

# Message Notes

**"God, where are you? Do you tolerate evil?"**

# Scripture Passages

*(taken from the New International Version)*

**Introduction** – *Majoring on a Minor: A short intro to the minor prophets*

Timeframe:

Purpose:

**What's going on in Habakkuk?**

Author:

Historical Background:

**Outline of the Book of Habakkuk:**

Five major themes in the book that are repeated throughout the Bible

Habakkuk 2:4

Habakkuk 2:14

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Habakkuk 3:18-19

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**Let's get into it!**

1. The Oracle of Habakkuk (Habakkuk 1:1)
2. Habakkuk's First Complaint (Habakkuk 1:2-4)
  - a. How Long? (vr. 2)  
Psalm 131:3
  - b. Why? (vr 3a)  
Matthew 27:46
  - c. Facts (vr 3b)
  - d. Four "Therefores" (vr 4)
    - i. Law is paralyzed
    - ii. Justice never prevails
    - iii. Wicked hem in the righteous
    - iv. Justice is perverted

**Applications**

1. How do you complain to God?  
Romans 9:19-20, Job 42:7-8
2. The silence is deafening... waiting

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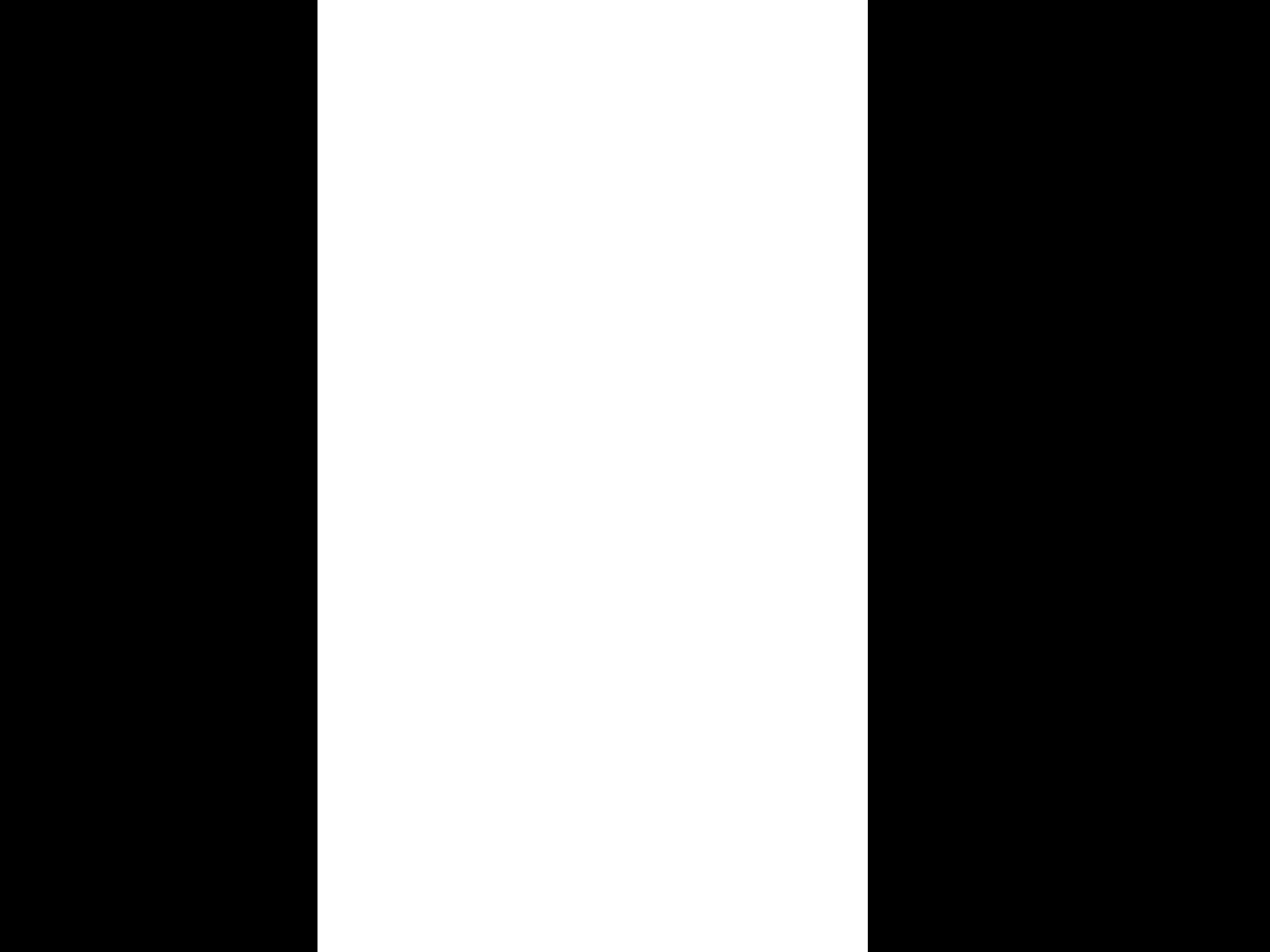
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**God's First Answer - 1:5-11**

**Habakkuk's Second Complaint - 1:12-2:1**

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