

I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD / YO ME ALEGRARE EN JEHOVA

¹⁷ Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. ¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to go on the heights.”

¹⁷ Aunque la higuera no florezca, Ni en las vides haya frutos, Aunque falte el producto del olivo, Y los labrados no den mantenimiento, Y las ovejas sean quitadas de la majada, Y no haya vacas en los corrales; ¹⁸ Con todo, yo me alegraré en Jehová, Y me gozaré en el Dios de mi salvación. ¹⁹ Jehová el Señor es mi fortaleza, El cual hace mis pies como de ciervas, Y en mis alturas me hace andar”

INTRO: This year 2020 we have seen with our own eyes, things we never would have imagine would happened. We were foretold by people of God about it but even then, it was hard in our humanity to pass through it. Every day has been hard during this year: not enough hours of work, sickness, limitations of material things, even death in some families.

The prophet Habakkuk mentions in his book that they “God’s people” passed through the same situation. In fact, in the beginning of all of it He mentions in 3:16 ¹⁶ “I heard, and my heart pounded, my lips quivered at the sound; decay crept into my bones, and my legs trembled. Yet I will wait patiently for the day of calamity to come on the nation invading us.” ¹⁶ *Oí, y se conmovieron mis entrañas; A la voz temblaron mis labios; Pudrición entró en mis huesos, y dentro de mí me estremecí; Si bien estaré quieto en el día de la angustia, Cuando suba al pueblo el que lo invadirá con sus tropas.”*

How did they surpass this trail? How do we survive this pestilence? Do we follow the orders of government? Let us see in His Word!

I. THE WORLD WILL ALWAYS BE THE SAME WITH ITS TRAILS AND SUFFERING

- 1. The world remains the same with its evil conduct and spiritual warfare*
- 2. We will remain in time of lamentation*
- 3. Circumstances of life will not change*

II. WHAT WAS HABAKKUK’S ATTITUDE?

- 1. How does He respond? - 2:2-3* ² Then the LORD replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.”
² *Y Jehová me respondió, y dijo: Escribe la visión, y declárala en tablas, para que corra el que leyere en ella. ³ Aunque la visión tardará aún por un tiempo, mas se apresura hacia el fin, y no mentirá; aunque tardare, espéralo, porque sin duda vendrá, no tardará”*
 - 1) It turns to praise
 - 2) He hears God’s voice
 - 3) He has seen God’s vision
 - 4) He knows the ultimate outcome of the future
- 2. He knows that God is bringing judgment, punishment to His people*
- 3. In midst of everything He sees God’s loving nature*

III. SUFFERING AND OUR FAITH

- 1. Six clauses that ascends in order*
 - 1) “The fig tree does not bud” / “Aunque la Higuera no florezca”
(1) It served as a delicacy; their loss did not produce hardship

- 2) "No grapes in the vines" / "Ni en las vides haya fruto"
 - (1) Provided the daily drink, this would have produced inconvenience
- 3) "Though the olive crop fails" / "Aunque falte el producto del olivo"
 - (1) This produced oil for cooking and lighting – It starts to hurt the economy
- 4) "Fields produce no food" / "Y los labrados no den mantenimiento"
 - (1) This means starvation
- 5) "There are no sheep in the pen" / "Las ovejas sean quitadas de la majada"
 - (1) This provided wool for their clothes and meat – they were limited with material things in their household
- 6) "No cattle in the stalls" / "No haya vacas en los corrales"
 - (1) They were used for preparing the soil for planting and other heavy work – unemployment and lack of work

2. Our reaction toward opposition

- 1) Two times He affirms His hope
 - (1) "Yet I will" / "Con todo Yo"
 - (2) "I will" / "Y me"
- 2) He remains faithful to the God of his salvation
- 3) He remains hopeful to his God

3. He is not going to:

- 1) Tough it out
- 2) Hang in there

4. He vows to:

- 1) "Rejoice in the Lord" / "Yo me alegrare en Jehová"
- 2) "Be joyful in God my Savior" / "Me gozare en el Dios de mi salvación"

IV. THE PROMISES OF OUR GOD

1. "He makes my fee like hinds' feet" / "Hace mis pies como de ciervas"

- 1) They run swiftly and climb steep rocky places
 - (1) He will give us directions without hesitation and help us to do incredible things

2. "He enables me to go on the heights." / "Y en mis alturas me hace andar"

- 1) We will not stumble nor tremble

3. He is our salvation

4. He is our strength

CONCLUSION: This coming year we should rejoice, we should be joyful! Because we are witnesses of His love and mercy, because we are here this morning. The enemy has not won, he has not overcome us, we are here! In His House of Worship. We are here praising Him and worshipping Him.