



# HABAKKUK

**A Five-fold “Woe”:  
God’s Second Response to Habakkuk  
(Habakkuk 2:1-20)**

# II. Components of the Book of Habakkuk

## C. Content/Framework

1. Habakkuk's frustration over God's delay of justice (lament)
2. Habakkuk lodges two complaints against God
3. Habakkuk's journey of trust in the faithfulness of God
4. Habakkuk's song of praise to God

# Habakkuk influences Paul

- . . . *but the righteous shall live by his faith.* (Habakkuk 2:4b ESV)
- <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed *beginning and ending in faith* as it is written, ***“The righteous shall live by faith.”***

(Romans 1:16-17 ESV)

- <sup>10</sup> For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” <sup>11</sup> **Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”**

(Galatians 3:10-11 ESV)

# Unjust gain (Habakkuk 2:9-11)

- <sup>17</sup> For in vain is a net spread  
in the sight of any bird,  
<sup>18</sup> but these men lie in wait for their own blood;  
they set an ambush for their own lives.  
<sup>19</sup> ***Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain;  
it takes away the life of its possessors.***

(Proverbs 1:17-19)

# Peace in the Coming Kingdom of the Lord

- **<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy**  
in all my holy mountain;  
**for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD**  
as the waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:9)

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- <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.
- <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.
- <sup>9</sup>**They shall not hurt or destroy**  
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Jan BRUEGHEL l dit de Velours  
1600-1625  
Le Jardin ou le Parc de l'artiste

Peintures / Europe du Nord / 1600-1700

**Jan I BRUEGHEL,**  
**dit de Velours ou l'Ancien**  
Bruxelles (Belgique actuelle), 1568 –  
Anvers (Belgique actuelle), 1625  
Fils du peintre Pieter I Brueghel

**La Terre ou Le Paradis terrestre**

Huile sur cuivre, vers 1607-1608  
Provient d'une série de tableaux consacrée  
aux Quatre Eléments.

**Earth, or The Earthly Paradise**

Oil on copper, about 1607–1608  
From a series of paintings dedicated  
to the Four Elements.

Saisie révolutionnaire, 1796, collection de la Bibliothèque  
Ambrosienne de Milan. INV. 1092



# Approach the Lord with Reverence

- <sup>19</sup> **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.

- **But the Lord is in his holy temple;**

**Let all the earth keep silence before him**

(Habakkuk 2:19-20)

# Let Us Pray

