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The Book of Habakkuk

Hab. 3:1-9

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I. THE PROPHET IS TROUBLED (Wondering and Worrying) –

1:1-17

A. The Crimes of Judah, 1:1-4

B. The Coming of Judgment, 1:5-17

II. THE PROPHET IS TAUGHT (Watching and Waiting) – 2:1-20

A. God's Righteousness on the Individual Plane, 2:1-4

1. The Eagerness of the Prophet, 2:1

2. The Enlightenment of the Prophet, 2:2-4

B. God's Righteousness on the International Plane, 2:5-20

1. The Wars of the Chaldeans, 2:5

2. The Woes of the Chaldeans, 2:6-20

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The Lord will deal with:

- a. Their Crimes, 2:6-8
 - i. The Property They Had Stolen, 2:6 = THE PLUNDERER
 - ii. The People They Had Slain, 2:7-8
- b. Their Covetousness, 2:9-11 = THE PLOTTER
- c. Their Cruelty, 2:12-14 = THE PILLAGER
- d. Their Carousing, 2:15-17 = THE PERVERTER,
Prov. 23:29-35
- e. Their Cults, 2:18-20 = THE POLYTHEIST

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Hab. 2:4b "...but the just shall live by his faith."

This hymn is similar in language and imagery to Deuteronomy 33, Psalm 18:4-19, and Psalm 68. Its structure is chiasmic. (See Psa. 17, 86, 90, 102, 142 for other "prayer psalms.")

III. THE PROPHET IS TRIUMPHANT (Worshipping and Witnessing) – 3:1-19

A. Faith Submits, 3:1-2

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1. Habakkuk's Response to Revelation, 3:1-2a

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Job 28:28 And unto man he said, **Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom**; and to depart from evil is understanding.

Psa. 111:10 **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom**: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever.

Prov. 1:7 **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge**: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

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Prov. 8:13 **The fear of the LORD is to hate evil:** pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Prov. 14:27 **The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,** to depart from the snares of death.

Prov. 15:16 **Better is little with the fear of the LORD** than great treasure and trouble therewith.

Prov. 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and **by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.**

Prov. 19:23 **The fear of the LORD tendeth to life: and he that hath it shall abide satisfied;** he shall not be visited with evil.

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Prov. 22:4 **By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.**

Prov. 23:17 Let not thine heart envy sinners: but **be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.**

(Psa. 119)

Isa. 66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: **but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.**

Rom. 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

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Jas. 4:8 **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.**

Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

2. Habakkuk's Request for Revival, 3:2b – "...O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

Isa. 59:16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor...

B. Faith Sees, 3:3-15

1. The Lord's Presence, 3:3-5

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a. The Region, 3:3

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b. The Resplendence, 3:4

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c. The Result, 3:5

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2. The Lord's Power, 3:6-9a

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a. Rending the World, 3:6-7

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i. Methodically, 3:6

Isa. 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Nah. 1:5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

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ii. Mindfully, 3:7

Hab. 3:7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

Jud. 3:8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of **Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia**: and the children of Israel served Chushanrishathaim eight years.

10 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushanrishathaim.

b. Riding the Waves, 3:8

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Isa. 63:1 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is **glorious in his apparel**, travelling in the greatness of his strength? **I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.**

2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for **I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.**

4 For **the day of vengeance** is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

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c. Remembering the Word, 3:9a – “Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah...”

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Conclusion

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Adoration
Confession
Thanksgiving
Supplication

Phil. 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And **the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

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