

Hab 2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and station myself upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say to me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

One of the greatest earmarks of our faith is.....waiting....

2 Pet 2:1 But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

1 Cor 1:20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not Elohim made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For seeing that in the wisdom of Elohim the world through its wisdom knew not Elohim, it was Elohim's good pleasure through the foolishness of the preaching to save them that believe.

We can search for answers here and search for answers there....

Ecc 3:11 He hath made everything beautiful in its time; also he hath set eternity in their heart, yet so that man cannot find out the work that Elohim hath done from the beginning even to the end.

Job 11:7 Canst thou by searching find out יהוה ? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

If you try and seek יהוה through human logic, intellect and reason you'll end up alienated from יהוה in your own mind of thoughts....

**Isa 40:27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from יהוה , and the justice due to me is passed away from my Elohim
28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? The everlasting Elohim, יהוה ,the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; there is no searching of his understanding. 29 He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength.**

But in reality we know.....the true revealer of יהוה is the Word of יהוה; a slow meditation upon the Word of יהוה....

Jer 42:5 Then they said to Jeremiah, יהוה be a true and faithful witness amongst us, if we do not according to all the word wherewith יהוה thy Elohim shall send thee to us.6 Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of יהוה our Elohim, to whom we send thee; that it may

be well with us, when we obey the voice of יהוה our Elohim. 7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of יהוה came unto Jeremiah.

There is no question of this for Habakkuk; he is assured that יהוה will act, יהוה will reveal....that there is more to come.....

1 Th 5:16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks: for this is the will of Elohim in Messiah Yahusha to you-ward.

Ps 33:20 Our soul hath waited for יהוה : He is our help and our shield.

We've got to learn to be patient:

Ps 106:12 : Then believed they his words; They sang his praise.13 They soon forgot his works; They waited not for his counsel.

V.1; The watch tower is symbolic of ascending a high place to look into the distance for a sign, to await an answer.

Biblical phrases that we're all familiar with that exemplify this fact: *'in the fullness of time;'* *'when the hour has come;'* *'when it's fully ripe;'* *'but of that day and hour no one knows,'*

Habakkuk came to understand like Peter that: ***2 Pet 3:9 יהוה is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is long suffering to you-ward, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.***

2 And vuvh answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he may run that reads it.3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, it shall speak in the end, and not lie: though it lingers, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not delay.

We can hasten it: ***2 Pet 3:12 looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of יהוה.***

And we can decide how we're going to live *'in the meantime'* under יהוה's curse or His blessings!

Rom 1:17 For therein is revealed a righteousness of Elohim from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith.

Gal 3:11 Now that no man is justified by the law before Elohim, is evident: for, The righteous shall live by faith;

And the writer of Heb. 10:37: *For yet a very little while, He that cometh shall come, and shall not tarry. 38 But my righteous one shall live by faith: And if he shrink back, my soul hath no pleasure in him.*

Paul used Habakkuk to launch off on his teaching on justification in Rom 1. The gospel makes known a righteousness. Rom 1:18.

"The righteousness of יהוה ."

It's the righteousness of Messiah and it's *from faith to faith*, from the faithfulness of יהוה to the faith of man!

Faith is all in all, both in the beginning and progress of a believers whole life.

2 Co 3:18 says it in a different way.....*from glory to glory.*

This faith is not some NT invention, but an OT reality..... so Paul uses Habakkuk's (Hab 2:4): "*The just shall live by faith*" to prove that point.

"From faith to faith".....from an Old Testament faith in a Messiah to come to New Testament faith in a Messiah already come.

Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of יהוה revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

We all need this righteousness to stand before יהוה and later in Rom 3:20 Paul reiterates it can't come through works.....*Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

Rom 3:28 therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

We have to first witness the righteousness of יהוה condemning, and then the righteousness of יהוה justifying will appear *worthy of all acceptance.*

In Rom 1:18 , *the wrath of יהוה is revealed.* Paul skillfully interweaves Habakkuk to show this.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of יהוה is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Hab 1:4 See, the being who is puffed up is not upright: but the just shall live by his emunah. 5 Yes also, because he transgresses by wine, he is a proud man, neither stays at home, who enlarges his desires as Sheol, and is like death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathers to himself all nations, and heaps to himself all peoples:

The recipe of ingredients of a faithful person:

6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting mishle against him, and say, Woe to him that increases that which is not his! How long? And to him that loads himself with earthly goods!

Don't be worldly:

**7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite you, and awake that shall trouble you, and you shall be for plunder to them?
8 Because you have spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil you; because of men's dahm, and for the violence against erez Yisrael, and against the city, and of all that dwell there. 9 Woe to him that covets an evil gain for his bayit, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!**

These are the woe oracles. The wicked cannot rest, they are crooked and bent and they shall not abide.

10 You have consulted shame to your bayit by cutting off many peoples, and have sinned against your being. 11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it. 12 Woe to him that builds a town with dahm, and establishes a city by iniquity!

13 See, is it not of vuvh tzevaoth that the nations shall labor only for fire, and the nations shall weary themselves for nothing? 14 For the earth shall be filled with the da'at of the glory of vuvh, as the waters covers the sea. 15 Woe to him that gives his neighbor drink, that pours from your wineskin to him, and makes him drunk also, that you may look on their nakedness!

As mankind tries to gain glory for himself by public works built on wickedness and injustice....he wearies himself.....

16 You are filled with shame for glory: drink also, and be exposed as uncircumcised: the cup of vuvh's Right Hand shall be turned to you, and shame shall be on your glory.

יהוה is at work in the world fulfilling His purpose and a big part of that working is His active judgment.

17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover you, and the plunder of beasts, which made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for your violence against the land Yisrael, and the city, and of all that dwell in it.

The prophecy of V.17 was enacted; in particular the beasts of v.17 are the Shia militant group Hezbollah, whose violence covers Lebanon; 'full of men's blood'... with sights set on the State of Israel 'and all that dwell in it.'

Now in V.18 the judgment's going to shift to those who've worshipped false gods; because the nations are full of idolatry.

18 What profit is the carved image to the maker who has carved it; a molten image, and a teacher of lies that the maker of its work trusts in what he has made, to make dumb idols? 19 Woe to him that says to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! See, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all inside it.

Ultimately the nations have befallen to the primary sin of pride.

20 But vuvh is in His Holy Temple: let all the earth keep silent before Him.