

Why Doesn't God Seem Fair?

Habakkuk Part 1

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The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.

"How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?

Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?

Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted."

Habakkuk 1:1-4

Habakkuk's Questions

1. How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?
2. When I cry out to you 'violence,' why don't you save?
3. Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

God's Answer.

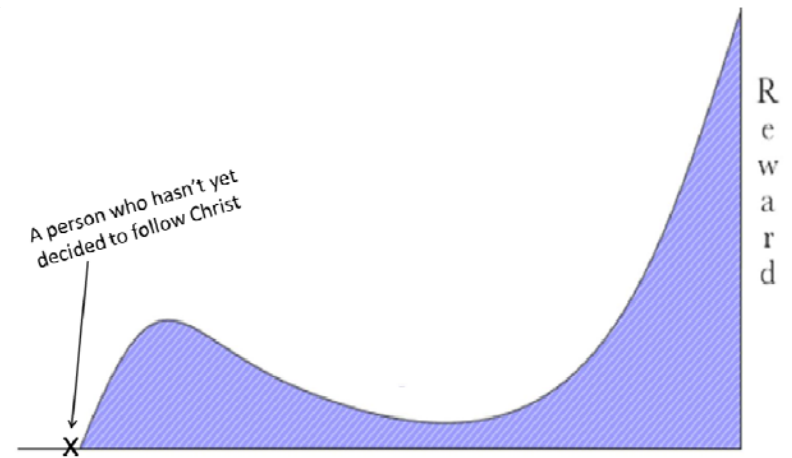
"Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed.

For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

I am raising up the Babylonians..."

"They are a feared and dreaded people. They are a law unto themselves and promote their own honor."

Habakkuk 1:5-7



Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4 NAS

Habakkuk Chapter 1 is about _____.

A deeply committed believer can express simultaneous questions and faith.

"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

Mark 9:24

"Are You not from everlasting, O Lord, my God, my Holy One? We will not die..."

Why do You look with favor On those who deal treacherously? Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they?"

Habakkuk 1:12-13 NAS

Habakkuk Chapter 2 is about _____.

Habakkuk Chapter 3 is about _____.