

{35} Habakkuk

King James Version

(18) What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?

(19) Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and *there is* no breath at all in the midst of it.

(20) But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Chapter 3

(1) A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.

(2) O LORD, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

(3) God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

(4) And *his* brightness was as the light; he had horns *coming* out of his hand: and there *was* the hiding of his power.

(5) Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.

(6) He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways *are* everlasting.

King James Paraphrase

(18) What does the graven image profit that its maker has formed it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusts in it, to make dumb idols?

(19) Woe to him who says to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! See, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and *there is* no breath at all in its midst.

(20) But the LORD {Jehovah} is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Chapter 3

(1) A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet set to poetic verse^a.

(2) O LORD {Jehovah}, I have heard Your speech, *and* was afraid: O LORD {Jehovah}, revive Your work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

(3) God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran^b. Selah {musical pause}^c. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise.

(4) And *His* brightness was as the light; He had horns *coming* out of his hand^d: and there *was* the hiding of His power.

(5) Before Him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at His feet.

(6) He stood, and measured the earth: He looked, and violently shook the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills bowed down {before Him}: His ways *are* everlasting.

3:1a - upon Shigionoth {על שגינות} i.e. set to poetic verse

3:3b - Teman and mount Paran - both near Mount Sinai

3:3c - Selah {סלה} - musical pause

3:3d - horns coming out of His hands - horns are used symbolically throughout scripture as a symbol of kingly authority - i.e. -- all ruling authority comes from the Lord

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(7) I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: *and* the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

(8) Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? *was* thine anger against the rivers? *was* thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses *and* thy chariots of salvation?

(9) Thy bow was made quite naked, *according* to the oaths of the tribes, *even thy* word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

(10) The mountains saw thee, *and* they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, *and* lifted up his hands on high.

(11) The sun *and* moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, *and* at the shining of thy glittering spear.

(12) Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.

(13) Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, *even* for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

(14) Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing *was* as to devour the poor secretly.

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(8) Was the LORD {Jehovah} displeased against the rivers? *was* Your anger against the rivers? *was* Your wrath against the sea, that You rode upon Your horses *and* Your chariots of salvation?

(9) Your bow was made quite naked, *according* to the oaths of the tribes, *even Your* word. Selah {musical pause}. You divided the earth with rivers.

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(11) The sun *and* moon stood still in their homes: at the light of Your arrows they went, *and* at the shining of Your glittering spear.

(12) You marched through the land in indignation, You threshed the ungodly nations in anger.

(13) You went forth for the salvation of Your people, *even* for salvation with Your anointed; You wounded the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation up to the neck. Selah {musical pause}

(14) You stuck through with his clubs the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing *was* as to devour the poor secretly.

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(15) Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, *through* the heap of great waters.
(16) When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.
(17) Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit *be* in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:
(18) Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
(19) The LORD God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' *feet*, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

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(18) Yet I will rejoice in the LORD {Jehovah}, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.
(19) The LORD {Jehovah} God *is* my strength, and He will make my feet like deer's *feet*, and He will cause me to walk upon my high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

3:16e - His troops -- the Lord will use the ungodly Babylonians as His instruments to discipline His people

