

A dramatic landscape photograph featuring a vast, golden field in the foreground, likely a wheat field, under a heavy, dark, and stormy sky. The sky is filled with large, dark, brooding clouds, with a bright, golden light breaking through on the left side, suggesting a storm is approaching. A small white building is visible on the horizon. A road or path runs along the right side of the field.

Habakkuk: A storm approaching



Caspian Sea

A S S Y R I A

Nineveh

Asshur

River Euphrates

River Tigris

Damascus

Babylon

B A B Y L O N I A

The Great Sea

Jerusalem

Sinai

E G Y P T

River Nile

Red

The Ancient Near East

The Lower Sea

0 300 Miles

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

Habakkuk 1:1-4

⁵ “Look among the nations, and see;
wonder and be astounded.

For I am doing a work in your days
that you would not believe if told.

⁶ For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans,
that bitter and hasty nation,
who march through the breadth of the earth,
to seize dwellings not their own.

⁷ They are dreaded and fearsome;
their justice and dignity go forth from themselves.

⁸ Their horses are swifter than leopards,
more fierce than the evening wolves;
their horsemen press proudly on.

Their horsemen come from afar;
they fly like an eagle swift to devour.

Habbakuk 1:5-8

⁹ They all come for violence,
all their faces forward.
They gather captives like sand.

¹⁰ At kings they scoff,
and at rulers they laugh.

They laugh at every fortress,
for they pile up earth and take it.

¹¹ Then they sweep by like the wind and go on,
guilty men, whose own might is their god!”

Habbakuk 1:9-11

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Habbakuk 1:5-6

¹² Are you not from everlasting,
O Lord my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.

O Lord, you have ordained them as a judgment,
and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.

¹³ You who are of purer eyes than to see evil
and cannot look at wrong,

why do you idly look at traitors
and remain silent when the wicked swallows up
the man more righteous than he?

¹⁴ You make mankind like the fish of the sea,
like crawling things that have no ruler.

¹⁵ He brings all of them up with a hook;
he drags them out with his net;
he gathers them in his dragnet;
so he rejoices and is glad.

Habbakuk 1:12-15

¹⁶ Therefore he sacrifices to his net
and makes offerings to his dragnet;
for by them he lives in luxury,
and his food is rich.

¹⁷ Is he then to keep on emptying his net
and mercilessly killing nations forever?

¹ I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

Habbakuk 1:16-2:1

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Habbakuk 2:1

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Habbakuk 1:12-15

² And the Lord answered me:

“Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

Habbakuk 2:2-3

⁴ “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,

but the righteous shall live by his faith.

⁵ “Moreover, wine is a traitor,

an arrogant man who is never at rest.

His greed is as wide as Sheol;

like death he has never enough.

He gathers for himself all nations

and collects as his own all peoples.”

Habbakuk 2:4-5

⁶ Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say,

“Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own—
for how long?—
and loads himself with pledges!”

⁷ Will not your debtors suddenly arise,
and those awake who will make you tremble?
Then you will be spoil for them.

⁸ Because you have plundered many nations,
all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.

Habbakuk 2:6-8

¹² “Woe to him who builds a town with blood
and founds a city on iniquity!

¹³ Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts
that peoples labor merely for fire,
and nations weary themselves for nothing?

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

Habbakuk 2:12-14

¹⁹ Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake;
to a silent stone, Arise!

Can this teach?

Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
and there is no breath at all in it.

²⁰ But the Lord is in his holy temple;
let all the earth keep silence before him.”

Habbakuk 2:19-20

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Habbakuk 2:4

11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Galatians 3:11

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.” ²⁶ And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

Matthew 8:23-27

