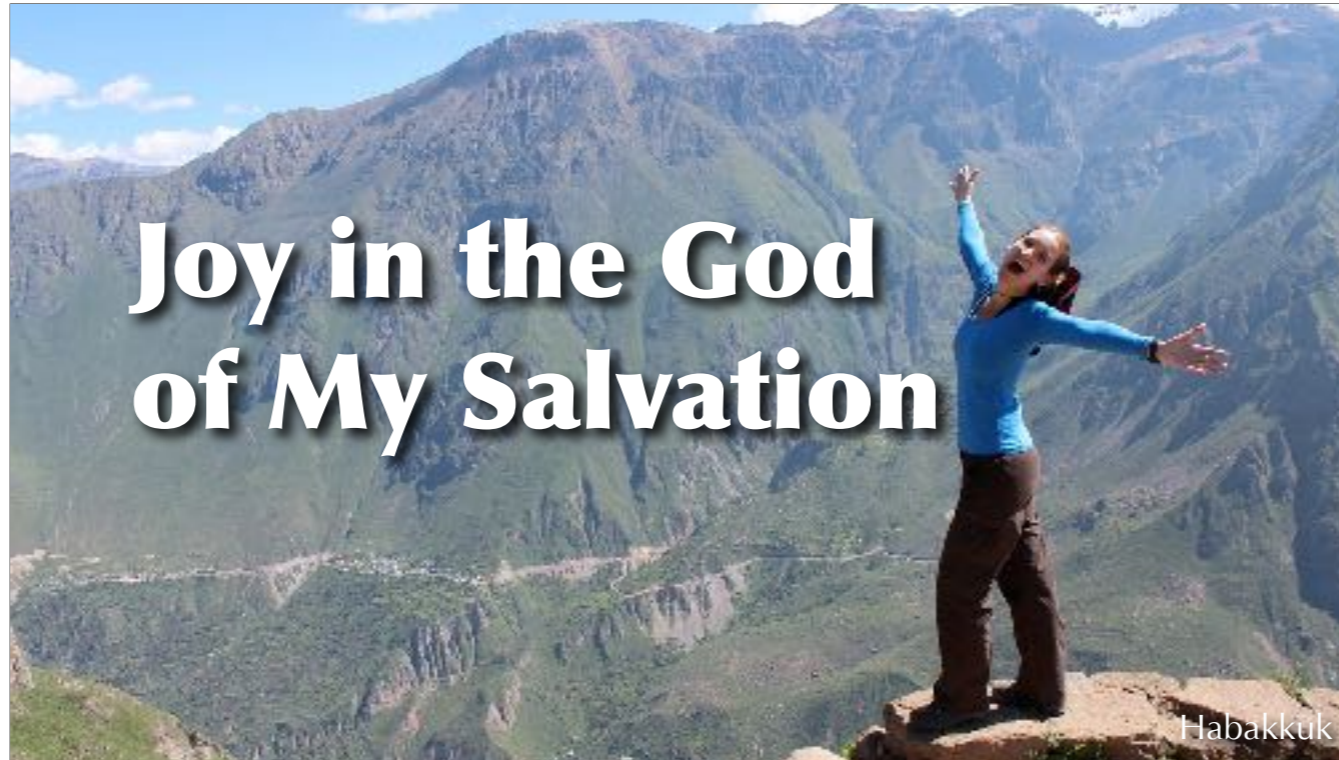


# Joy in the God of My Salvation

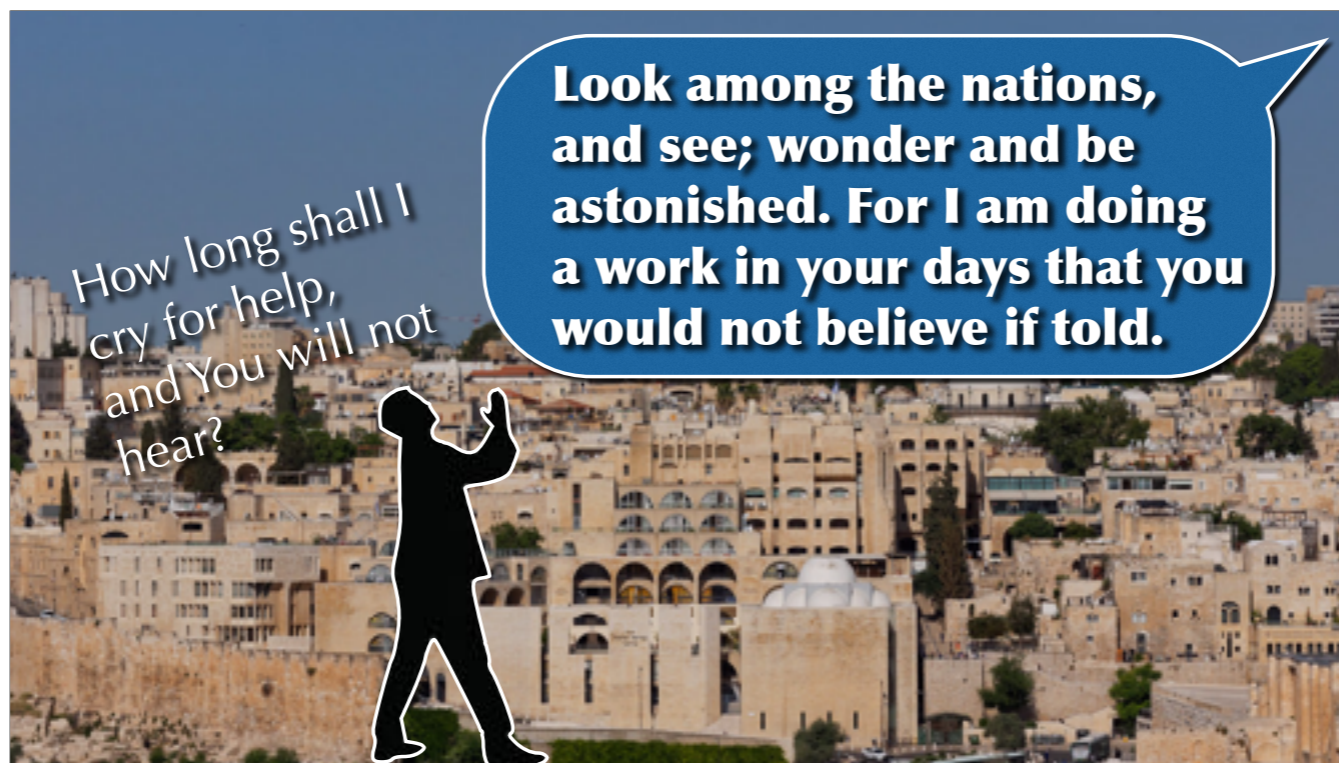


Habakkuk



- Habakkuk 1:2-4 (ESV) 2 O Jehovah, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? 3 Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. 4 So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

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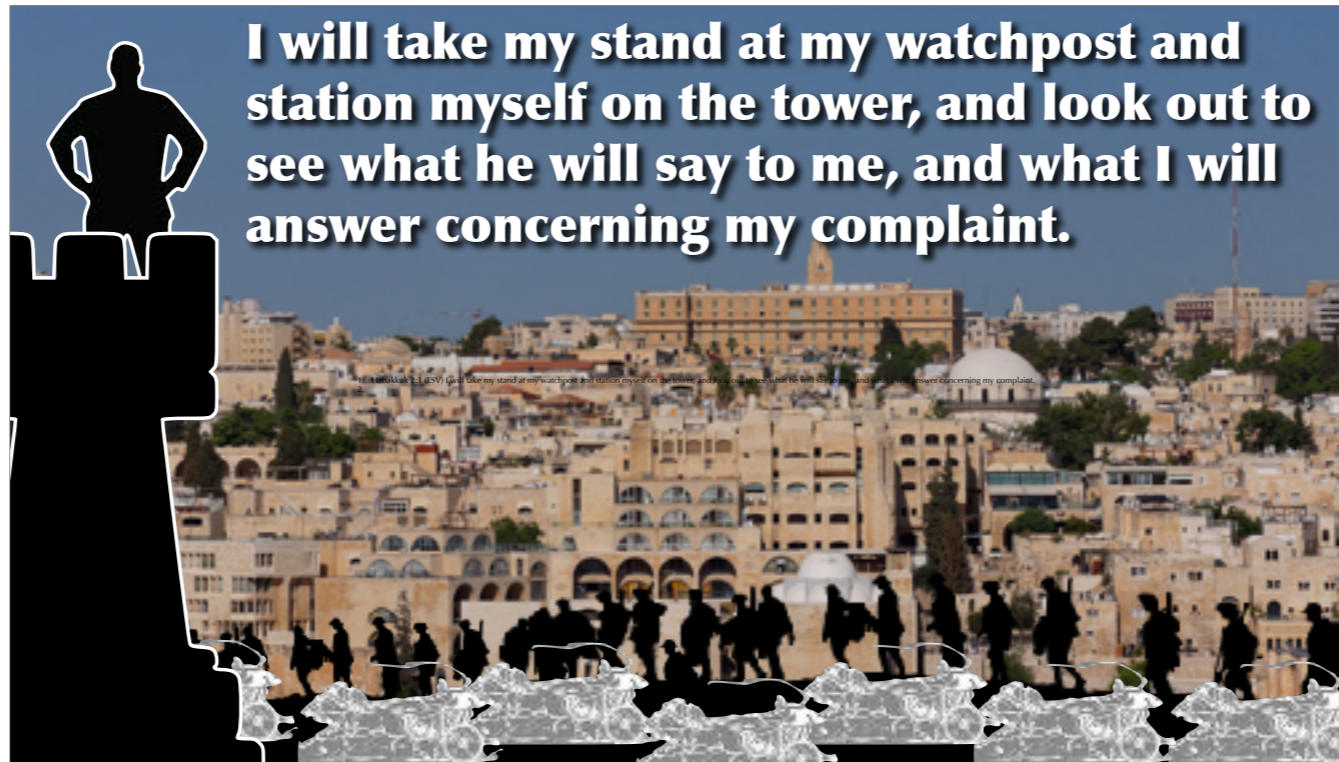


- Habakkuk 1:5 (ESV) 5 “Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.
- Babylonian army is coming against Jerusalem as God’s judgment.



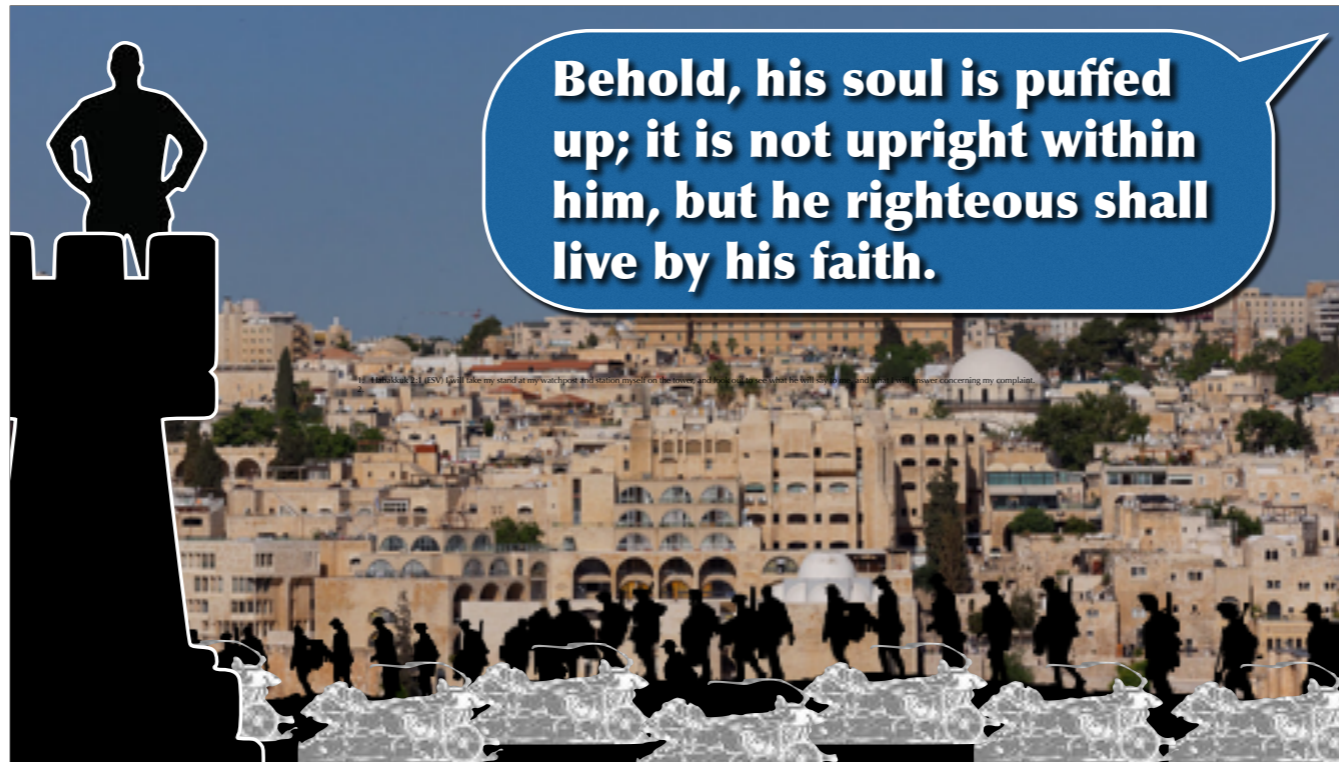


- Habakkuk 1:13 (ESV) 13 You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?
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- Habakkuk 2:1 (ESV) I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

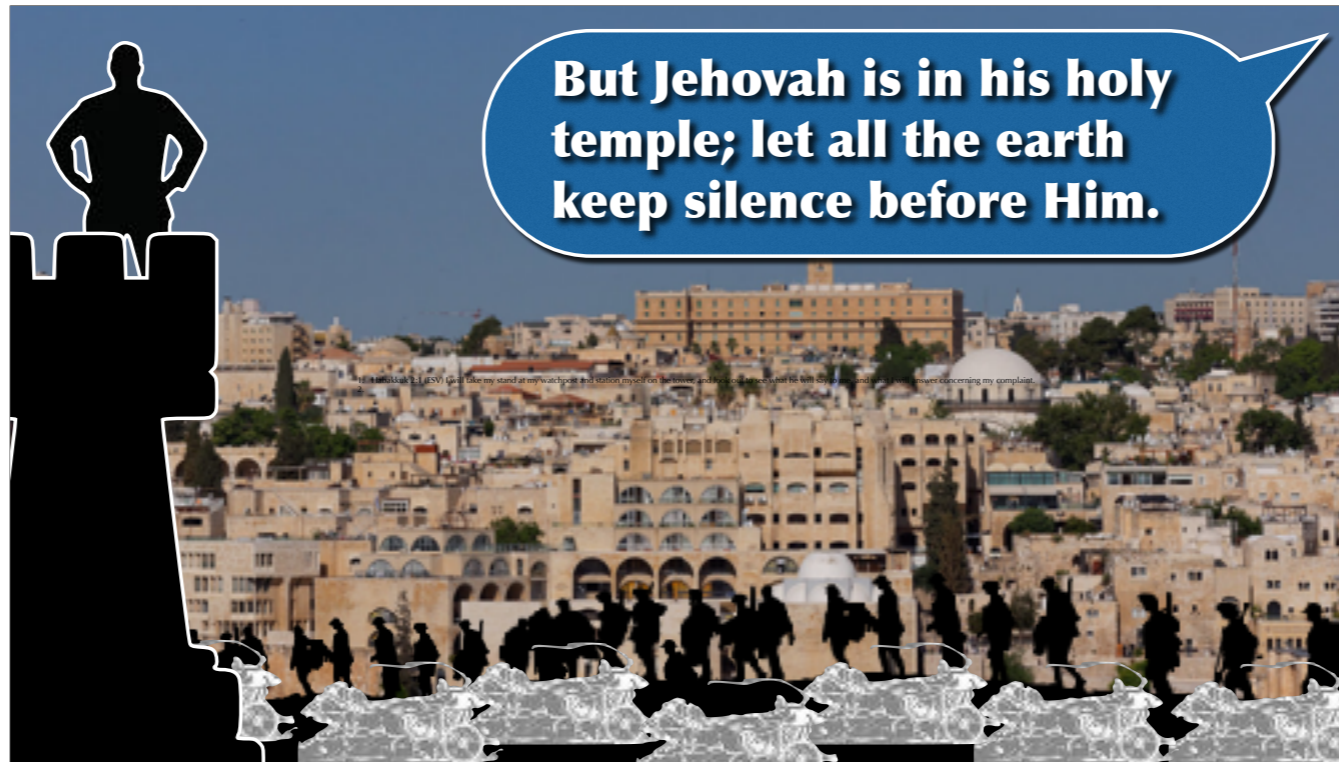
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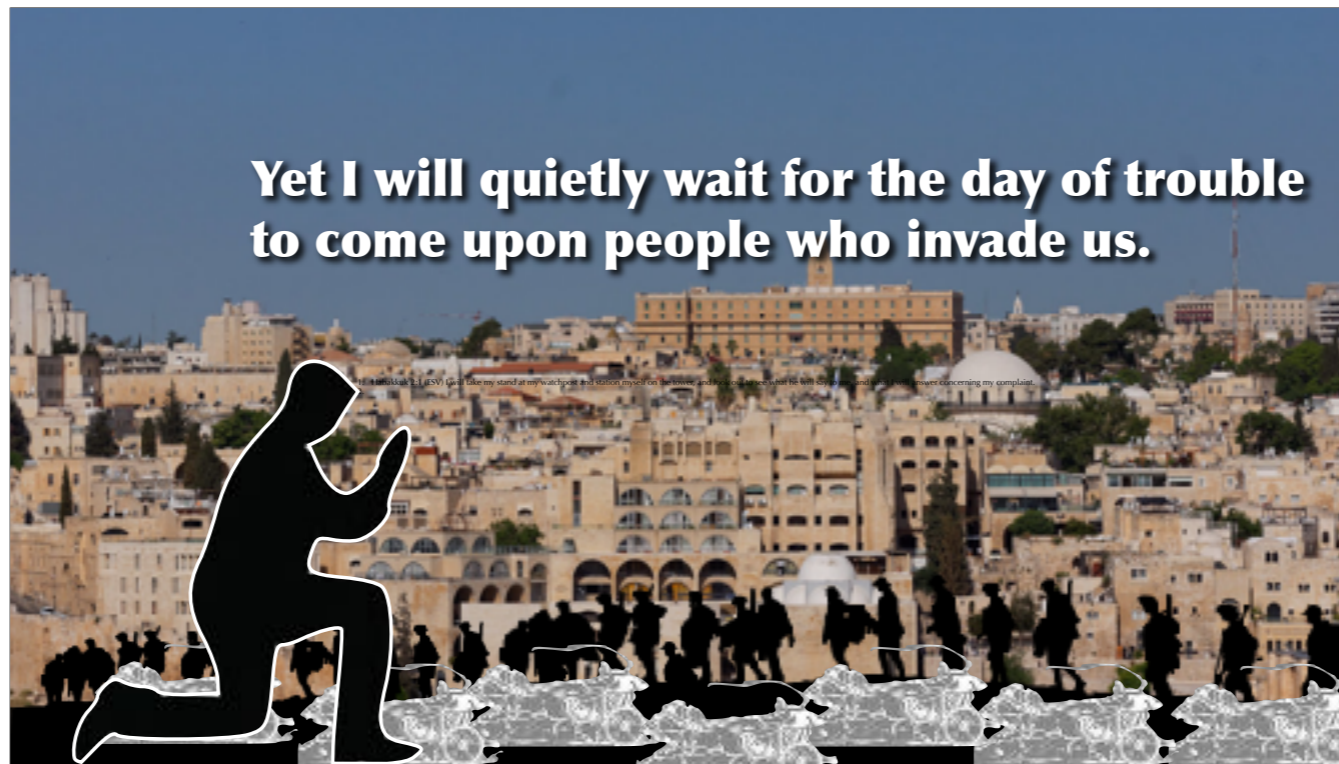
- Habakkuk 2:4 (ESV) 4 “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

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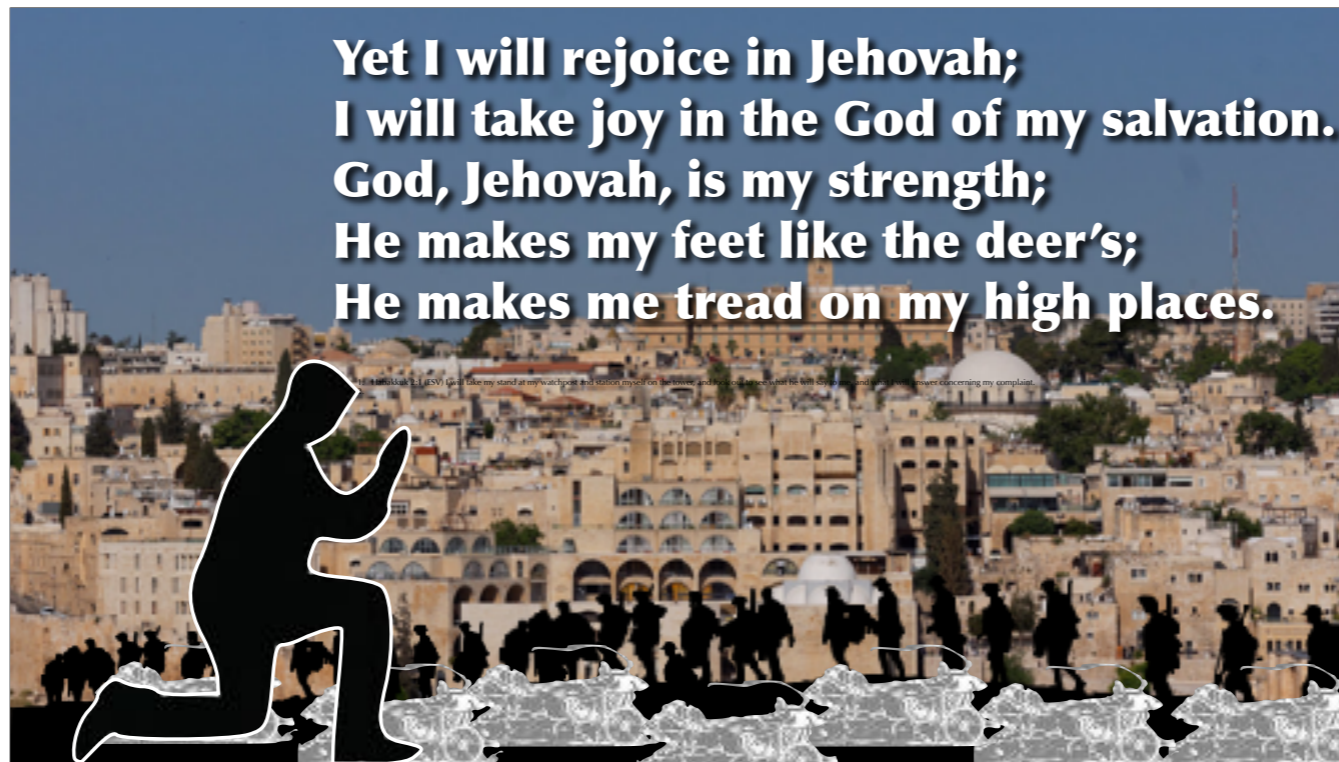


- Habakkuk 2:18-20 (ESV) 18 “What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! 19 Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. 20 But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”

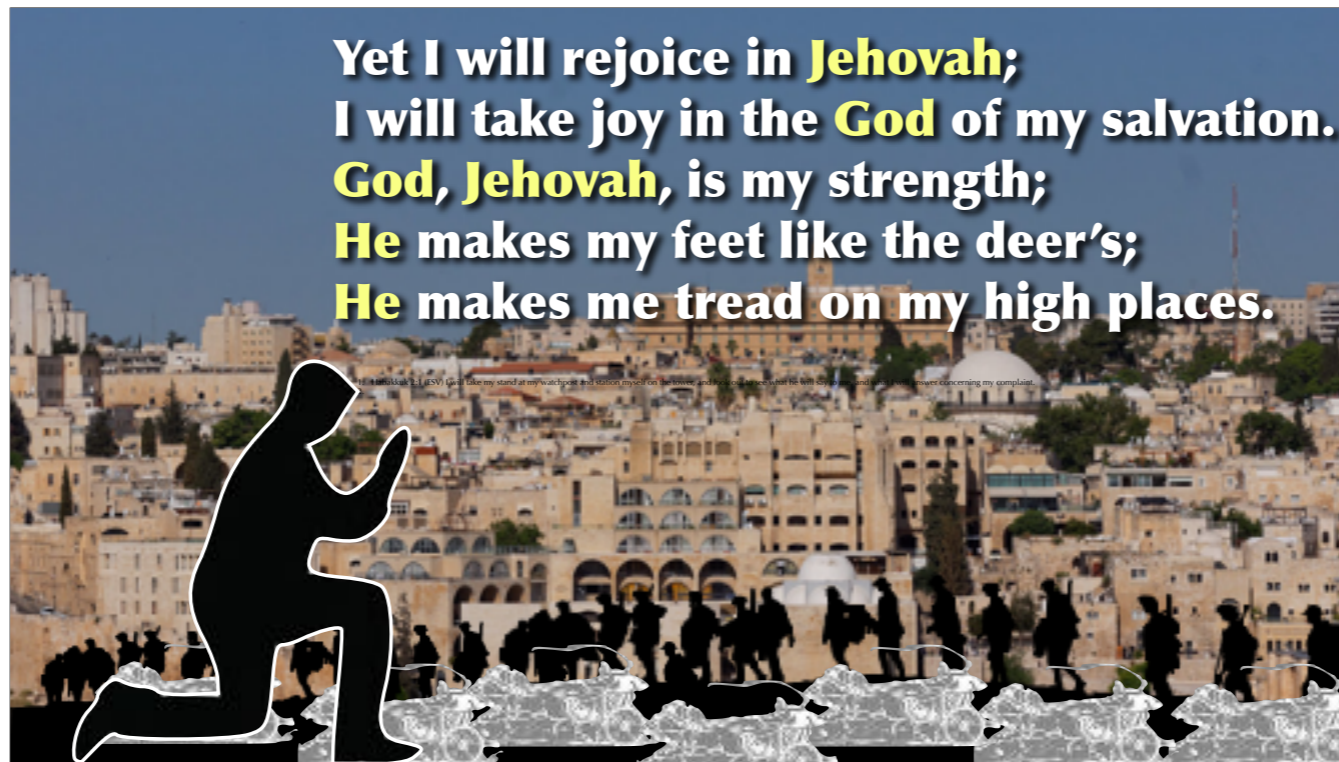


- Habakkuk 3:16 (ESV) 16 I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.

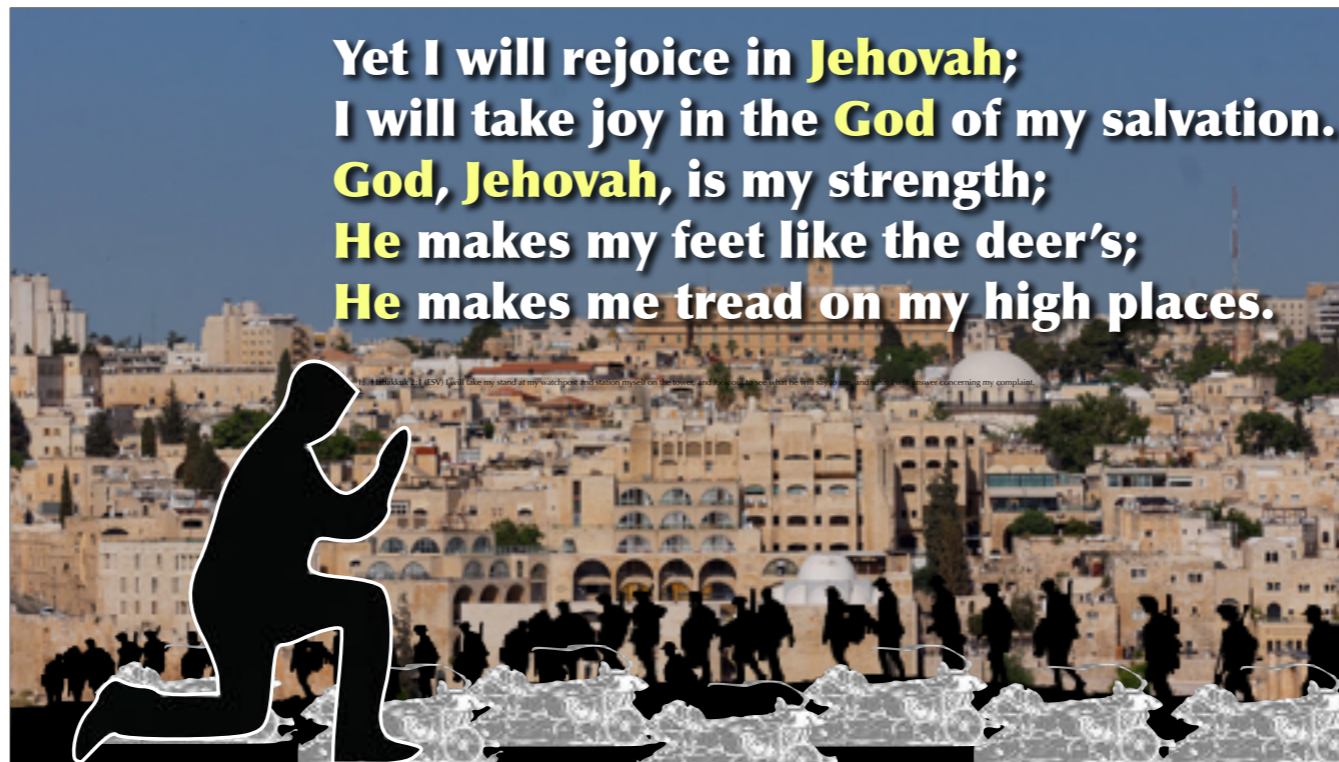




- Habakkuk 3:17-19 (ESV) 17 Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. 19 God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

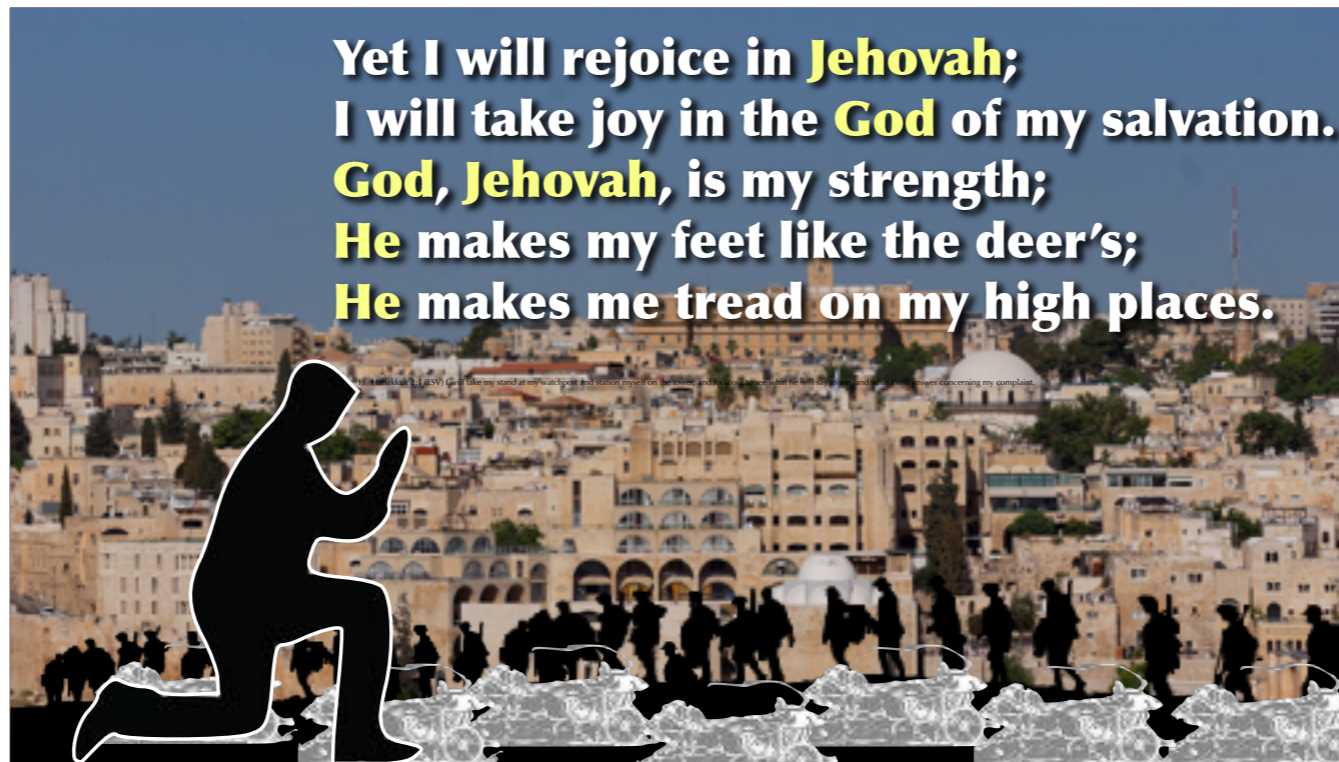


- Note the Faith of Habakkuk
  - Habakkuk 2:4: but the righteous shall live by his faith.
- He focus' on God!
- He's learned to trust God.

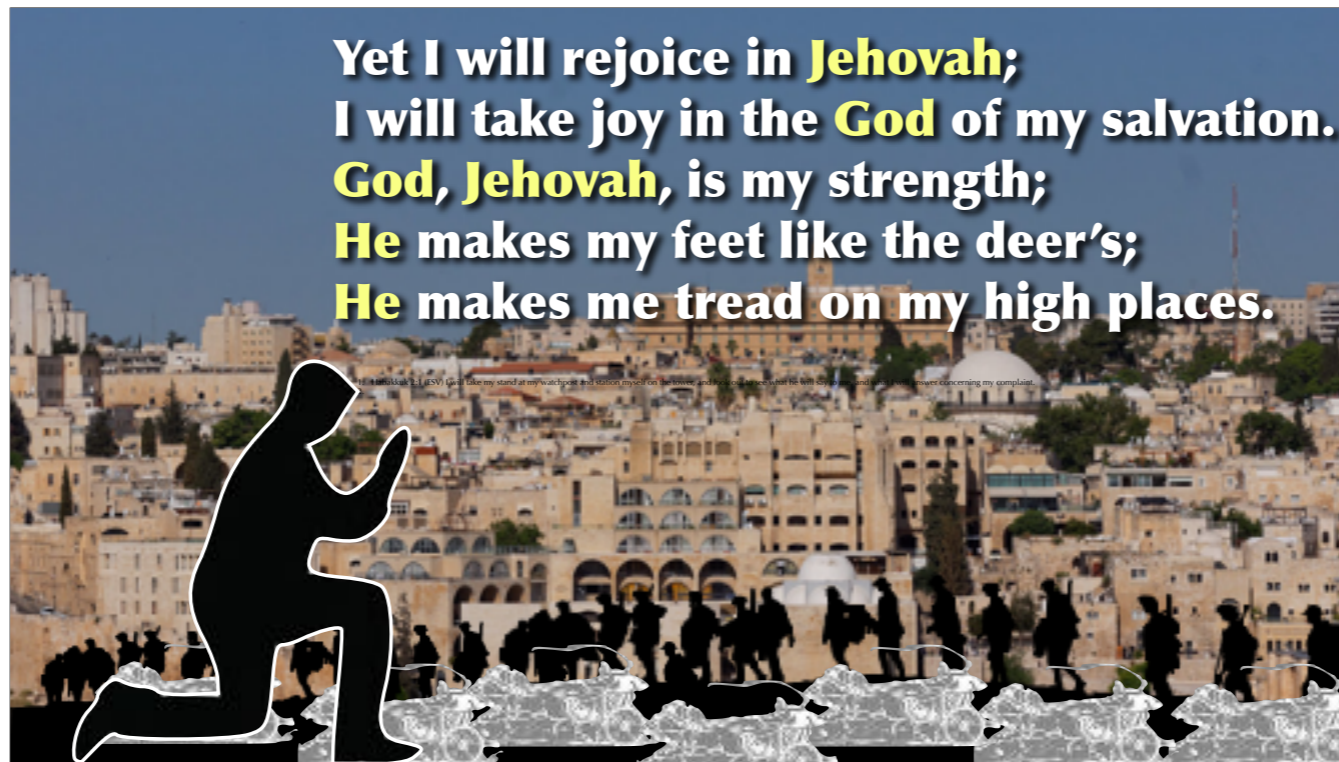


- Questions about when God will act and how God will act.
  - The situation was beyond his understanding: didn't fit his understanding of Jehovah
  - God:
    - wonder, astonished, you won't believe
    - wait





- Jehovah is in His Holy Temple (2:20)
  - Contrast to idols
  - Habakkuk 3:13 (ESV) 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



- JOY

- in Jehovah
- in God of my salvation
- Can't say this without trust!
  - It's not ignoring the bad, the troubles, the sorrows



- Live by Faith





- Ask questions
  - Sometimes we don't understand what God is doing, or not doing.
  - It's okay to ask questions... hard questions.
  - It's okay to ask more questions too.
  - Be respectful.
- Asking questions BECAUSE we have faith in our God is a very good thing.
  - Doesn't mean that we doubt Him.
- Asking in doubt is a whole different thing when it feeds our rejection of God.



- Honor God
  - Listen to Him
    - If you're so concerned that you ask Him, then listen to his answer.
  - Expect that God is doing noble things: salvation
  - Don't be too surprised when he does the unexpected
    - He's wiser than you or I
  - He is in his temple
    - God is Ruling.
    - God is present.



- Wait for God: 2:3; 3:16
  - Sometimes, even when we trust God, this is the hardest part!
- Wait: 2:1
  - Go to your watchtower.
  - expect an answer
- 2:3 - wait for
  - 2 Peter 3:4-9
- 3:16 - Rest, settle down
  - (TWOT) Our root signifies not only absence of movement but being settled in a particular place (whether concrete or abstract) with overtones of finality, or (when speaking abstractly) of victory, salvation, etc.





- Joy in Jehovah
  - He is acting for your salvation!
  - Tough times are coming!
  - Things may be awful.
- More than anything, He seeks your salvation.
  - Gave his son.
- 1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV) 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, 9 obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



- Go Up to the High Places
  - Praise Him
  - Pray to Him
  - Presence of God
- Righteous live by Faith!

**We implore you on  
behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.**

**2 Corinthians 5:20**



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