

Romans 1:17 –
***"BUT THE RIGHTEOUS
MAN SHALL LIVE BY
FAITH."***

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(a quotation from Habakkuk 2:4)

Isaiah 5:20 –

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! NASU

Isaiah 5:20 (LBLA) —

¡Ay de los que llaman al mal bien y al bien mal, que tienen las tinieblas por luz y la luz por tinieblas, que tienen lo amargo por dulce y lo dulce por amargo!

THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING HABAKKUK

JEHOVAH

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Habakkuk

- Habakkuk 1:1-4 - *This is the message that the prophet Habakkuk received in a vision. 2 How long, O Lord, must I call for help? But you do not listen! "Violence is everywhere!" I cry, but you do not come to save. 3 Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. 4 The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted. (New Living Translation.)*
- Habakkuk 1:1–4 (LBLA) — *1 Profecía que tuvo en visión el profeta Habacuc. 2 ¿Hasta cuándo, oh SEÑOR, pediré ayuda, y no escucharás, clamaré a ti: ¡Violencia! y no salvarás? 3 ¿Por qué me haces ver la iniquidad, y me haces mirar la opresión? La destrucción y la violencia están delante de mí, hay rencilla y surge discordia. 4 Por eso no se cumple la ley y nunca prevalece la justicia. Pues el impío asedia al justo; por eso sale pervertida la justicia.*

- Job 21:7: *"Why do the wicked still live, continue on, also become very powerful?"*
- Job 21:7 (LBLA) — 7 *¿Por qué siguen viviendo los impíos, envejecen, también se hacen muy poderosos?*

- Psalms 37:1 - *Do not fret because of evildoers, Be not envious toward wrongdoers.*
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- Psalms 37:1 (LBLA) — *1 No te irrites a causa de los malhechores; no tengas envidia de los que practican la iniquidad.*

- Psalm 73:2-9. - *But as for me, my feet had almost slipped; I had nearly lost my foothold. 3 For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and strong. 5 They are free from the burdens common to man; they are not plagued by human ills.*
- Psalm 73:2–9 (LBLA) — *2 En cuanto a mí, mis pies estuvieron a punto de tropezar, casi resbalaron mis pasos. 3 Porque tuve envidia de los arrogantes, al ver la prosperidad de los impíos. 4 Porque no hay dolores en su muerte, y su cuerpo es robusto. 5 No sufren penalidades como los mortales, ni son azotados como los demás hombres.*

- *6 Therefore pride is their necklace; they clothe themselves with violence. 7 From their callous hearts comes iniquity; the evil conceits of their minds know no limits. 8 They scoff, and speak with malice; in their arrogance they threaten oppression. 9 Their mouths lay claim to heaven, and their tongues take possession of the earth. NIV*
- *6 Por tanto, el orgullo es su collar; el manto de la violencia los cubre. 7 Los ojos se les saltan de gordura; se desborda su corazón con sus antojos. 8 Se mofan, y con maldad hablan de opresión; hablan desde su encumbrada posición. 9 Contra el cielo han puesto su boca, y su lengua se pasea por la tierra.*

Jeremiah 12:1-

"Why has the way of the wicked prospered? Why are all those who deal in treachery at ease?"

- Habakkuk 1:5-11 - *"Look among the nations! Observe! Be astonished! Wonder! Because I am doing something in your days — You would not believe if you were told. 6 "For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, That fierce and impetuous people Who march throughout the earth To seize dwelling places which are not theirs. 7 "They are dreaded and feared; Their justice and authority originate with themselves.*
- Habakkuk 1:5–11 (LBLA) — *5 Mirad entre las naciones, observad, asombraos, admiraos; porque haré una obra en vuestros días que no creeríais si se os contara. 6 Porque he aquí, yo levanto a los caldeos, pueblo feroz e impetuoso, que marcha por la anchura de la tierra para apoderarse de moradas ajenas. 7 Imponente y temible es; de él mismo proceden su justicia y su grandeza.*

- *8 "Their horses are swifter than leopards And keener than wolves in the evening. Their horsemen come galloping, Their horsemen come from afar; They fly like an eagle swooping down to devour. 9 "All of them come for violence. Their horde of faces moves forward. They collect captives like sand. 10 "They mock at kings And rulers are a laughing matter to them. They laugh at every fortress And heap up rubble to capture it. 11 "Then they will sweep through like the wind and pass on. But they will be held guilty, They whose strength is their god." NASU*
- *— 8 Sus caballos son más veloces que leopardos y más astutos que lobos al anochecer. Al galope vienen sus jinetes, sus jinetes vienen de lejos, vuelan como águila que se precipita a devorar. 9 Vienen todos ellos para hacer violencia, su horda de rostros avanza, recoge cautivos como arena. 10 Se mofa de los reyes, y los gobernantes le son motivo de risa; se ríe de toda fortaleza, amontona escombros para tomarla. 11 Entonces pasará como el viento y seguirá, y se le tendrá por culpable, porque hace de su poder su dios. (LBLA)*

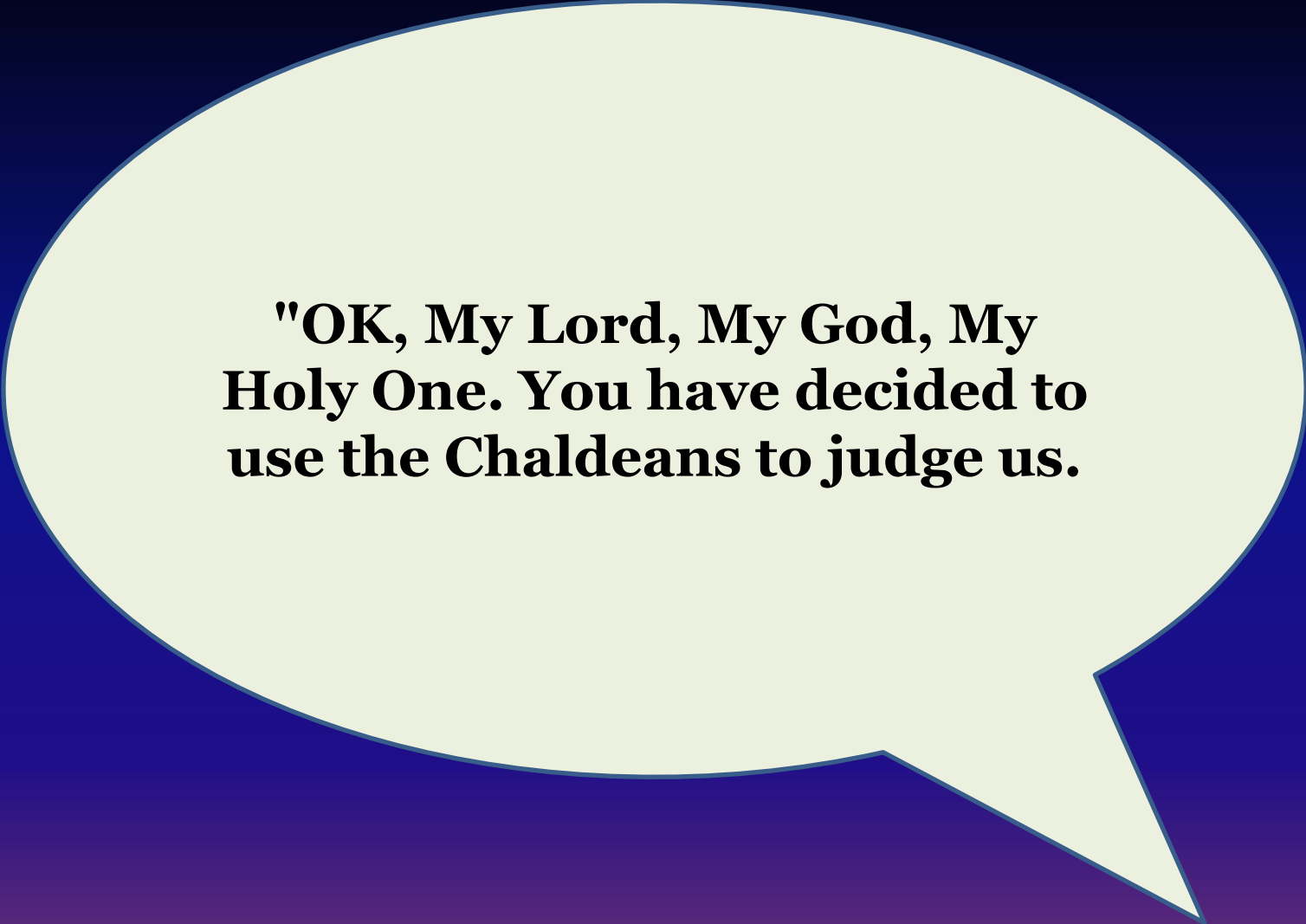
- *"fierce and impetuous" (v. 6a),*
- *those who plunder and take what is not theirs (v. 6b)*
- *and those who recognize no greater authority than themselves (v. 7).*
- *They come on swift horses (v. 8a)*
- *that swoop in and devour like birds of prey (v. 8b).*
- *They execute violence for the sake of violence (v. 9a)*
- *and collect captives like sand (v. 9b).*
- *They laugh at any king or army that sets up to defend itself (v. 10a).*
- *Every fortress that tries to defend itself against them is turned into rubble (v. 10b).*
- *They sweep in suddenly, like a tornado, leaving destruction in their wake (v. 11).*

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*"Don't worry,
Habakkuk, the
Chaldeans are
coming to
wreak havoc on
my rebellious
nation."*

How long
will they get
away with
this?

Habakkuk



**"OK, My Lord, My God, My
Holy One. You have decided to
use the Chaldeans to judge us.**

Habakkuk

**But how can you who are too pure to
approve of evil allow godless people
like the Chaldeans to be the ones to
punish us? They're even more wicked
than we are! They think no more of
killing men than fishermen think of
catching fish. We're so helpless
they'll gather us all up in their net,
then they'll throw a big party and
offer sacrifices to the net as though it
were the god who gave them their
power!**

Habakkuk

**Will you use such evil people
to punish us and other nations
in their path without sparing
anyone? You'll punish us for
our sins and let them get away
with their sins, which are
much greater than
ours?"**

Habakkuk

Habakkuk 2:1 - *I will stand
at my watch and station
myself on the ramparts; I
will look to see what he
will say to me, and what
answer I am to give to
this complaint.* NIV

Habakkuk

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GOD'S SECOND ANSWER

verse 2 to verse 20. God basically says, "***I'm also going to judge and punish the Chaldeans for their wickedness. They won't get away with anything.***"

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Habakkuk 2:2-3 - *Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. 3 For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. NIV*

- Habakkuk 2:4-5 - 4 *"See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright — but the righteous will live by his faith—* 5 *indeed, wine betrays him; he is arrogant and never at rest. Because he is as greedy as the grave and like death is never satisfied, he gathers to himself all the nations and takes captive all the peoples.* NIV
- Habakkuk 2:4–5 (LBLA) — 4 *He aquí el orgulloso: en él, su alma no es recta, mas el justo por su fe vivirá. 5 Además, el vino traiciona al hombre arrogante, de modo que no se queda en casa. Porque ensancha su garganta como el Seol, y es como la muerte, que nunca se sacia; reúne para sí todas las naciones, y recoge para sí todos los pueblos.*

In *five "woes"* in verses 6-19,
God describes His judgment for
their **greediness**, their
covetousness, their **cruelty**,
their **drunkenness**, and their
idolatry.

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**The righteous shall live
by faith - Habakkuk 2:4 -**

***"See, he is puffed up;
his desires are not
upright — but the
righteous will live by
his faith— NIV***

Habakkuk gives us God's answer
to how we should live during
times when it seems that all our
"why" questions go
unanswered.

Romans 8:28-

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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Romans 8:28—

28 Y sabemos que para los que aman a Dios, todas las cosas cooperan para bien, esto es, para los que son llamados conforme a su propósito.

(LBLA)

“The righteous will live by his faith.”


- 1 John 5:4 - *For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.* NASU

The Prophet's Song of Faith

- Habakkuk 3:2 - *Lord, I have heard the report about You and I fear. O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years, In the midst of the years make it known; In wrath remember mercy. NASU*
- Habakkuk 3:2— *2 Oh SEÑOR, he oído lo que se dice de ti y temí. Aviva, oh SEÑOR, tu obra en medio de los años, en medio de los años dala a conocer; en la ira, acuérdate de tener compasión. (LBLA)*

- Habakkuk 3:16 - *I heard and my inward parts trembled, At the sound my lips quivered. Decay enters my bones, And in my place I tremble. Because I must wait quietly for the day of distress, For the people to arise who will invade us.* NASU
- Habakkuk 3:16— *16 Oí, y se estremecieron mis entrañas; a tu voz temblaron mis labios. Entra podredumbre en mis huesos, y tiemblo donde estoy. Tranquilo espero el día de la angustia, al pueblo que se levantará para invadirnos.* (LBLA)

- Habakkuk 3:17-19 - *Though the fig tree should not blossom And there be no fruit on the vines, Though the yield of the olive should fail And the fields produce no food, Though the flock should be cut off from the fold And there be no cattle in the stalls, 18 Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. 19 The Lord God is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' feet, And makes me walk on my high places.* NASU
- Habakkuk 3:17–19 (LBLA) — *17 Aunque la higuera no eche brotes, ni haya fruto en las viñas; aunque falte el producto del olivo, y los campos no produzcan alimento; aunque falten las ovejas del aprisco, y no haya vacas en los establos, 18 con todo yo me alegraré en el SEÑOR, me regocijaré en el Dios de mi salvación. 19 El Señor DIOS es mi fortaleza; Él ha hecho mis pies como los de las ciervas, y por las alturas me hace caminar. Para el director del coro, con mis instrumentos de cuerda.*



***"I don't care
what things
look like - I am
still going to
trust God?"***

MY RESPONSE

Job 13:15 –

*Though he slay me, yet will
I hope in him; NIV*

Job 13:15 (LBLA)

*15 Aunque Él me mate, en Él
esperaré; pero defenderé
mis caminos delante de Él.*

Daniel 3:17-18 *“Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you... that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”*

Daniel 3:17-18 (LBLA) — *17 Ciertamente nuestro Dios a quien servimos puede librarnos del horno de fuego ardiente; y de tu mano, oh rey, nos librará. 18 Pero si no lo hace, has de saber, oh rey, que no serviremos a tus dioses ni adoraremos la estatua de oro que has levantado.*

*"The righteous shall live by
his faith."*