

Habakkuk 1:12-2:5

Why Does the LORD Not Act?

1. Habakkuk's Second Complaint: (1:12-2:1)

- a. _____ in God: (1:12)
 - i. God's _____ and _____ are eternal. –*Deut 33:27; 2 Kgs 19:25*
 - ii. Israel shall not ultimately _____. –*Mic 5:1; Mal 3:6*
 - iii. Babylon is ordained and _____ and _____. –*2 Sam 7:14*
- b. _____ God: (1:13)
 - i. God is too pure to _____ or _____ of evil. –*Pss 5:5*
 - ii. How can He then look on _____ and remain _____? –*Lev 5:1*
- c. The problem _____: (1:14-17)
 - i. God has _____ Babylon to gather men like fish. –*Gen 1:28*
 - ii. Babylon will joyfully treat them with _____. –*2 Kgs 19:28*
 - iii. Babylon _____ its power, and _____ by its riches. –*Hab 1:11*
 - iv. Will they continue to gather all nations _____? –*Hab 1:12*
- d. _____ in God: (2:1)
 - i. He will not trust in his own _____. –*Prov 3:5; Ex 33:21-23*
 - ii. He _____ for the LORD to answer and _____. –*Num 23:3*

2. The LORD's Second Answer: (2:2-5)

- a. The LORD's _____: (2:2-3)
 - i. To give _____ and _____ about the future. –*Is 8:1; 30:8*
 - ii. To give _____ and _____ for its fulfillment. –*Zeph 3:8*
- b. The LORD's _____: (2:4)
 - i. He does not _____ of the proud and perverse soul. –*Hab 1:12*
 - ii. The righteous shall _____ by his _____:
 1. They humbly _____ God's promises. –*Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11*
 2. They shall _____ as they act in _____. –*Heb 10:38*
 - iii. Babylon will not _____, but will be _____. –*Dan 5:17-30*

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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.

¹³You 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? ¹⁴You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler.

¹⁵He 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.

¹⁶Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich. ¹⁷Is he then to keep on emptying his net and mercilessly killing nations forever?

2 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.

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.

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.”