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The Book of Habakkuk

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### 3. The Lord's Progress, 3:9b-15

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a. Nature Trembled, 3:9b-11

i. Violent Storms, 3:9b-10

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This is another example of anthropomorphism = the attributing of human characteristics and purposes to inanimate objects, animals, plants, or other natural phenomena, or to God. To describe a rushing river as “angry” is to anthropomorphize it.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/anthropomorphism?s=t>

(cf. Ps. 77:15-20)

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Rev. 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for **the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.**

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And **the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.**

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and **swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.** (See Dan. 9:26, Jer. 47:2)

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### ii. Visible Signs, 3:11

Hab. 3:11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the shining of **thy** glittering spear.

Josh. 10:12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 And **the sun stood still, and the moon stayed**, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

14 And **there was no day like that before it or after it**, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: **for the LORD fought for Israel.**

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Zech. 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

**3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.** (See Isa. 28:21)

Psa. 35:1 **Plead my cause, O LORD**, with them that strive with me: **fight against them that fight against me.**

**2** Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

**3 Draw out also the spear**, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

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### b. Nations Trembled, 3:12-15

#### i. The Lord Saving Mightily, 3:12

Hab. 3:12 **Thou** didst march through the land in indignation, **thou** didst thresh the heathen in anger.

Isa. 41:15 **Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.**

16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and **the whirlwind** shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

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Jer. 51:33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;  
**The daughter of Babylon is like a threshingfloor, it is time to thresh her:** yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.

Mic. 4:11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion.

12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for **he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.**

13 **Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make** thine horn iron, and **I will make** thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and **I will consecrate** their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

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Mt. 3:12 Whose fan is in his hand, and **he will thoroughly purge his floor**, and gather **his wheat** into the garner; but **he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

ii. The Lord Saving Majestically, 3:13-14

Hab. 3:13 **Thou** wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, even for salvation **with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked**, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.

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Psa. 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, **against the LORD, and against his anointed**, saying,

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Dan. 9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the **Messiah the Prince** shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall **Messiah** be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Jn. 1:41 He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found **the Messias**, which is, being interpreted, **the Christ**.

Jn. 4:25 The woman saith unto him, I know that **Messias** cometh, **which is called Christ**: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

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### The wounded head

Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; **it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**

Psa. 68:21 But **God shall wound the head of his enemies**, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea:

23 That **thy foot may be dipped in the blood of thine enemies**, and the tongue of thy dogs in the same.

Rev. 13:3 And I saw **one of his heads as it were wounded to death**; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, **whose deadly wound was healed.** *...Major Message*



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### **Whirlwind**

Psa. 58:9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, **he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in his wrath.**

Prov. 1:27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and **your destruction cometh as a whirlwind**; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.

Prov. 10:25 As **the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more**: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.

Isa. 17:13 **The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters**: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and **like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.**

Isa. 41:16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and **the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.**

Isa. 66:15 For, behold, **the LORD will come with fire**, and with **his chariots like a whirlwind**, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

Jer. 4:13 **Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind**: his horses are swifter than eagles. **Woe unto us!** for we are spoiled.  
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Jer. 23:19 Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

Jer. 25:32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

Jer. 30:23 **Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind:** it shall **fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.**

2 Kgs. 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and **Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**

Job 38:1 Then **the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind**, and said, (See Job 40:6)

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iii. The Lord Saving Miraculously, 3:15

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## ***Conclusion***

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.**

Rev. 14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

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Rev. 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and **he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And **he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.**

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and **he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

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Isa. 43:1 But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, **Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.**

2 When thou passest through the waters, **I will be with thee**; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Heb. 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

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