

## Habakkuk To Our Forefathers Yisrael

**חִבְּקוּק** - *Heh-Bet-Kuf-Vav-Kuf - Habakkuk: The Assyrian culture had invaded the culture of believers-Israel. Israel was seriously comprised - at threat level. Syncretism and dispassionateness abounded in the faith.*

Another reason I chose to teach this prophetic work is because today you'll find simultudes abound.

There was an Assyrian plant called the '*hambakuku*' and when that word is combined with the Hebrew **חִבְּקוּק** - Heh-Bet-Kuf-Vav-Kuf - '*to embrace*' we find the prophets name is a '*remez*' to the nation that has '*embraced the Assyrian condition.*'

**חִבְּקוּק** - *Heh-Bet-Kuf-Vav-Kuf - 'to marshal against the embrace of the Assyrian condition.'*

**1:1 The burden which Chabakook the navi did see. 2 O יהוה , how long shall I cry, and You will not hear! Even cry out to You because of violence, and You will not save!**

**3 Why do You show me iniquity, and cause me to behold perversity? For ruin and violence are before me: and there are strife and contention that arise.**

**4 Therefore the Torah is slack, and mishpat does not go forth: for the wicked do enclose around the tzadikim; therefore wrong rulings go forth.**

**5 See among the heathen nations, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which you will not believe, though it is told you. 6 For, see, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who shall march through the breadth of eretz Yisrael, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs. 7 They are frightening and dreadful: their rulings and their dignity shall proceed from themselves. 8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are fiercer than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that runs to eat. 9 They shall come all for violence: their faces are like the east wind, and they shall gather the captives as the sand. 10 And they shall scoff at the melechim, and the rulers shall be a scorn to them: they shall deride every stronghold; for they**

*shall seize territory, and take it. 11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass on as a wind, and his army shall be found guilty before his mighty one. 12 Are You not from everlasting, O vuvh my Elohim, my Kadosh-One? We shall not die. O vuvh, You have ordained them for mishpat; and, O mighty Elohim, You have established them for correction. 13 You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on iniquity: why do You look upon them that act treacherously, and hold Your tongue when the wicked devours the man that is more tzadik than he? 14 And make men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them? 215 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their dragnet: therefore they have simcha and gilah. 16 Therefore they offer sacrifice to their net, and burn incense to their dragnet; because by them their portion is fat, and their food made plenty. 17 Why do they empty their net continually, and do not spare to slay the nations without rachamim?*

#### **Date and occasion:**

During the life of the Southern Kingdom, around 609-600 BCE.

Habakkuk's message is framed within a time of Babylonian domination; what better time for us to heed it's call when we too find ourselves living 'in the meantime' in a timeframe of Mystery Babylon's global domination!

What do we do when we have a burning passion for the honor of יהוה like Habakkuk, yet we find that יהוה is seemingly *indifferent* to the appalling spiritual condition of man?

Habakkuk was expecting YHWH's promises to kick in and shock Israel to repentance, was *His* word of no effect?

***Deut 28:14 So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them. "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: "Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.....***

All sin is not equal and יהוה does care about the downward slide of society.

***Rom 1:24 Wherefore יהוה gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves:***

*25 for that they exchanged the truth of יהוה for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause יהוה gave them up unto vile passions: for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature:27 and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due.28 And even as they refused to have יהוה in their knowledge, יהוה gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; whisperers,30 backbiters, hateful to יהוה , insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unmerciful: 32 who, knowing the ordinance of יהוה , that they that practise such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practise them.*

All sin is not worthy of death; Exo 21-23 - 'Mishpatim'.....but those that dishonor their bodies, who worship the creation are given up to vile passions.....GIVEN UP...REPROBATE - haters of Yah.

***Ps 13:2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?***

***Jer 12:1 יהוה let me talk with You about Your judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? Why are those happy who deal so treacherously?***

I thought יהוה was going to intervene with the Great Tribulation over a decade ago.

***Jer 47:6 O you sword of יהוה , How long until you are quiet? Put yourself up into your scabbard, Rest and be still!***

But like you, like Habakkuk, I've remained consistent in my appeal to יהוה , consistent in my faithfulness even at times it seemed in vain.

In response to Habakkuk's plea יהוה finally responded with the Chaldeans; they would be His instrument of judgment.

This cure of the Chaldeans only added to the prophets distress, I've come to realize that too in recent years...

***Ecc 7:15 I have seen everything during my lifetime of futility; there is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his wickedness.***

***Job 21:17 "How often is the lamp of the wicked put out, Or does their calamity fall on them? Does God apportion destruction in His anger?"***

***Job 9:24 "The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; He covers the faces of its judges. If it is not He, then who is it?"***

***Ps 73:3 plagues me: For I was envious of the arrogant As I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no pains in their death, And their body is fat. They are not in trouble as other men, Nor are they plagued like mankind.***

***Jere 12:1 Righteous are You, O יהוה , that I would plead my case with You; Indeed I would discuss matters of justice with You: Why has the way of the wicked prospered? Why are all those who deal in treachery at ease?"***

***Ecc 8:14: There is futility which is done on the earth, that is, there are righteous men to whom it happens according to the deeds of the wicked On the other hand, there are evil men to whom it happens according to the deeds of the righteous. I say that this too is futility.***

***Hab: 1:13 Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, And You can not look on wickedness with favor Why do You look with favor On those who deal treacherously? Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up Those more righteous than they?"***

***Mal 3:15 So now we call the arrogant blessed; not only are the doers of wickedness built up but they also test Elohim and escape.'"***

***Job 20:5 The the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the godless momentary?"***

**1 Thess 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Master, having received the word in much affliction.**

**Js. 1:21 receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.**

**2 Pet 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts.**

We are the generation that has been ordained to live “in between,” “in between” the “dawning of the day” and “the last days.”

**Hab 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.**

**Rom 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of Elohim revealed from faith to faith: as it is written. The just shall live by faith. 18 For the wrath of Elohim is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.....28 And even as they did not like to retain Elohim in their knowledge, Elohim gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.**

**Gal 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of Elohim, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. 12 And the (book of the) law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.**

**Heb 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.**

**4 Therefore the Torah is slack, and mishpat does not go forth: for the wicked do enclose around the tzadikim; therefore wrong rulings go forth.**

**Isa 29:16 Ye turn things upside down! Shall the potter be esteemed as clay; that the thing made should say of him that made it, He made me not; or the thing formed say of him that formed it, He hath no understanding?**

**This book is actually about the purposes of יהוה and the realization of His will for this world. It's a book about the promises made to Abraham that are realized by his end time descendants scattered in the nations.**

It's a book about the providence of יהוה, and how He's keeping His BoC promise the descendants of Abraham. It has a universal and timeless validity that's made a witness to every age.