

HABAKKUK

Freeing Faith

MAJOR

LESSONS

FROM

THE MINOR

PROPHETS

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on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD,
his going out is sure as the dawn,
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
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Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my
mouth,

and my judgment goes for
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than
offerings.

But like Adam they transgressed,
there they dealt faithlessly with me.

Gilgad is a city of evildoers,
tracked with blood.

As robbers lie in wait for a man,
so the priests band together;
they murder on the way to Shechem,
they commit villainy.

but they will not find him,
he has withdrawn from them.
They have dealt faithlessly with the LORD,
for they have borne alien children.
Now the new moon shall devour them with
their fields.

Blow the horn in Gibeon,
the trumpet in Ramah,
sound the alarm at Beth-aven,
we follow you, O Benjamin!

Ephraim shall become a desolation
in the day of punishment,
among the tribes of Israel.

I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
like a bear to Judah,
because he was determined to go after filth.
But I am like a moth to Ephraim,
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

When I am sick,
and his wound
then Ephraim will say,
and he will say,
But he is not able to cure my wound,
or he will say,
For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
and like a young lion to the house of Judah.
I, even I, will tear and go away;
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples;
Ephraim is a cake not turned.

Strangers devour his strength,
and he knows it not;
gray hairs are sprinkled upon him,
and he knows it not.

The pride of Israel testifies to his face,
yet they do not return to the LORD their God
for all this:

They are like a dove,
without sense;
like a dove from Egypt, going to Assyria,
they will spread over them my net,
I will bring them down like birds of the
heavens.

I will discipline them according to the reproach
made to their congregation;
I will say to them: for they have strayed from me!
I will say to them: for they have rebelled
against me!

They shall speak lies against me,
but they will not say,
I have done wrong to me from the heart.

but they wall upon their beds;
for grain and wine they gash themselves,
they rebel against me.

Although I trained and strengthened their
arms,

yet they devise evil against me.

They return, but not upward;
they are like a treacherous bow;
their princes shall fall by the sword.

HABAKKUK 1:1

¹The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

FAITH

FRUSTRATION

1

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HABAKKUK 1:2,3A

² How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, “Violence!” but you do not save? ³ Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

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- The princes of Judah have become
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my wrath like water.
- Ephraim is oppressed, crushed
under judgment,
because he was determined
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things. I am like a lion
to Ephraim,
and he does not know
it.
- Woe to Ephraim,
his sin is revealed,
and Judah his wound,
then Ephraim went to Assyria,
and sent to the great king,
saying, "Rescue me,
for you are our father."
I will be like a lion
to Ephraim,
and like a young lion to the house of Judah.
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HABAKKUK 1:5,6

⁵ “Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. ⁶ I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own.

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Now the new moon shall devour them with
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- Blow the horn in Gibeon
the trumpet in Ramah
the alarm at Beth-aven,
how you, O Benjamin!
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in the day of punishment.
- The princes of Judah have become
like those who move the landmark,
upon them I will pour out
my wrath like water.
- Ephraim is oppressed, crushed in judgment,
because he was determined to go after filth.
- But I am like a moth to Ephraim,
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.
- When Ephraim saw his sickness,
and Judah his wound,
then Ephraim went to Assyria,
and sent to the great king
But he is not able to cure you
or heal your wound.
- For I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
and like a young lion to the house of Judah
I, even I, will tear and go away;
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

- Ephraim mixes himself with the peoples;
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and he knows it not.
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- As they go, I will spread over them my net;
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heavens;
I will discipline them according to the reproach
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- Woe to them; for they have strayed from me!
Destruction to them; for they have rebelled
against me!
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but they speak lies against me.
- They do not cry to me from the heart,
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HABAKKUK 1:13

¹³ Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do you tolerate the treacherous? Why are you silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?

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God's answer:

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in the day of punishment.
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upon them I will pour out
my wrath like water.
- Ephraim is oppressed, crushed
under judgment,
because he was determined
to go after filthy idols.
I am like a lion to Ephraim,
and I will tear at his houses,
Judah will be like a lioness
to Ephraim.
- When Ephraim saw his sin,
and Judah his wound,
then Ephraim went to Assyria,
and sent to the great king,
saying, "Rescue me from your hand,
for your violence has overcome me."
I will be like a lion to Ephraim,
and like a young lion to the house of Judah.
I, even I, will tear and go away;
I will carry off, and no one shall rescue.

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HABAKKUK 2:4 NASB

4 "Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith.

ROMANS 1:17

¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

HEBREWS 11:6

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

FAITH:

God is real

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Your love is like a morning cloud,
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Therefore I have hewn them
I have slain them by the words of my
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I make known what is sure.

The princes of Judah have become
like those who move the landmark,
upon them I will pour out
my wrath like a flood.

Ephraim is like a moth,
because he has despised my judgment.
But I am like a moth to Ephraim,
and like dry rot to the house of Judah.

When Ephraim saw his sickness,
and Judah his wound,
then Ephraim went to Assyria,
and sent to the great king.
But he is not able to cure you
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I will discipline them according to the reproach
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Destruction to them, for they have rebelled
against me!
I would redeem them,
but they speak lies against me.

They do not cry to me from the heart,
but they wall upon their beds;
for grain and wine they gash themselves,
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Although I trained and strengthened their
arms,
yet they devise evil against me.

They return, but not upward;
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FAITH:

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FAITH MAY NOT

ANSWER OUR

QUESTIONS,

BUT IT CHANGES

OUR FOCUS.

WHAT IS HAPPENING

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his going out, that we may walk in truth;
he will come to us as the showers,
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- What shall I do with you, O Judah?
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and my judgment goes forth as the light.
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he will not be angry,
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upon them I will pour out
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HABAKKUK 2

“Woe to him...”

HABAKKUK 2:14

¹⁴ For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

HABAKKUK 2:20

²⁰ The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him.

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HABAKKUK 3:2

² Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.

HABAKKUK 3:17

¹⁷ Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,

HABAKKUK 3:18

¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in
God my Savior.

HABAKKUK 3:18

¹⁹ The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.