



Title | Looking Back
Series | God, You Confuse Me
Text | Habakkuk 3:1-16
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SERMON NOTES

Habakkuk 3:1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. **2** O LORD, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O LORD, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. **3** God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. **4** His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from his hand; and there he veiled his power. **5** Before him went pestilence, and plague followed at his heels. **6** He stood and measured the earth; he looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways. **7** I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. **8** Was your wrath against the rivers, O LORD? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation? **9** You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. Selah You split the earth with rivers. **10** The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high. **11** The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear. **12** You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger. **13** You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed. You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. Selah **14** You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. **15** You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters. **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. *ESV*

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Habakkuk 3:13

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FOR REFLECTION & APPLICATION:

Monday:

- Read Habakkuk 3:2. This is believed to be the refrain in Habakkuk's song which contains important themes. What themes can you identify in this verse?

Tuesday:

- Read Habakkuk 3:3-15. It is believed that these verses look back on the exodus experience of the Israelites as they were liberated from Egypt by miraculous plagues and traveled toward the Promised Land, experiencing the parting of the Red Sea and the giving of God's law at Mount Sinai (Exodus 11-20). What evidence do you see for this? Why would Habakkuk look back on this experience?

Wednesday:

- Read Habakkuk 3:16. What does Habakkuk "hear"? Why is he afraid? What is he resolved to do? Why is this important?

Thursday:

- Read Lamentations 3:21-26. This was written by the prophet Jeremiah, a contemporary of Habakkuk in the land of Judah. What similarities do you see between what Jeremiah says and what Habakkuk says? What principle(s) can you draw from their writings?

Friday:

- How does looking back on what God has done give us hope for what he will do? How can you apply this to your life today?

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