son, **until** the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.

8 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom **which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon**, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, **that nation will I punish**, saith the LORD, with the **sword**, and with the **famine**, and with the **pestilence**, until **I have consumed them** by his hand.

2. God's Plan looks **scary** to the Prophet (Habakkuk 1:13-17)

13 Thou art of purer eyes than to **behold evil**, and **canst not look on iniquity**: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal **treacherously**, and holdest thy tongue when the **wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?**

14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, **that have no ruler over them?**

15 They **take up** all of them with the angle, they **catch them** in their net, and **gather them** in their drag: therefore **they rejoice and are glad**.

16 Therefore **they sacrifice** unto their **net**(a **doomed** object), and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous.

17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

3. No Matter what I will **follow God's Plan (Habakkuk 2:1)**

Habakkuk 2:1

a. I will **stand for you like I always have**

1 I will stand upon my watch, and **set me** upon the tower,

b. I will do the **job you've called me to do**

and **will watch to see** what he will say unto me,

c. I will answer you when I'm **corrected**

and what **I shall answer** when **I am reproved**(**correction**).