

# HABAKKUK

## A MODERN PROPHETIC MASTERPIECE

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

**Rewind to Chapter 1: this all started with Habakkuk asking some questions:**

“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

- ☑ **And then...a moment, a breath, and in that space Yahweh comes in and fills his heart (and prayerfully our hearts) with Hope!**
- ☑ **““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.

- ☑ *In other words, “My child, I see your burden and I hear your heart’s cry. Sit back for a moment, take a deep breath and settle your mind. What I am about to do, because of what you are seeing, is so outrageous, so astounding, so magnificent, so wondrous, that if I told you what it was, would not even believe Me!”*
- ☑ **Lay your burdens down!**
- ☑ **“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”** Matthew 11:28-30 NKJV
- ☑ **Yahweh then says:**
- ☑ **“Get out your pencil and write this down; here is your answer!”**

**Wait, Listen, Hear, and Write it down**

**“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

### **Habakkuk 2:1-4**

- ☑ *“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.” Habakkuk 2:1 NKJV*
- ☑ **This is where we stand...**
  - ☑ Okay Yahweh, I have explained my burden to you and I have put forth the questions I have. You promised me that You would do something astounding about it; now I will wait for Your answer.
  - ☑ “The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw.  
Habakkuk 1:1 NKJV
  - ☑ “O LORD, how long shall I cry, And You will not hear?  
...” Habakkuk 1:2 NKJV
  - ☑ “Why do You show me iniquity, And cause me to see trouble? ...” Habakkuk 1:3 NKJV
- ☑ What is Habakkuk seeing?

☑ Consider what Habakkuk would see in our nation today. It would be a perversion of the fundamental belief in God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Who is that God and how can we recognize His image? He tells us that we were made in **His divine likeness and image**, and then He describes that image. “I made man and woman, and then I commanded them to marry and to be fruitful and multiply.” (Genesis 1:26-28) In 2 Peter 1:3-4 He tells us that His power has given us everything we need for life and godliness and thus we have been promised to share **His Divine Nature!**

☑ **His image; His Divine Nature:**

1. Two absolute and undeniable genders (male and female)
2. One absolute union (the marriage of a male and female)
3. One absolute command (have children)
4. One absolute picture (the Family)

☑ Anything that aims to deny, destroy or pervert any of this is the blatant and blasphemous claim that “There is NO God!”

☑ Can you translate what Habakkuk might have been seeing into the **iniquity** in our nation today? The “Prophet” believes in the “Divine Image” of the one true God. The “nation” believes, “there is no such thing as two absolute genders; marriage is between any consenting people no matter what their genders; and the unborn child has no rights to live!” All these abominations have led to the destruction of the family! The wicked arrogantly declare that **“There is NO God!”**

☑ **THREE VERSIONS OF PSALMS 10:1-4**

☑ “Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble? The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised. **For the wicked boasts of his heart’s desire**; He blesses the greedy and renounces the LORD. The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; **God is in none of his thoughts.**” Psalms 10:1-4 NKJV

☑ “Why, O Lord, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? In arrogance the wicked hotly pursue the poor; let them be caught in the schemes that they have devised. **For the wicked**

**boasts of the desires of his soul**, and the one greedy for gain curses and renounces the Lord. In the pride of his face the wicked does not seek him; **all his thoughts are, “There is no God.”** Psalm 10:1-4 ESV

☑ “Lord, why do You stand so far away? Why do You hide in times of trouble? In arrogance the wicked relentlessly pursue the afflicted; let them be caught in the schemes they have devised. **For the wicked one boasts about his own cravings**; the one who is greedy curses and despises the Lord. In all his scheming, **the wicked arrogantly thinks: “There is no accountability, since God does not exist.”**” Psalms 10:1-4 HCSB

☑ ““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

☑ **Be still and know!!!!!!**

☑ “And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. **Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD**, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. **The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.**”” Exodus 14:13-14 NKJV

☑ “Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. **Be still, and know that I am God;** I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah” Psalms 46:8-11 NKJV

☑ **Tell me what to do and where I am in need of correction!**

☑ “So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts.” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: “**Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged.**” Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “**Here am I! Send me.**”” Isaiah 6:5-8 NKJV

☑ *“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.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 NKJV*

☑ **Here is your assignment Habakkuk...**

- ☑ I will give you a vision.
- ☑ You need to write it down in simple language so anyone who reads it will understand it. ***That is what we are doing here today with this study!***
- ☑ Know that the vision I give you will be for a specific time that I have preordained.
- ☑ That being said, do not panic or get disappointed if you think that it has not happened in a time-frame that seems right to you.
- ☑ The seeming delay does NOT mean anything. I absolutely guarantee you that IT WILL HAPPEN!
- ☑ No matter how it looks and no matter how delayed it appears, rest in this; it will happen!

☑ **Peter even spoke of this in such a way that the delay would inspire those looking on to doubt...**

- ☑ “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, **who will secretly bring in destructive heresies**, even **denying the Lord** who bought them, and **bring on themselves swift destruction**. And many will follow their destructive ways,



because of whom **the way of truth will be blasphemed.**"

II Peter 2:1-2 NKJV

- ☑ The rest of II Peter 2 describes the condition of such blasphemy, and promises how Yahweh will certainly punish those who are involved in such, and certainly deliver those who are godly.
- ☑ In the third chapter Peter reminds us that there will be those who scoff at these warnings and promises, but he also points out that God has a perfect track record of keeping His word!
- ☑ "knowing this first: **that scoffers will come in the last days**, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "**Where is the promise of His coming?** For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.'" II Peter 3:3-4 NKJV
- ☑ "But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, **are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**" II Peter 3:7 NKJV
  
- ☑ *"Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; **But the just shall live by his faith.**" Habakkuk 2:4 NKJV*
- ☑ **The just shall live by faith!**

- ☑ “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, **“The just shall live by faith.”**” Romans 1:16-17 NKJV
- ☑ “For as many as are of the **works of the law are under the curse**; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for **“the just shall live by faith.”** Yet the law is not of faith, but **“the man who does them shall live by them.”**” Galatians 3:10-12 NKJV
- ☑ “For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: “For yet a little while, **And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.**” But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.” Hebrews 10:36-39 NKJV

**Woe to him who increases what is not his!**

““Indeed, **because he transgresses by wine, He is a proud man, And he does not stay at home.** Because **he enlarges his desire** as hell, And he is like death, and cannot be satisfied, **He gathers to himself all nations And heaps up for himself all peoples.** “**Will not all these take up a proverb against him, And a taunting riddle against him,** and say, ‘**Woe to him who increases What is not his—** how long? **And to him who loads himself with many pledges’?** **Will not your creditors rise up suddenly? Will they not awaken who oppress you?** And you will become their booty. **Because you have plundered many nations,** All the remnant of the people shall plunder you, **Because of men’s blood And the violence of the land and the city,** And of all who dwell in it.” Habakkuk 2:5-8 NKJV

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#### ☑ **Present Day Application**

☑ For our purposes in this study we are going to focus on the potential of Habakkuk’s remaining words in chapter 2 being played out presently in our world! Bear in mind,

Yahweh has already indicated that what He has planned to do, about the obvious iniquity in the earth, will be astonishing and that the timing of it all is the only question.

- ☑ The transgression requires a clouding of sober-mindedness, meaning the people who will be taken in by the deception will need to be as if they are drunk, in order for them to comply with the deception.
- ☑ The “man” who heads this up will be full of pride, even to believe he is completely immune to the consequences of his blatant lies.
- ☑ He will not stay at home, meaning he will leave his basement bunker and go forth as if victorious!
- ☑ His insatiable desire for power can never be satisfied, as he is so blinded with greed and carnal desires that the depths of hell cannot quench the need to satisfy his flesh. Death cannot even end his desire for depravity.
- ☑ He will build a coalition of nations to agree and support his efforts, for they too are filled with such blatant lies and hatred of Yahweh that they are blinded to how obvious it is that the truth is 180 degrees from their words and actions.



- ☑ It will become obvious to all that he attempted to hijack a position that he never earned, walked about as if he had, acted like he had obtained this honorable status, when in fact it was all smoke and mirrors.
  - ☑ He will have made all sorts of promises, as if he had the power and authority to make good on them.
  - ☑ And worst yet, it will be the very people (global elite) and organizations (media) that made him believe he had obtained his position that will be the most critical of his “self-deception.”
  - ☑ Yes, even his right hand “person”, maybe someone like a vice-president, will turn on him and accuse him of corruption and incompetence!
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- ☑ *“Will not your creditors rise up suddenly? Will they not awaken who oppress you? And you will become their booty.”  
Habakkuk 2:7 NKJV*
- ☑ **Present Day Application**
  - ☑ And do you think that all those corrupt conspirators, to whom you made your ridiculous promises, will let you off the hook? Not a chance!
  - ☑ Sorry sir, you wrote a check that cannot be cashed and your “once friends” are coming to collect.

- ☑ And you will be hunted down until you pay up, even if your entire corrupt family becomes owned by them!
  
- ☑ *“Because you have plundered many nations, All the remnant of the people shall plunder you, Because of men’s blood And the violence of the land and the city, And of all who dwell in it.” Habakkuk 2:8 NKJV*
  
- ☑ **Present Day Application**
  - ☑ All those nations that depended on your being able to maintain the power you hijacked, those that gave you and your family millions of dollars, are coming to collect.
  - ☑ Yes, your corruption has caused much violence domestically and abroad. And you will be the one to pay the cost!

**Woe to him who schemes evil gain for his own family!**

**“Woe to him who covets evil gain for his house,** That he may set his nest on high, That he may be delivered from the power of disaster! You give shameful counsel to your house, Cutting off many peoples, And sin against your soul. **For the stone will cry out** from the wall, And the beam from the timbers will answer it.” Habakkuk 2:9-11 NKJV

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### ☑ **Present Day Application**

☑ I wonder if there is any evidence that this man has engaged in illegal and immoral activities for personal gain.

☑ He will have done so to build his own nest egg and generational wealth.

☑ There will be a long history and irrefutable evidence that he has done so.

☑ He will have done so to insulate himself from anything bad that might happen. TOO BAD, it will not work.

☑ *“You give shameful counsel to your house, Cutting off many peoples, And sin against your soul. For the stone will cry out from the wall, And the beam from the timbers will answer it.” Habakkuk 2:10-11 NKJV*

### ☑ **Present Day Application**

☑ You will get your family involved in your corruption.



- ☑ Instead of being a good father, brother and husband, you will be the inspiration for all those around you to become corrupt.
- ☑ Instead of protecting them, you will put them in the direct path of harm and devastation.
- ☑ You will do so because you need others to be the front people of your corrupt schemes. You need others to hold your money as you are a “public figure.”
- ☑ And because of this they will all go down with you!
- ☑ The devastation in your own family, inspired by your greed and corruption, will be far and wide. It will feel like an egregious violation against your own self interests, as if everything you have done has produced the exact opposite of what you desired. The pain will be intractable.
- ☑ Your household will be so infected with this disease of greed and corruption that the very walls and beams would cry out in offense if they could!

**Woe to him who builds their platform on iniquity!**

“**Woe to him who builds** a town with **bloodshed**, Who establishes a city by **iniquity**! Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts That the peoples labor to feed the fire, And nations weary themselves in

vain? For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea.” Habakkuk 2:12-14 NKJV

## **Habakkuk 2:12-14**

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### ☑ **Present Day Application**

☑ Everything you have ever stood for will fall on the wrong side of history.

☑ You will be remembered as the man who never landed on the side that did what was right.

☑ You will leave a path of destruction in your wake as there is not one thing you stood for that was not birthed in habitual sin.

☑ *“Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts That the peoples labor to feed the fire, And nations weary themselves in vain?” Habakkuk 2:13 NKJV*

### ☑ **Present Day Application**

☑ You will have led so many people to false gods, gods that could never be satisfied no matter what level of devotion.

- ☑ Why? Because it is a vain activity which attempts to satisfy anything that is a counterfeit to Yahweh, Y'shua and the Holy Spirit.
- ☑ Yes, when your religion tells you: there is no definitive truth about what a man or woman is; that marriage is of no value; and neither is the sanctity of life, then your religion is in effect saying, "There is no God!"
- ☑ *"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14 NKJV*
- ☑ **Present Day Application**
  - ☑ Sorry you scheming liar, the whole world will know who the true God is, Yahweh almighty, and His son Y'shua. And you will be exposed for the fraud you are!
  - ☑ "Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess **that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11 NKJV

**Woe to him who infects the minds of the people so they cannot think soberly.**

“**Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor**, Pressing him to your bottle, **Even to make him drunk**, That you may look on his nakedness! You are filled with shame instead of glory. You also—drink! And be exposed as uncircumcised! The cup of the LORD’s right hand will be turned against you, And utter shame will be on your glory. For the violence done to Lebanon will cover you, And the plunder of beasts which made them afraid, Because of men’s blood And the violence of the land and the city, And of all who dwell in it. “What profit is the image, that its maker should carve it, The molded image, a teacher of lies, That the maker of its mold should trust in it, To make mute idols?” Habakkuk 2:15-18 NKJV

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#### **Present Day Application**

It will become well known that all your followers were fed “something” to make them incapable of recognizing truth!

- ☑ They will all recognize that it was as if you stuck a bottle in their mouth and force fed them intoxicating drink.
- ☑ They will know you did it to expose their vulnerabilities, so you could take advantage of them.
  
- ☑ *“You are filled with shame instead of glory. You also—drink! And be exposed as uncircumcised! The cup of the LORD’s right hand will be turned against you, And utter shame will be on your glory.” Habakkuk 2:16 NKJV*
- ☑ **Present Day Application**
  - ☑ That glory you were seeking and sucking on for your life energy will be turned into an utter embarrassment.
  - ☑ The intoxicating lies, greed, deceit will be tuned around on you and you will be forced to drink the very toxic sludge you forced on others.
  - ☑ It will indeed expose everything about you as if you were standing naked before the world.
  - ☑ And what will they see? Absolute proof that you are a fraud and that the god you serve is a fraud.
  - ☑ Yahweh Himself will expose you for the sham you are and you will be shamed in front of the whole world!

☑ *“For the violence done to Lebanon will cover you, And the plunder of beasts which made them afraid, Because of men’s blood And the violence of the land and the city, And of all who dwell in it.” Habakkuk 2:17 NKJV*

☑ **Present Day Application**

☑ All of your violent behavior will come back to bite you.

☑ The fruit it yields will be the exact opposite of what you hoped for.

☑ Every oppressive scheme will be manifested in you own life and it will infect your entire legacy.

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☑ **Present Day Application**

☑ Your false gods will be exposed for the powerless idols they are.

☑ The religions they represent will be exposed for the feckless organizations they are.

☑ Yet, you sir, and all those complicit in your operations, will be obligated to those false gods for an eternity.

**Woe to him who has depended on their false gods!**

“Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Awake!’ To silent stone, ‘Arise! It shall teach!’ Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, Yet in it there is no breath at all. “But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.”” Habakkuk 2:19-20 NKJV

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#### ☑ **Present Day Application**

☑ It will not matter how long you beg your false god to respond and defend you, to guide and bless you, it will remain a dead, speechless, and powerless false religion.

☑ *““But the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.”” Habakkuk 2:20 NKJV*

#### ☑ **Present Day Application**

☑ However, Yahweh alone is sitting on the throne.

☑ It is not He who remains silent like those fake gods; we are the ones who sit in awe before Him!

### **NEXT WEEK**

A Prophet’s Testimony and Song (Scripture 3:1-19)