

# Habakkuk 3:16-19

1. 2:20-20 – Habakkuk had heard the Lord’s response to his complaint.
2. 3:3-15 – Habakkuk saw the vision of the future Day of the Lord’s coming in wrath on the nations with salvation for his people.
3. 3:16-19 – Habakkuk’s response to having heard the Lord’s message and having seen (prophetically) the Lord’s coming
  - a. 3:16 – fear and awe
  - b. 3:17 – acknowledgment of temporal loss
  - c. 3:18-19 – joyful faith and confident endurance

Habakkuk 3:16 – “I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.”

6106 [e] ba·'ā·šā·may	7538 [e] rā·qāḇ	935 [e] yā·ḇō·w	8193 [e] śə·pā·tay,	6750 [e] šā·lā·lū	6963 [e] lə·qō·wl	990 [e] biṭ·nī,	7264 [e] wat·tir·gaz	8085 [e] šā·ma·'tī		
בְּעַצְמוֹי	רָקַב	יָבֹא	שִׁפְתֵי	צִלְלוּ	–	לְקוֹל	בְּטֶנִי	–	וַתִּרְגַּז	וְשָׁמַעְתִּי 16
my bones	Rottenness	entered	My lips	quivered	–	at the voice	my body	–	and trembled	When I heard
Prep-b   N-fpc   1cs	N-ms	V-Qal-Imperf-3ms	N-fdc   1cs	V-Qal-Perf-3cp		Prep-l   N-ms	N-fsc   1cs		Conj-w   V-Qal-Conseclmperf-3fs	V-Qal-Perf-1cs

  

1464 [e] ye·gū·den·nū.	5971 [e] lə·am	5927 [e] la·'ā·lō·wī	6869 [e] šā·rāh,	3117 [e] lə·yō·wm	5117 [e] 'ā·nū·ah	834 [e] 'ā·šer	7264 [e] 'er·gāz;	8478 [e] we·taḥ·tay	
יִגְדְּנוּ:	לְעַם	לְעֹלֹת	צָרָה	לְיוֹם	אֲנִי אֶשְׁרָא	כִּי	אֶרְגַּז	וּתְחַתִּי	
He will invade them with his troops	to the people	when he comes up	of trouble	in the day	I might rest	that	I trembled	and in myself	
V-Qal-Imperf-3ms   1cpe	Prep-l   N-ms	Prep-l   V-Qal-Inf	N-fs	Prep-l   N-msc	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs	Pro-r	V-Qal-Imperf-1cs	Conj-w   Prep   1cs	

1. “I hear” - *sama'ti* – refers again to Habakkuk having heard the Lord’s answer and the revelation it communicated.
  - a. But, now Habakkuk has no words, no reply, no question, no complaint.
    - i. In Habakkuk 2:1 the prophet anticipated that he would reply to God’s “rebuke” or to God’s answer.
    - ii. Once the Lord’s answer is received and understood Habakkuk responds with silence, physical symptoms and patient hope.
      1. “body” – *beten* – “belly, body, womb”
      2. “lips” – *saphah* – “lip, speech, edge”
      3. “bones” – *etsem* /eh'tsem/ - “bone, substance, self”
      4. “legs” – *tachath* /takh'-ath/ - “underneath, below”
        - a. Since this word means “beneath” the prophet it could refer to tremors on the surface of the earth, but the context demands it is the body below Habakkuk, or his legs
        - b. This is the fourth time in this chapter that “trembling” is a response to the manifestation of the Lord:
          - i. 3:2
          - ii. 3:7
          - iii. 3:16 (2x)
- b. Habakkuk understands the message.

- c. Habakkuk has found information (total disaster) and confidence (greater restoration) concerning God’s plan
- 2. Habakkuk is shaken because the destruction of his culture in his lifetime is inevitable and unavoidable.
  - a. This is clear by the final words of 3:16 – “Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.”
  - b. Deliverance will only come later after this judgment at the hands of Babylon.
    - i. Jesus faced the same thing in the Garden before his death, but ultimate resurrection
    - ii. Every believer faces the same fate (death, etc.) before their ultimate entrance into glory and their resurrection

**3:17 – “Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls,”**

2132 [e]	4639 [e]	3584 [e]	1612 [e]	2981 [e]	369 [e]	6524 [e]	3808 [e]	8384 [e]	3588 [e]
za-yiṭ,	ma-’ā-śēh-	ki-ḥēš	bag·gē·pā-nīm,	ye·būl	wə-’ēn	ṭiṭ·rāḥ,	lō-	ṭe-’ē-nāh	kī-
זַיִת	מַעֲשֵׂה-	כַּחֵשׁ	בַּגְּפְנִים	יְבוּל	וְאֵין	תִּפְרָח	לֹא-	תֵאֲנֶה	כִּי
of the olive	the labor	Though may fail	on the vines	fruit be	and no	may blossom	not	the fig tree	Though
N-ms	N-msc	V-Piel-Perf-3ms	Prep-b, Art   N-cp	N-ms	Conj-w   Adv	V-Qal-Imperf-3fs	Adv-NegPrt	N-fs	Conj
7517 [e]	1241 [e]	369 [e]	6629 [e]	4356 [e]	1504 [e]	400 [e]	6213 [e]	3808 [e]	7709 [e]
bā·re·pā-ṭīm.	bā·qār	wə-’ēn	ṣōn,	mim·mik·lāh	gā·zar	’ō·kel;	’ā·śāh	lō-	ū·še·dē·mō·wt
בְּרִפְתִּים:	בָּקָר	וְאֵין	צֹאן	מִמְקֵלָה	גֵּזַר	אֶכֶל	עֲשֵׂה	לֹא-	וְשָׂדֵמוֹת
in the stalls	herd	and there be no	the flock	from the fold	Though may be cut off	food	yield	no	and the fields
Prep-b, Art   N-mp	N-ms	Conj-w   Adv	N-cs	Prep-m   N-fs	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	N-ms	V-Qal-Perf-3ms	Adv-NegPrt	Conj-w   N-fp

- 1. These losses are the result of the land being overrun by the Babylonian military forces.
- 2. The losses can be broken into two parts:
  - a. Luxury items that are not necessary for sustaining life, but are commonly used:
    - i. Fig tree- fig cakes
    - ii. Grapes - wine
    - iii. Olive tree products – anointing oil for skin
  - b. Essential items that are necessary for life to continue:
    - i. Grain from the field - bread
    - ii. Flock - meat
    - iii. Cattle – milk
- 3. Habakkuk is not complaining, but basically recognizing reality and bracing for Babylonian impact.
- 4. Habakkuk’s recognition of this reality indicates his faith.
  - a. Habakkuk is not thinking negatively or in unbelief
  - b. Habakkuk understands the truth and is empowered by faith
  - c. These things that will be loss:
    - i. Are not Habakkuk’s faith
    - ii. Do not give Habakkuk faith

3:18 – “yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.”

3468 [e]	430 [e]	1523 [e]	5937 [e]	3068 [e]	589 [e]
yiš·'î.	bê-lō-hê	'ā-ḡî-lāh	'e'·lō-w-zāh;	Yah-weh	wa'·ā·nî
יְשׁוּעָי:	בְּאֱלֹהֵי	אֶגְיִלָּהּ	וְאֶעְלֹזָהּ	בְּיְהוָה	וְאַנִּי 18
of my salvation	in the God	I will joy	will rejoice	in Yahweh	and yet I
N- <i>msc</i>   1cs	Prep- <i>b</i>   N- <i>mpc</i>	V-Qal-Imperf.Cohort-1cs	V-Qal-Imperf.Cohort-1cs	Prep- <i>b</i>   N- <i>proper-ms</i>	Conj- <i>w</i>   Pro-1cs

1. The loss of these things does not mean Habakkuk has lost God his savior.
  - a. There is still a future
  - b. There is still deliverance
  - c. There is still resurrection
  - d. There is still life
  - e. There is still YHWH...and, that means Habakkuk has everything, even in loss
    - i. The OT understanding of “salvation” cannot be separated from the material
    - ii. This is not an either or option.
      1. A believer is not choosing “physical blessings” or “spiritual blessings”
      2. A believer is laying down the temporal and worldly for the Lord. And, the Lord is not merely spiritual, emotional and feelings. The Lord is Reality, the Creator and Ruler of everything spiritual and physical.
2. Philippians 3:8-10
  - a. This was true for Paul
  - b. This needs to become true for every mature believer
  - c. Matthew 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”

3:19 – “GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer’s; he makes me tread on my high places. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.”

1116 [e]	5921 [e]	355 [e]	7272 [e]	7760 [e]	2428 [e]	136 [e]	3069 [e]
bā-mō-w-tay	wə'·al	kā'ay-yā-lō-wt,	raḡ·lay	way-yā-šem	hê-lî,	'ā-dō-nāy	Yah-weh
בְּמוֹתַי	וְעַל	כַּאֲיִלוֹת	רַגְלֵי	וַיַּשֵּׁם	חִילִי	אֲדֹנָי	יְהוָה 19
my high hills	and on	like deer's [feet]	my feet	and He will make	my strength	the Lord is	GOD
N- <i>fp</i>   1cs	Conj- <i>w</i>   Prep	Prep- <i>k</i> , Art   N- <i>fp</i>	N- <i>fdc</i>   1cs	Conj- <i>w</i>   V-Qal-ConsecImperf-3ms	N- <i>msc</i>   1cs	N- <i>proper-ms</i>	N- <i>proper-ms</i>

  

5058 [e]	5329 [e]	1869 [e]
bin-ḡî-nō-w-tāy.	lam-naṣ-ṣê-aḥ	yaḡ-ri-kê-nî;
בִּנְיִנּוֹתַי:	לְמִנְצַח	יְדַרְכֵנִי
with my stringed instruments	to the Chief Musician	He will make me walk
Prep- <i>b</i>   N- <i>fp</i>	Prep- <i>i</i> , Art   V-Piel-Prtcpl- <i>ms</i>	V-Hifil-Imperf-3ms   1cs

1. “deer” – *ayyalah* /ah-yaw-law/ - is a female deer, “a hind” or “a doe”
  - a. The doe is:
    - i. Swift
    - ii. Surefooted
    - iii. Moves confidently in the heights of the mountains

- b. Psalm 18:33-34 David wrote: “He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights. He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.”
- 2. “Chief Musician” with the root word meaning “be preeminent” or “be enduring”
  - a. The LXX translates it “*eis to telos*” meaning “unto the end” possibly meaning this is a psalm about the end.
- 3. “my stringed instruments” is similar to Isaiah 38:18-20 when Hezekiah celebrated his recovery and extended life “we will play my songs on stringed instruments (*neginotay*) in the house of the Lord