Habakkuk 1

1:1 The burden which Chabakook the navi did see. 2 O vuvh, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear! Even cry out to You because of violence, and You will not save! 3 Why do You show me iniquity, and cause me to behold perversity? For ruin and violence are before me: and there are strife and contention that arise. 4 Therefore the Torah is slack, and mishpat does not go forth: for the wicked do enclose around the tzadikim; therefore wrong mispatim go forth.

The key to this initial complaint is the double *'mishpat'* which signifies that there's an order for the covenant society ordained by יהוה.

Habakukk's complaint is that the children of Judah, in the reign of Jehoiakim have abandoned the 'mishpatim' יהוה intended for their covenant society!

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.....because only 12 years prior had they tried to 'renew' their covenant under the sweeping reforms of Josiah when he found the Book of the Law......

......you find the Book of the Law, you'd also find the Book of the Covenant; not that they're synonymous-heaven forbid; but that one is housed outside in a pocket as a witness against the breaking of the other......Deut 31:26 Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of יהוה your elohim, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

A covenant must be made NEW:

- 1. a new proposal
- 2. a new acceptance
- 3. a new shedding of blood
- 4. a new covenant confirming meal

Gal 3:15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. NO ADDING i.e renewing! It has to be brand NEW!

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The Tanakh laments:

Ps 13:1 o the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. How long wilt thou forget me, O יהוה ? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

Ps 74:1 Maschil of Asaph. O Elohim, why hast thou cast us off for ever? why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?.....10 O הוה, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever? 11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand? pluck it out of thy bosom.

Ps 89:6 How long, יהוה ? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? shall thy wrath burn like fire? 7 Remember how short my time is: wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?

Amos 7, the plumb-line prophecy: v.5 Then said I, O Master יהוה , cease, I beseech thee: by whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.

Jer 7:16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.

Do not to be slack day or night:

Isa 62:1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth....6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of יהוה , keep not silence,

Isa 62:7 And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

Now we go from an opening lament to an announcement of judgment!

5 See among the <u>heathen nations</u>, and 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, see, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who shall march through the breadth of eretz Yisrael, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs. 7 They are frightening and dreadful: their rulings and their dignity shall proceed from themselves.

How can this *dreadful* course be corrected; Habakkuk, *like us* must turn to יהוה in prayer....in *constant prayer* uttered over a long period of time (v.2).

But יהוה has <u>not</u> heard.....<u>because I know</u> when יהוה hears HE ACTS....I never have to wonder if יהוה has heard my prayer..because when HE HEARS HE ACTS......**Ps 22:24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.**

No action?......Continue to pray! (v.2) until the חלף HEY-LAMED-PEY the time of 'châlaph - transformative change happens.

The principle of prayer: If He hears....He acts!

ול יהוה isn't hearing your prayers it's because you <u>misjudge</u>; Amos 5 describes your *prayer life plight* and how your misjudgment has condemned you to silence.....*Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.....let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.*

But the bible tells us that sometimes יהוה hears NOT; and it's always because our judgments are WRONG.

MISJUDGMENT BRINGS WORMWOOD TO YOUR PRAYER LIFE BECAUSE YOU FAIL TO TREAD IN YHWH'S COURTS - Isa 1:12 &15.

Isa 1:12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to trample my courts?.....1:15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

Lk 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 Saying, There was in a city a JUDGE.....

v.2 O vuvh, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear! Even cry out to You because of violence, and You will not save!

...Jn 5:17 Yahusha answered them, My Father worketh even until now, and I work.

Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith יהוה, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope in your latter end.

12 And ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.14 And I will be found of you, saith יהוה

Hab 1:8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are fiercer than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that runs to eat. 9 They shall come all for violence: their faces are like the east wind, and they shall gather the captives as the sand.

<u>It's either יהוה's order or the NWO. You choose!</u>

10 And they shall scoff at the melechim, and the rulers shall be a scorn to them: they shall deride every

stronghold; for they shall seize territory, and take it.11 Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass on as a wind, and his army shall be found guilty before his mighty one. 12 Are You not from everlasting, O vuvh my Elohim, my Kadosh-One? We shall not die. O vuvh, You have ordained them for mishpat; and, O mighty Elohim, You have established them for correction.

יהוה will bring about His peaceable Kingdom of Heaven here on earth in a means and a manner that few understand; instead of peace and safety it comes through war, violence, evil and death.......Matt 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force.

Rom 1:17 For therein is revealed a righteousness of יהוה from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith. For the wrath of is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hinder the truth in unrighteousness.

Habakkuk informs us that *it's precisely* <u>because</u> there's violence, turmoil and death in the world that we have witness of יהוה working in judgment as He pursues His purposes!

Isa 29:16 Ye turn things <u>upside down!</u> Shall the **potter** be esteemed as **clay**; that the thing made should say of him that made it, He made me not; or the thing formed say of him that formed it, He hath no understanding?

13 You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on iniquity: why do You look upon them that act treacherously, and hold Your tongue when the wicked devours the man that is more tzadik than he? 14 And make men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them? 15 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their dragnet: therefore they have simcha and gilah.

We have been born in the midst of this divine detour as יהוה is imposing the NWO upon a world that's rejected His order.

16 Therefore they offer sacrifice to their net, and burn incense to their dragnet; because by them their portion is fat, and their food made plenty. 17 Why do they empty their net continually, and do not spare to slay the nations without rachamim?