# HABAKKUK A MODERN PROPHETIC MASTERPIECE

### **How Long Shall I Cry? (Habakkuk 1:1-17)**

#### The Prophet's Question

"The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear? Even cry out to You, "Violence!" And You will not save. Why do You show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; There is strife, and contention arises. Therefore the law is powerless, And justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; Therefore perverse judgment proceeds." Habakkuk 1:1-4 NKJV

#### Habakkuk 1:1-4

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  - ☑ Introduction—Why Habakkuk, Why Now?

It started back a bit over a month before the 2020 presidential election which was to take place on November 3. I was burdened by what I was seeing, much like many conservative Christians, but not a burden like I had to carry it on my own, but more of a sense that God was asking me to see His heart on what was going on in our nation. I felt the Lord call me to do something that would give me heightened attention on what was going on for the month leading up to the election, so I decided to give up solid food beginning on the Tuesday, four weeks before the election. I knew this would give me constant reminders over the weeks, as every time I was desperate to bite into something I would direct my attention to the situation at hand and pray. I was pleased that my wife, Andrea, was happy to join me on the journey.

#### Liquid Diet

The weeks progressed fairly quickly and produced exactly what I had hoped, my mind was stayed on the what was happening in our nation, and more so, from a spiritual perspective. I had planned all along to eat my favorite pizza on election night, confident, at least in the natural, that our President would earn four more years in

the Whitehouse. I say, in the natural because I also knew, from a spiritual and prophetic perspective, that God might want the alternative, as that would certainly force God's people in the US to rise up, finally! I know that we must, but my pastor brain wants some extra time to prepare His people. I ordered pizza that night, four extra large, and my sons and their friends enjoyed them. Mine, however, remained in the oven that night, and metaphorically still does (although my boys consumed mine the next day!).

#### A Late Night

All things looked fabulous for "four more years" as the night progressed, but all of a sudden, in many of the swing states in which our president was dominating, beyond any of his opponents' imagination, the vote counting simply STOPPED! Each has its own excuse, some with no explanation, but the sudden pause did two things. One, it heightened my awareness that something foul was going on, and two, it confirmed I was eating no pizza that night!

#### **<u>Ine Next Few Days</u>**

The next few days saw every dominant lead by our president become absorbed and swallowed by hundreds

of thousand of mysterious ballots in each state in which he was dominating. All sorts of improprieties were afoot. First it is important to note, and without coincidence, that in every place in which this was taking place, there was a strong liberal majority governing that city. Here are some of the things, among others, that are beyond explanation and should call to alarm EVERY AMERICAN, no matter what your political affiliation.

- The counting resumed with no oversight, meaning the law in each of these states REQUIRES that a person from each side be present to review the validity of the mailed-in ballot being observed; does the signature match, does the address match, is the person a registered voter, etc. This not only did not happened, but it was overtly and blatantly blocked from happening.
- ☑ In Pennsylvania, by all accounts, hundreds of thousands of votes that arrived AFTER the election deadline, were counted, against its own state law, and against an order from the United States Supreme Court.

- ✓ Voting irregularities were so rampant, and eye witness were testifying everywhere what they were seeing and in some cases recording by videos, but it continued.
- Ballots were seen arriving in unmarked vehicles in the middle of the night, run through counting machines more than once, filled out by workers on the spot, called for one party exclusively by the tens of thousands, etc. etc. etc. Again, in matters not whose side you are on, WE ALL SHOULD BE HORRIFIED.

  This is the United States of America, not Communist Venezuela!
- And those voting machines, wow, in one local, an honest poll administer caught the "software" awarding votes to our president's opponent, that were cast for him. Once, corrected it actually reversed the entire vote in that county in favor of our president. That same brand voting machine was used in 47 other counties in that same state, which just so happened to have flipped from a massive advantage for our president to his opponent, overnight. And those machines are used in dozens of other states as well. WE ALL SHOULD BE HORRIFIED

- Minimally—we need to take pause and investigate. No one from either side should want to seat an illegitimate president.
- But instead, Mr. Biden, has marched around, against his promise of not doing so while campaigning, and claimed victory before any certification, backed by the evil mainstream media. He has been crowned the next president even though not one state has been certified, and massive fraud alerts must be investigated in each state, before anyone can claim to be president elect. But, true to form, as endless video evidence will prove, Joe Biden is incapable of telling the truth. In my estimate, it is not even the man that is doing what he is doing. He seems to be "zombie", being manipulated by a demon spirit, as it seems he actually believes what he says, even in the midst of unimpeachable evidence that he is lying about dozens of things.

#### **✓** Now what?

Enough of the election narrative, back to Habakkuk. Why Habakkuk? Why now? Well, first it starts back when we finished studying Philippians in our Impact Discipleship Ministry. (You can see those notes and watch those teaching hear: <a href="Impact Discipleship">Impact Discipleship</a>) That was October 31,

2020. Right before then I felt the Lord move me to teach our young adults through the Prophet Jonah. That day I announced that is what we would begin the following Saturday, November 7. As you can see, between those dates, the election would have taken place. Consider all I've already written above about what transpired on Election Day and subsequent to it and let me invite you to join be at 4:00 AM on November 7, 2020.

#### A Typical Saturday Morning

- I rise at some time between 4:00 and 5:00 AM every Saturday morning to prepare my study for the day. The young people arrive for worship at 10:00 and we begin our studies at 10:30. All is going fabulous for the first three plus hours that morning when, at 7:15 AM, I copied a scripture from Habakkuk to show a contrasting spirit between Habakkuk and Jonah.
- Jonah was running from God's instructions and Habbakuk was desperate to know God's instructions.
  - Jonah: "Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me." But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went

down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD."

Jonah 1:1-3 NKJV

- Habakkuk: "I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry. "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith." Habakkuk 2:1-4 NKJV
- ☑ These four verses from Habakkuk are what I had copied into my notes for Jonah chapter one, notes that consisted of 14 pages by 7:15 AM, and I still had a few more hours of work to do. That is when everything changed.

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I copied those verses into my document and then left the document to fetch some others proof text, and when I got back into the document everything was GONE! All the work I had done over the last three hours was missing, as

if the document reverted back to the blank outline I had built in the early morning, the outline I spent the last few hours filling in with content. I panicked. I had a pit in my stomach as I frantically hit the back arrow, searched everywhere in my iPad for where my "other" notes were, and then it became obvious—7:19 AM... These were the notes, there was no other document. I took a breath and let my logic brain take over. "Notes can't just go missing on an iPad; they are saved in the cloud, and on all my other devices. I did some quick research and there was my answer. There is a simple procedure that will bring me to the cloud to see all the incantations of my document from that morning. I entered the function and there were my versions, 7:19 AM... 7:18 AM... 7:17 AM... 7:16 AM... 7:15 AM... all saved as I was frantically hitting the back arrow to restore my lost material. And then... 5:00 AM...! Not a single version between 5:00 AM and 7:15 AM.

#### **The Obvious**

My heart sank, but I knew that this day was not the day to start Jonah. Even without considering the spiritual forces at play, I simply did not have the time to redo what I had lost and then finish what was still remaining. So, I

decided I will just introduce the young people to those four verses in Habakkuk. "I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.

"Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith." Habakkuk 2:1-4 NKJV

#### **<u>✓ Let the Study Begin</u>**

■ I told the students all that had happened and that we would have to start Jonah the following week. And then I did a workshop with them for the next 90 minutes on what these four verses in Habakkuk could mean to them personally, never even considering what God meant them to be for me in that moment. It went well and each person dug into a vision for their lives and why that is important. But something eye-opening happened as they were in quiet time, doing the assignment. I went back to read chapter one!

#### **The burden!**

- "The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw. O

  LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear? Even

  cry out to You, "Violence!" And You will not save."

  Habakkuk 1:1-2 NKJV
- This is exactly how I'd been feeling! I was burdened with wanting to know what God was doing, what was going on with this seemingly fraudulent election in so many states? And was I supposed to stay on liquid only, and if so, how long? In that moment I did realize one thing for certain; Jonah was out and Habbakuk was in. I knew that it was Habakkuk that I was to teach for the next few weeks. All ended well that morning and I left them with the assignment to study Habbakuk chapter one for next week.

#### **Saturday Night, November 7, 2020 Saturday Night**

I was alone that night as Andrea had left Thursday for a woman's conference. I sat in my bedroom in prayer, asking Yahweh if I should persist in this "no solid food" thing and He did speak to my heart. "Jeff, would you be willing to go all the way until January 21st, 2021, if necessary?" "Yuk," was my first thought, but then I quickly thought, "I really would do anything for truth to

prevail." I told the Father that I would be willing to do anything He asked. That is where I left off that night.

#### **Sunday Morning, November 8, 2020 Sunday Morning Sunday Mornin**

- Sunday mornings look the same every week; I rise early and begin to outline the chapters of the Bible I will be teaching on the upcoming Friday night in our KEM services. This day I was working on was Genesis 23:1-25:18, the area of Scripture that includes Abraham's instruction to his chief servant to go find Isaac a wife from his home country from among his family. You can read the notes and watch the sermon here: Fleeces and Testimonies
- The part that gripped me was the burden of responsibility the servant felt over the task at hand, to honor is master.

  That again was the same burden I felt, the same burden Habbakuk displayed, "The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry...?"
- This is Abraham's servant's prayer that touched me!

  "Then he said, "O LORD God of my master Abraham,

  please give me success this day, and show kindness to

  my master Abraham. Behold, here I stand by the well of

  water, and the daughters of the men of the city are

  coming out to draw water. Now let it be that the young

woman to whom I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink'— let her be the one You have appointed for Your servant Isaac. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to my master."" Genesis 24:12-14

V So I re-wrote it for myself. I had my answer; I knew what I was called to do: "O Yahweh God of my master Y'shua, please give me success this day, and show me your kindness. Behold, here I stand in intercession, willing to drink only liquids until you declare it is finished. Now let it be that either Donald Trump or Joe Biden becomes the President, and be that whomever it is You choose, he is elected by what are only fair and legal ballots in every state. Please expose all votes that were falsely obtained in any manner whatsoever and eliminate them from the voting totals. Whoever remains the winner afterwards, I will humbly acknowledge as the president whom you have next appointed. Until such time that either president Donald J. Trump is proven the next duly elected president, or he concedes such because an honest counting of true votes has proven that Joe Biden is our next president, I will remain on liquids and no solid

food. And by this I will know that You have shown kindness to me."

#### **Sunday Afternoon, November 8, 2020 Sunday Af**

☑ I had to leave on a business trip this afternoon for a few days in Ohio. I landed in Cleveland around 4:00 PM and drove to my hotel about 70 miles away. I met with a client that evening and then called it a night.

#### Monday Morning, November 9, 2020

- I rose early as always to continue my sermon prep and was busy with clients for the next few days. But, as usual when I travel alone, I have a lot extra time at night as I am without my family, so I just use the time to "get ahead" in prep. It usually takes me until Wednesday each week to have the first draft of my sermon complete, but I was done by late Monday and got to use Tuesday and Wednesday for refining.
- ☑ I flew home Wednesday afternoon and my flight had one unexpected opportunity. I had no sermon prep to to do. So, I decided, "I'll just start prepping for Saturday, Habbakuk chapter one!" And there I was again seeing those faithful verses. But this time it was different!
- Why Habakkuk? Why Now? Habakkuk's burden, My burden!

- "The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw. O

  LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear? Even

  cry out to You, "Violence!" And You will not save."

  Habakkuk 1:1-2 NKJV
- I read those words and suddenly it ALL MADE SENSE! In my mind, I was transported back to Saturday morning, November 7, when all my notes simply vanished as I copied these words into my document: "I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry. "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith." Habakkuk 2:1-4 NKIV
- God was about to give me a vision! God had erased all my Jonah notes with these four verses because He wanted to give me a vision. He wanted to satisfy my burden, the burden like Abraham's servant, desperate to get it right for his master. The burden like Habbakuk,

- desperate for answers as to why God would allow such iniquity and lies and deceit to reign in our nation.
- The rest of our study into Habbakuk will NOT BE a doctrinal dissertation, but instead a MODERN PROPHETIC APPLICATION. I will faithfully attempt to translate what I am reading in God's words to Habakkuk into what I see happening RIGHT NOW in our nation. I will not pretend to predict the outcome of the controversy in our nation, other than to guarantee this.
  - Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you." Habakkuk 1:5
  - "The vision is for an appointed time; in the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it;

    Because it will surely come!" Habakkuk 2:3
  - ☑ Those who intend to rule our nation who dishonor
    Yahweh in their ways, will meet the fate of those to
    whom Habbakuk speaks. I GUARANTEE IT!
- Each verse along the way will be followed by a commentary, translating it with modern prophetic insight.
- "Why do You show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble?
  For plundering and violence are before me; There is strife, and

contention arises. Therefore the law is powerless, And justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous;
Therefore perverse judgment proceeds." Habakkuk 1:3-4
NKJV

- "Why do You show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; There is strife, and contention arises." Habakkuk 1:3 NKJV
  - ☑ I am fully aware of the overt sin and blasphemy that pervades our nation.
  - Why would God make it so obvious to me when He knows that my greatest pet peeve is injustice. It drives me mad when I see lies go unexposed, and criminals go free.
  - Why would you let me see all the strife and violence, God, if you would not allow me (through You) to do something about it? It's SO frustrating!
- ☑ Therefore the law is powerless, And justice never goes
  forth... Habakkuk 1:4a
  - With all the crime that has been exposed and all the proof that under any ordinary circumstance would have landed Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden in prison for treason, why does the law (DOJ and FBI) do nothing? Why does justice NEVER seem to be served? And worse

yet, a man who should be in prison is permitted to march around like he has already won the election, and that itself is disdainful when he fully knows that it is not over until the legal system that governs our election says so. Instead the media is making law, and a man who intends to be our president is happy to follow a fiat system, further verifying his corruption and crimes.

- - The wicked Democratic Party, and all it's cohorts, like the evil, lying, mainstream media, social media, tech giants, and corporate globalists seem to have the upper hand over your people. How could that possibly be?

#### Yahweh's Reply

""Look among the nations and watch— Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days Which you would not believe, though it were told you. For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans, A bitter and hasty nation Which marches through the breadth of the earth, To possess dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful; Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves. Their horses also are swifter than leopards, And more fierce than evening wolves. Their chargers charge ahead;

Their cavalry comes from afar; They fly as the eagle that hastens to eat. "They all come for violence; Their faces are set like the east wind. They gather captives like sand. They scoff at kings, And princes are scorned by them. They deride every stronghold, For they heap up earthen mounds and seize it. Then his mind changes, and he transgresses; He commits offense, Ascribing this power to his god."" Habakkuk 1:5-11 NKJV

#### Habakkuk 1:5-11

- ""Look among the nations and watch— **Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days** Which you would not believe, though it were told you." Habakkuk 1:5 NKJV
  - **☑** Don't Worry, I got this!
    - God assures us that we need not worry, the outcome is already in the books. And even if He told us what He was going to do in the earth right now, we would not believe it; it will be utterly astonishing.
- "For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans, A bitter and hasty nation Which marches through the breadth of the earth, To possess dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful; Their judgment and their dignity proceed from themselves. Their horses also are swifter than leopards, And

more fierce than evening wolves. Their **chargers** charge ahead; Their **cavalry** comes from afar; They **fly as the eagle** that hastens to eat." Habakkuk 1:6-8 NKJV

#### **God is the One who has raised up the evil leaders!**

☑ God allows the evil to get themselves front and center, to take over and then He exposes them and destroys them.

#### **<u>Iney take over what is not rightfully theirs!</u>**

- ✓ You can identify them by some key markers:
  - They steel what is not theirs.
  - ✓ Look at this election. Anyone with any common sense can see that president Trump dominated. But they closed down the counting so they could add the fraudulent votes they needed to win. We can see it plainly with our own eyes.
  - And then, Joe Biden marches around as if his is already the president elect, claiming something that simply is NOT TRUE by any measure. There is not a single law in our nation that says he is. But he invents a position, "Office of the President Elect", literally invents it. It is NOT A THING. And then he marches around pretending it has ALREADY happened. As of today, November 14, 2020, it has not. The only way for him to be the president elect on this date is if is

opponent as conceded, and Donald Trump has not.

Otherwise we must wait until the Electoral Collage casts it's votes on December 14. So you can see, that Joe Biden has attempted to "possess a place that is not his!"

#### **<u>Iney are horrible people!</u>**

- ☑ Horrible? Let me count the ways: (This is just a small sample of too many to list.)
  - ✓ Joe Biden has been caught lying on videos for his entire 47 year career in politics.
  - ☑ He has lied to the American people repeatedly throughout this presidential campaign and he has been busted for it.
  - ☑ They even keep telling the same lies after the lies have been exposed as lies, shamelessly repeating the same false talking points!
  - ☑ He has been caught red handed for treason and financial crime with the Ukraine and with China along with his son Hunter. The proof is undeniable.
  - And now he has cheated in an attempt to steal the election with so many voting scams it is like watching an espionage movie.

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- He is acting like he has earned the honor of being president when it is obvious that he had no momentum and support during his campaign OTHER THAN from the fake news and media of all types.
- He is in mental decline with serious signs of dementia.
- The only honor and dignity he has is that which he proclaims over himself.
- He is an embarrassment as a man and representative of this nations.

#### **<u>Intersection</u>** <u>Their weapons of influence are beasts!</u>

- ☑ The modern weapons of war:
  - The mainstream media
  - Social Media Giants

  - ☑ Big Tech
  - Big Pharma
  - Corporate Globalists
- ""They all come for violence; Their faces are set like the east wind. They gather captives like sand. They scoff at kings, And princes are scorned by them. They deride every stronghold,

For they heap up earthen mounds and seize it." Habakkuk 1:9-10 NKJV

#### **<u>Iney condone violence</u> <u>They condone violence</u>**

- Antifa
- ☑ BLM
- ☑ Non-peaceful protests
- Looting
- Destruction of property and businesses
- Defund the police

#### **<u>Inex create a following of zombified people</u>**

- You likely must check your brain at the door to believe a single word of their rhetoric.
- ☑ They captivate people with their deceit and lies.
- ☑ They ridicule and rebel against lawful leadership like they have done for four years against Donald Trump!

## They express utter contempt and ridicule anyone who opposes there beliefs

- You are free to express yourself as long as you don't disagree with us!
- If you do you are a hater and intolerant, but we can hate you and that is okay!
- Virtue signaling
- Cancel Culture

- "Then his mind changes, and he transgresses; He commits offense, Ascribing this power to his god."" Habakkuk 1:11 NKJV
  - **They are not even consistent with their own beliefs** 
    - ☑ Look at how may times Joe Biden and Kamala Harris have flip flopped on issues.
    - ☑ They speak out of both sides of their mouth.
    - ☑ Black Lives Matter could care less about black lives.
    - ☑ The Democrats are a party run by white global elitists
      while they openly deride white global elitists!
  - ☑ They worship a false god while they say they worship
    Yahweh!
    - They say they are Christians, yet espouse beliefs that are patently against God.
      - Abortion
      - Gender re-identification
      - Marriage beyond men and women

#### The Prophet's Second Question

"Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die. O LORD, You have appointed them for judgment;
O Rock, You have marked them for correction. You are of purer eyes

than to behold evil, And cannot look on wickedness. Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, And hold Your tongue when the wicked devours A person more righteous than he? Why do You make men like fish of the sea, Like creeping things that have no ruler over them? They take up all of them with a hook, They catch them in their net, And gather them in their dragnet. Therefore they rejoice and are glad. Therefore they sacrifice to their net, And burn incense to their dragnet; Because by them their share is sumptuous And their food plentiful. Shall they therefore empty their net, And continue to slay nations without pity?" Habakkuk 1:12-17 NKJV

#### **Habakkuk 1:12-17**

- "Are You not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, You have appointed them for judgment; O Rock, You have marked them for correction."
  Habakkuk 1:12 NKJV
  - ☑ God does not change and He will judge those who oppose Him!
    - ☑ They will pay for their transgressions
    - They will be openly rebuked and exposed
- "You are of **purer eyes than to behold evi**l, And cannot look on wickedness. **Why do You look on those who deal**

treacherously, And hold Your tongue when the wicked devours A person more righteous than he?" Habakkuk 1:13 NKJV

- ✓ Yahweh is Holy, so how can He Look on and do nothing while the wicked abuse the righteous?
  - Answer: in the end He won't and woe to those on the wrong side of the equation.
- "Why do You make men like fish of the sea, Like creeping things that have no ruler over them? They take up all of them with a hook, They catch them in their net, And gather them in their dragnet. Therefore they rejoice and are glad." Habakkuk 1:14-15 NKJV
  - **These wicked leaders treat God's people like they are less** than human!
    - They trap them and attempt to control them with evil policies:
      - And they take pleasure in it!
      - Lockdowns
      - Masks
      - Forced anti-Christian practices

"Therefore they sacrifice to their net, And burn incense to their dragnet; Because by them their share is sumptuous And their food plentiful. Shall they therefore empty their net, And continue to slay nations without pity?" Habakkuk 1:16-17 NKJV

#### **They build their own wealth while oppressing the people**

- ☑ They steal the wealth of the people by way of:
  - Increased taxes
  - Increased regulation
  - ☑ Destructive Foreign Policy
  - Deals that make them rich and make the people poor and dependent
  - ☑ They do it all with ZERO conscience or remorse

#### **NEXT WEEK**

Stand, Watch and See! (Habakkuk 2:1-20)