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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIS POINT IN GOD'S STORY?

Today, we're talking about the prophet Habakkuk. He wrote a short book in the Old Testament – it's only about 3 chapters long. By the time he wrote his book, it had been about 1,000 years since God first promised Abraham that the entire earth would be blessed through his family.

BIBLE READING

Habakkuk looked around at the way God's people were living and he was confused! He looked at what was going on in the countries and the world around his country and he was upset! He could not understand why God was letting all that was going on around him happen.

God gave him some answers and told him about some of the things that were about to happen to God's people. But Habakkuk had more questions for God. And this is what he said in Habakkuk 2:1

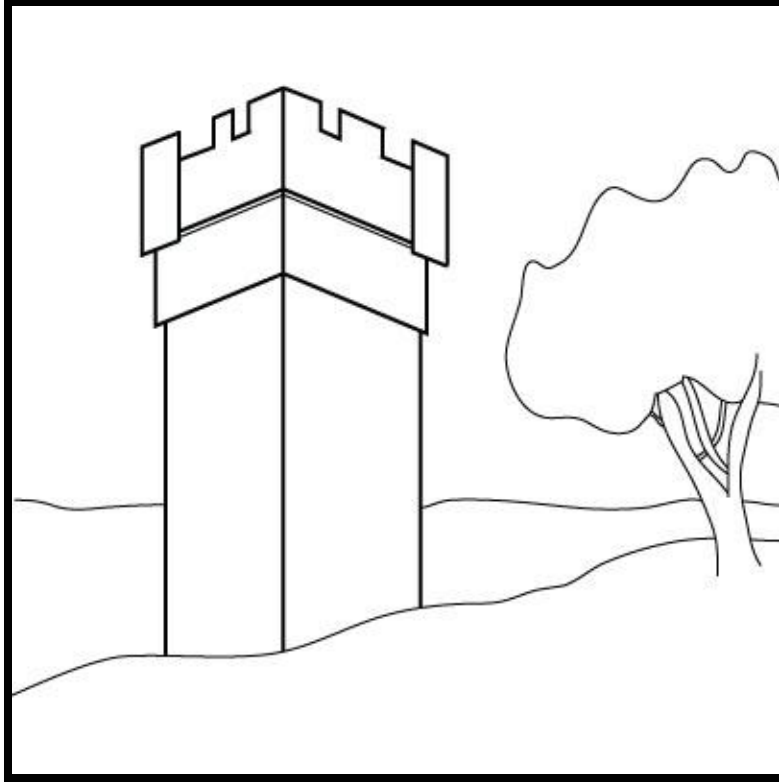
Habakkuk was saying that he was going to climb up on the fortress, the watchtower, and wait for answers from God. And then the Lord answers Habakkuk again, and by the end of the book, Habakkuk is praising God! Here's what he said in 3:16-19.

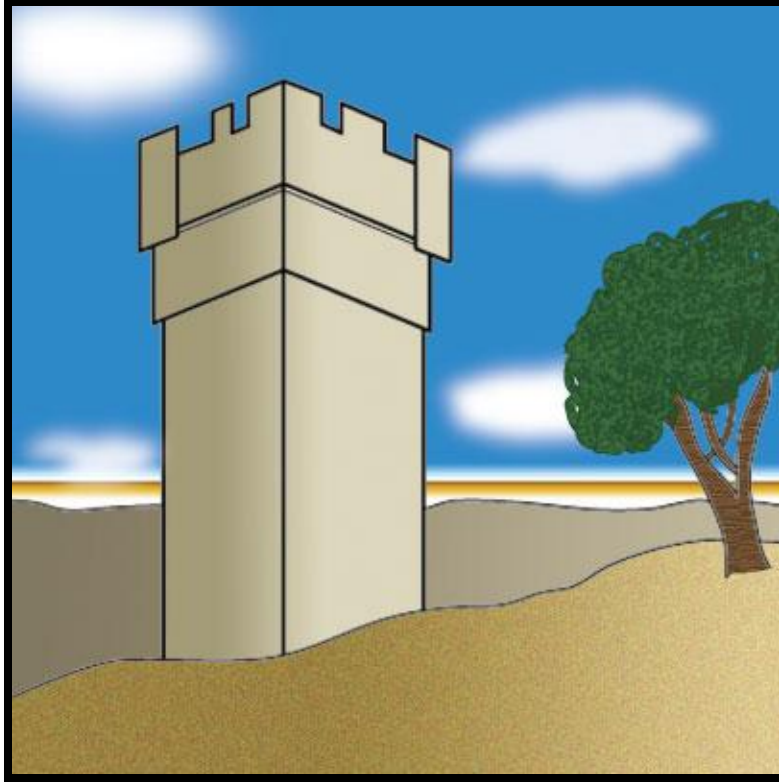
WHAT DO THOSE VERSES TELL US ABOUT GOD?

Habakkuk doesn't know exactly what God has planned, but he has decided to put his trust in God and wait to see what he will do. And, that's what happens with God's people all through the Old Testament and into the New Testament. They are waiting. They are watching. 600 more years lapsed between Habakkuk and the arrival of Jesus. So very much happened to God's people during that time! But, the faithful ones among them waited and watched for Jesus. They put their faith in God's promise to rescue them.

PRAYER

Dear God, Help us to be like Habakkuk! We don't understand everything you have planned or everything that you do, but help us to trust in you, to rejoice in you, and to depend on you to be our strength. In Jesus name we pray, amen!





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