

Habakkuk 1:12-2:5

Habakkuk's (second?) complaint, the Lord's answer

Habakkuk's Complaint (Part 2?)

His premises – statements about the Lord's character
“Isn't it a fact that . . .” (modifies all of vv.12-13a)

He questions God's acts

Why do you look at deceit
and abuse of the righteous?

He ordains nations to do His bidding

He is everlasting

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.

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

Habakkuk's complaint (continued)

Basis – the evil of the Chaldeans

He questions God's acts (concluded)

They devour all people like fish
(without compunction)

Why did you make us
like helpless fish?

Why do you behold deceit
and abuse? (concluded)

Results

They deify their
equipment/technology

They rejoice

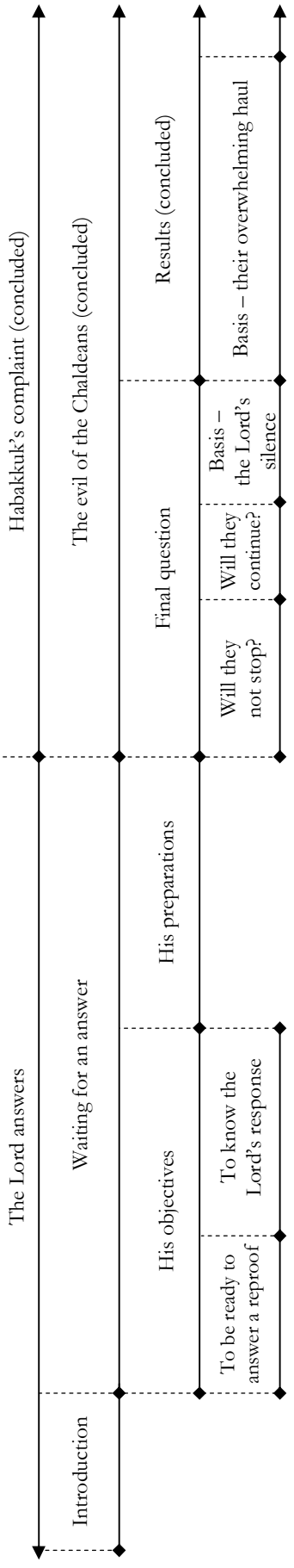
thy tongue
 when the wicked
 devoureth
the man
that is more righteous than he? ¹⁴ And
 makest
 men
 as the fishes
 of the sea,
 as the creeping things,
that have no ruler over them?

¹⁵ They
 take up
 all of them
 with the angle,
 they
 catch them
 in their net, and
gather them
 in their drag:
 therefore
 they
 rejoice and
 are glad.

¹⁶ Therefore
 they
 sacrifice
 unto their net, and
 burn incense

+

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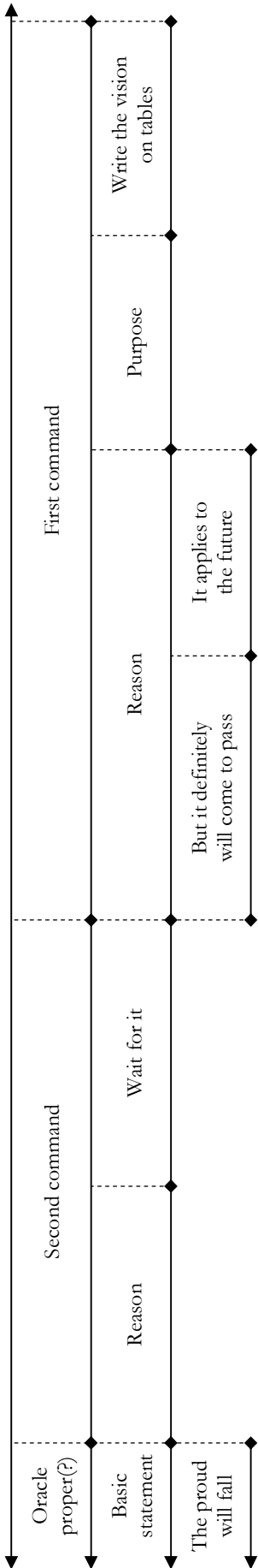
2 And the LORD
 answered me, and
 said,

 what I
 shall answer
 when I am reproved.

 what he
 will say
 unto me, and
 will watch to see
 upon the tower, and
 set me
 upon my watch, and
 will stand
 I
 2:1
 to slay the nations?
 continually
 not spare
 their net, and
 empty
 therefore
 17 Shall they
 unto their drag;
 because
 by them
 their portion
 is fat, and
 their meat
 plenteous.
 Basis - the Lord's
 silence
 Basis - their overwhelming haul
 Results (concluded)



The Lord answers (continued)



Write
the vision, and
make *it*
plain upon tables,
that
he
may run
that readeth it.

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**. -

⁴ Behold,
his soul

The Lord answers (concluded)

Oracle proper concerning contrasting ends of proud man and the faithful man (concluded)

Elaboration on the character of the proud man

Basic statement (concluded)

He is insatiable

He is arrogant
(because of wine/power?)

The proud
(concluded)

The just shall
survive

Specific/non-metaphorical

General/metaphorical

all people:

heapeth

all nations, and

unto him

gathereth

be satisfied, but

cannot

as death, and

is

as hell, and

his desire

enlargeth

who

at home,

neither keepeth

a proud man,

he is

by wine,

he **transgresseth**

because

⁵ Yea also,

by his faith.

shall live

the just

in him: but

is not upright

which is lifted up

