

HABAKKUK

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A verse can express a spiritual truth without being historical

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to “God” and vice versa, there is a new paragraph.

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<p>1:1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see. 2 O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save! 3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention. 4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth. 5 & Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you. 6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs. 7 They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. 8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and</p>	<p>1:1 The message which Habakkuk the prophet saw. 2 “O Lord, how long shall I cry out, and You will not hear, even cry out to You of violence, and You will not save! 3 “Why do You show me iniquity and cause me to behold grievance? For spoiling and violence are before me, and there are those who raise up strife and contention. 4 “Therefore, the law is not obeyed, and judgment never goes forth; for the wicked encompass the righteous; therefore, wrong judgment proceeds.” 5 The Lord replied, “Behold you among the heathen, regard and wonder marvelously. For I will work a work in your days which you will not believe though it is told you. 6 “For, behold, I raise up the Babylonians, that bitter and hasty nation which shall march through the breadth of the land to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs. 7 “The Babylonians are terrifying and dreadful; their justice and their dignity shall proceed from themselves. 8 “Their horses are swifter than the leopards and more fierce than evening wolves, and their cavalry shall spread themselves and come from far. They</p>

<p>their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat.</p> <p>9 They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.</p> <p>10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.</p> <p>11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god.</p> <p>12 & Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.</p> <p>13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?</p> <p>14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them?</p> <p>15 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.</p> <p>16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous.</p> <p>17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?</p>	<p>shall fly as the eagle that hurries to eat.</p> <p>9 “They shall all come for violence; their faces are set like the east wind, and they shall gather captives as numerous as the sand.</p> <p>10 “And they shall scoff at kings, and princes shall be a source of scorn to them; they shall deride every stronghold; for they shall heap dust and take it.</p> <p>11 “Then their mind shall change, and they shall pass over and offend, imputing their power to their god.”</p> <p>12 Habakkuk said, “Are You not from everlasting, Yahweh, my Holy One? We shall not die. O Yahweh, You have ordained the Babylonians for judgment; and, O mighty Yahweh, You have established them for correction.</p> <p>13 “Yahweh, You are of purer <i>eyes</i> [sight] than to behold evil¹ and cannot look at (see) iniquity without doing something to correct it. Therefore, Yahweh, why do You look upon those who deal treacherously and <i>hold Your tongue</i> [say nothing] when a wicked person devours a more-righteous person?</p> <p>14 “Why do You make people like the fish of the sea, as creeping things that have no ruler over them?</p> <p>15 “The Babylonians take them up as if they were fishing. They catch them in their net and gather them with their hooks; therefore, they rejoice and are glad.</p> <p>16 “Therefore, the Babylonians sacrifice to their net and burn incense to their hooks because by them their portion is fat and their meat plenteous.</p> <p>17 “Therefore shall they empty their net and not continue to slay the nations?</p>
<p>2:1 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd.</p> <p>2 And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.</p> <p>3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.</p> <p>4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in</p>	<p>2:1 “I will stand upon my watch, and set myself upon the tower and will watch to see what God will say to me, and what I will answer when I am reprov'd.”</p> <p>2 And God answered me, “Write the vision and make it plain upon tables so that the person may run who reads it.</p> <p>3 “For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it because it will surely come; it will not linger forever.</p> <p>4 “Behold, the <i>soul which is lifted up is</i> [the material</p>

<p>him: but the just shall live by his faith.</p> <p>5 & Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:</p> <p>6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!</p> <p>7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?</p> <p>8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.</p> <p>9 & Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!</p> <p>10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned against thy soul.</p> <p>11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.</p> <p>12 & Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity!</p> <p>13 Behold, is it not of the Lord of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?</p> <p>14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.</p> <p>15 & Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!</p> <p>16 Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the Lord's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory.</p> <p>17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, which made them afraid,</p>	<p>senses which are lifted up are] not upright in a person; but the just shall live by their faith.</p> <p>5 "Wicked people transgress by wine. They are proud people who do not stay at home much, who enlarge their desire as hell and are as death and cannot be satisfied, but gather to them all nations and heap to them all people.</p> <p>6 "Shall not all the righteous take up a parable against the unrighteous and a taunting proverb against them and say, 'Woe to those who increase that which is not theirs! How long? And woe to those who cover themselves like with thick clay!'</p> <p>7 "Shall they not rise up suddenly who shall bite you and awake who shall vex you, and you shall be booty to them?</p> <p>8 "Because you have spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall plunder you because of the blood of people which you have spilled, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all who dwell therein.</p> <p>9 "Woe to those who covet an evil covetousness to their house so that they may set their nest on high so that they may be delivered from the power of evil!</p> <p>10 "You have consulted shame to your house by cutting off many people and have sinned against your soul (spirit).</p> <p>11 "For the stones shall cry out of the wall, and the beam shall answer it out of the timber.</p> <p>12 "Woe to those who build a town with blood and establish a city by iniquity!</p> <p>13 "Behold, is it not of Yahweh that the people shall labor in the very fire and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?</p> <p>14 "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God, as the waters fill the sea.</p> <p>15 "Woe to you who give your neighbor drink, who put their bottle up to them, and make them drunken so that you may look at their nakedness!</p> <p>16 "You who are unrighteous are filled with shame instead of glory. Drink also, and let your foreskin be uncovered; <i>the cup of the Lord's right hand</i> (the cup of Yahweh) shall be tipped toward you, and shameful spewing shall be on your glory.</p> <p>17 "The violence of Lebanon shall cover you, and the plunder of beasts which made them afraid</p>
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<p>because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.</p> <p>18 & What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?</p> <p>19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it.</p> <p>20 But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.</p>	<p>because of the blood of people, and because of the violence of the land, of the city, and of all who dwell in it.</p> <p>18 "What profit is there in the carved image that its maker has engraved, the molten image, and a teacher of lies that the makers of the work trust so much that they make mute idols?</p> <p>19 "Woe to those who say to the wood, 'Awake,' to the mute stone, 'Arise; it shall teach!' Behold, it is covered with gold and silver, yet there is no breath at all in the midst of it.</p> <p>20 "But Yahweh is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."</p>
<p>3:1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.</p> <p>2 O Lord, I have heard thy speech, and was afraid: O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.</p> <p>3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.</p> <p>4 And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.</p> <p>5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.</p> <p>6 He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting.</p> <p>7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: and the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.</p> <p>8 Was the Lord displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation?</p> <p>9 Thy bow was made quite naked, according to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.</p> <p>10 The mountains saw thee, and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, and lifted up his hands on high.</p> <p>11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, and at the</p>	<p>3:1 Habakkuk the prophet prayed,</p> <p>2 "O Yahweh, I have heard Your speech and was afraid. O Yahweh, revive Your work in the midst of the years. In the midst of the years make known Your will; in wrath remember mercy.</p> <p>3 "God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise.</p> <p>4 "And his brightness was as the light; light came forth from Him; and that is the hiding place of His power.</p> <p>5 "Before Yahweh went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth from Him.</p> <p>6 "He stood and measured the earth; He saw and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered. The perpetual hills bowed; His ways are everlasting.</p> <p>7 "I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction, and the curtains of the land of Midian trembled.</p> <p>8 "Was Yahweh displeased against the rivers? Was Your anger against the rivers? Was Your wrath against the sea as were Your horses and Your chariots of salvation?</p> <p>9 "Your bow was made quite naked according to your command, even Your word. You split the earth with rivers.</p> <p>10 "The mountains saw You, and they trembled; the overflowing of the water passed by; the deep uttered its voice and lifted up its hands on high.</p> <p>11 "The sun and moon stood still in their habitation; at the light of Your arrows they went and at the shining of Your glittering spear.</p>

<p>shining of thy glittering spear. 12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst thresh the heathen in anger. 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. 14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly. 15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, through the heap of great waters. 16 When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops. 17 & Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: 18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. 19 The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.</p>	<p>12 You Yahweh <i>marched</i> [went] through the land in indignation. You threshed the heathen in anger. 13 "You went forth for the salvation of Your people, even for salvation with Your anointed. You God wounded the leaders of the wicked by discovering the foundation of their power. 14 "You Yahweh struck through with their clubs the head of their villages; they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me; they rejoiced as they devoured the poor secretly. 15 "You <i>walked</i> [went] through the sea with Your horses, through the heap of great waters. 16 "When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice. Rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, hoping that I might rest in the day of trouble. When Yahweh comes to the people, He will invade them with His troops. 17 "Although the fig tree does not blossom, there is no fruit on the vines. the olives of the olive tree fail, the fields yield no meat, the flock are cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls, 18 "yet I will rejoice in Yahweh. I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. 19 "God is my strength, and He will make me as agile as a deer; and He will make me walk upon the high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments."</p>
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¹ 1:13 There are a number of verses in the Old Testament in which one half of a verse is inspired, and the other half is uninspired. Consequently, it is reasonable for Scientists to believe that the phrase, "You are of purer *eyes* [sight] than to behold evil and cannot look at (see) iniquity." is inspired, and the rest of the verse is uninspired and consequently can be disregarded.

However, Scientists cannot reasonably believe that 1:13 is a proof text, indicating that the Bible agrees with the CS doctrine that God does not know evil. For the whole verse does not say that God does not know evil. The second sentence of the verse says, "Therefore, why do You look upon those who deal treacherously and *hold Your tongue* [say nothing] when a wicked person devours a more-righteous person?" The verse is criticizing the Supreme Ruler of the universe for not taking action against evil. Habakkuk was sure that evil is real.

However, just because Habakkuk as a Jew more than two thousand years ago believed that evil is real, does not make evil real. Habakkuk also believed in no higher a concept of the Supreme Ruler of the universe than Yahweh.