




***Making Sense of  
the Senseless***

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HABAKKUK***



ANCIENT  
WORDS

MODERN  
MESSAGE



**Resolve to trust His purpose  
over my perspective, His  
sovereignty over my solution.**

The central theological idea in the Book of the Twelve is the glory of Yahweh in salvation through judgment. Judgment primarily refers to the judgment of God's people through exile, and once that judgment is complete, it falls on the exilers.

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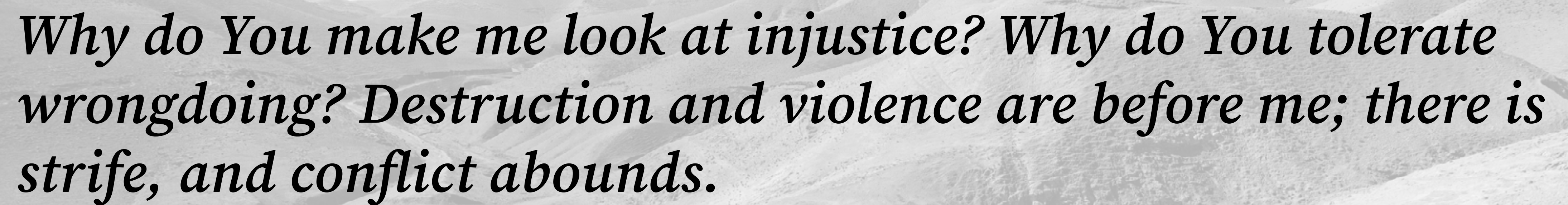
*The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received.*

**Habakkuk 1:1**



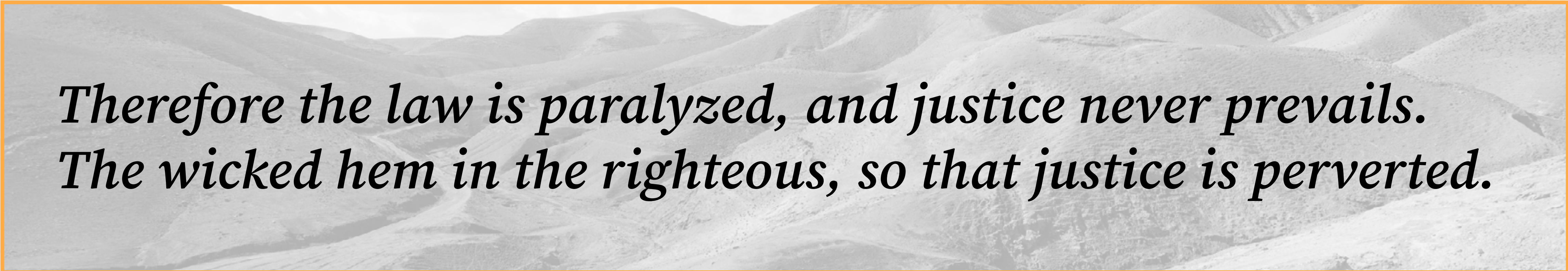
*How long, Lord, must I call for help, but You do not listen?  
Or cry out to You, “Violence!” but You do not save?*

**Habakkuk 1:2**



*Why do You make me look at injustice? Why do You tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.*

**Habakkuk 1:3**



*Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails.  
The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.*

**Habakkuk 1:4**

An aerial photograph of a dense city skyline, likely New York City, taken during the "golden hour" of sunset. The sky is a gradient of warm colors, from a pale yellow at the top to a deep orange and red near the horizon. The buildings are silhouetted against the bright sky, with some windows reflecting the low light. A thick white horizontal bar is positioned at the top of the image, partially overlapping the sky. The title "Dialogue with the Almighty" is centered in the lower half of the image, written in a white, serif font. The word "Dialogue" is underlined with a thin orange line.

# Dialogue with the Almighty



While the prophet knows that the Lord is sovereign, his daily experience appears to reflect something quite different. He is struggling to rightly interpret his daily realities.

**Ken Fentress**



*How long, Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will  
You hide Your face from me?*

**Psalms 13:1**



*How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day  
have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph  
over me?*

**Psalms 13:2**



*Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes,  
or I will sleep in death,*

**Psalms 13:3**



*and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,” and my foes will rejoice when I fall.*

**Psalms 13:4**



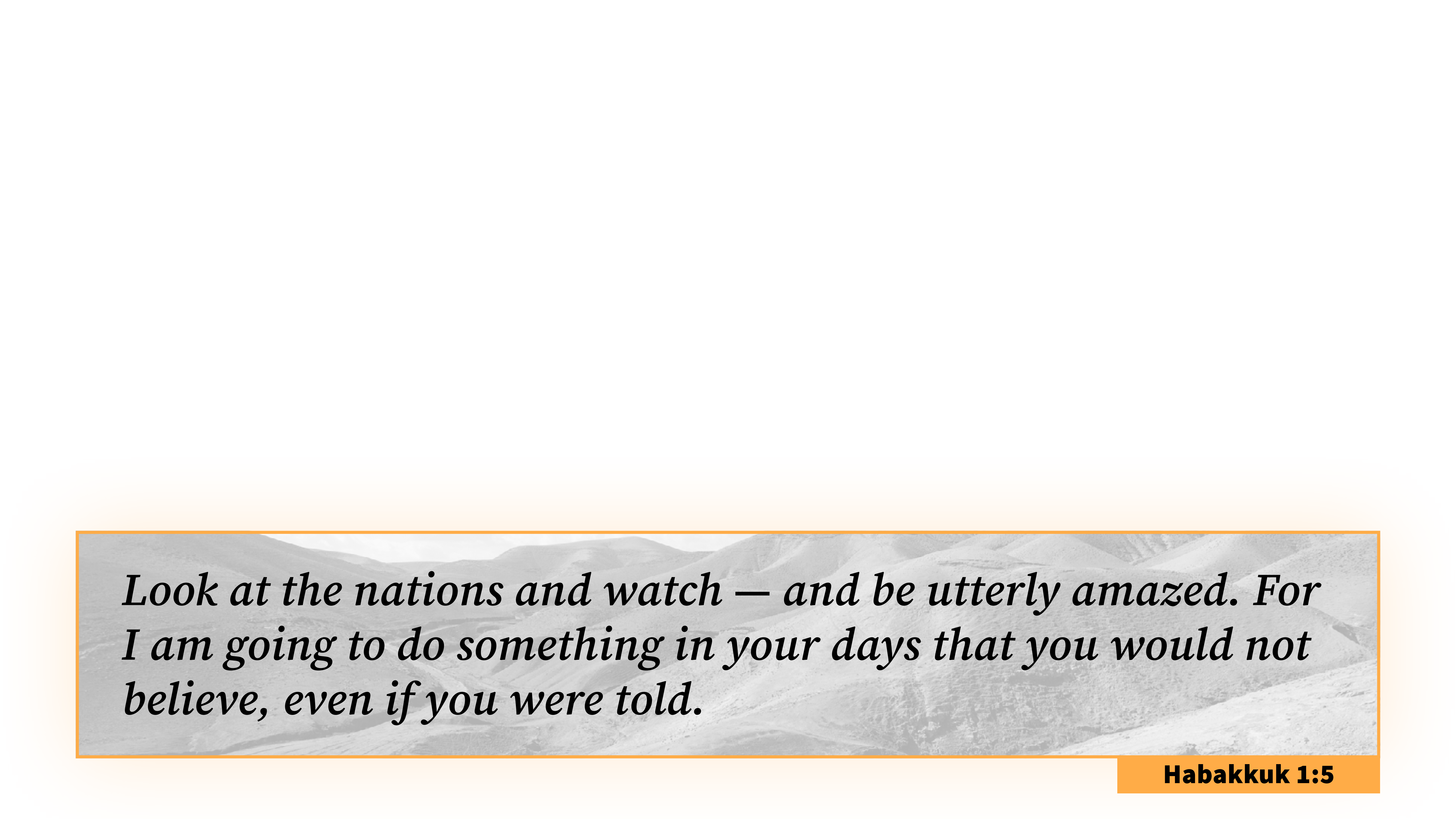
*But I trust in Your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in  
Your salvation.*

**Psalms 13:5**



*I will sing the Lord's praise, for He has been good to me.*

**Psalms 13:6**



*Look at the nations and watch — and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.*

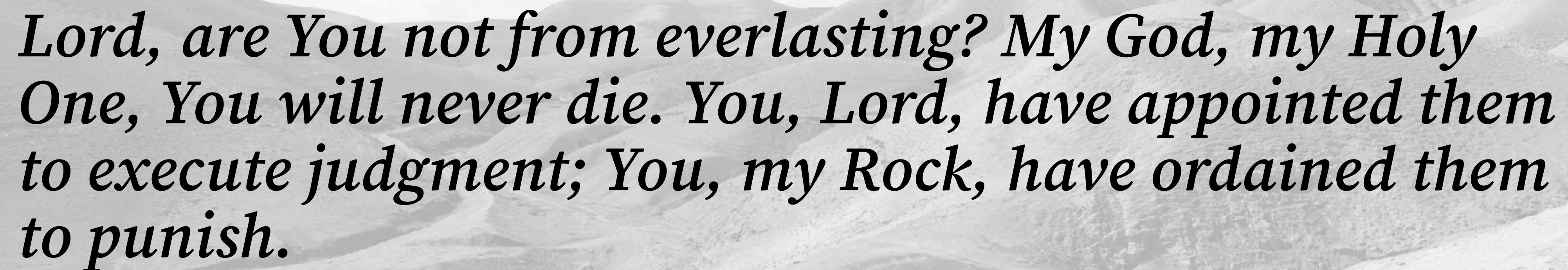
**Habakkuk 1:5**





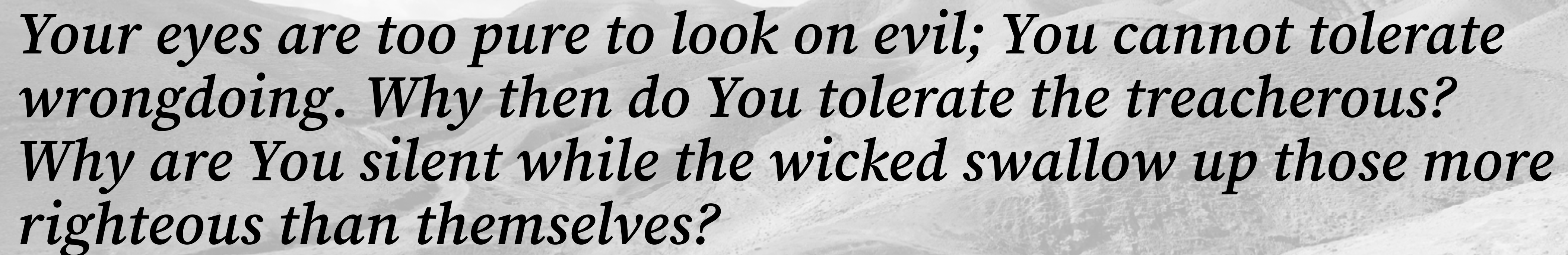
*I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people, who sweep across the whole earth to seize dwellings not their own.*

**Habakkuk 1:6**



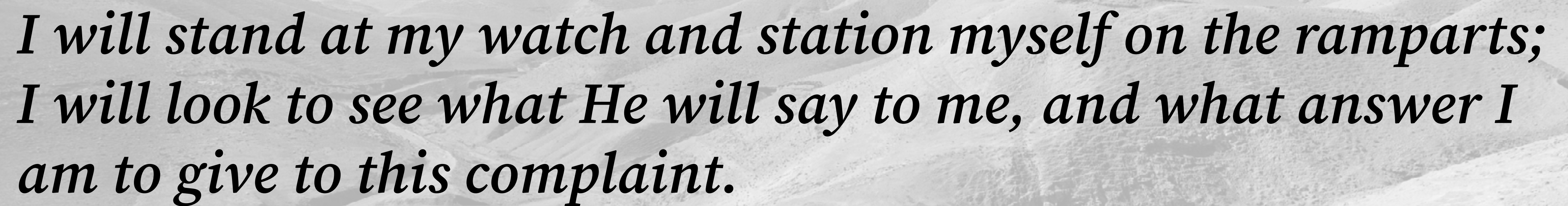
*Lord, are You not from everlasting? My God, my Holy One, You will never die. You, Lord, have appointed them to execute judgment; You, my Rock, have ordained them to punish.*

**Habakkuk 1:12**



*Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; You cannot tolerate wrongdoing. Why then do You tolerate the treacherous? Why are You silent while the wicked swallow up those more righteous than themselves?*

**Habakkuk 1:13**



*I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts;  
I will look to see what He will say to me, and what answer I  
am to give to this complaint.*

**Habakkuk 2:1**

An aerial view of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is a gradient of light orange and yellow, transitioning into a darker orange and brown over the city. The buildings are silhouetted against the bright sky, with some windows reflecting the light. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

# Declarations from the Almighty



*Then the Lord replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.*

**Habakkuk 2:2**



*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.*

**Habakkuk 2:3**



*See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright — but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness...*

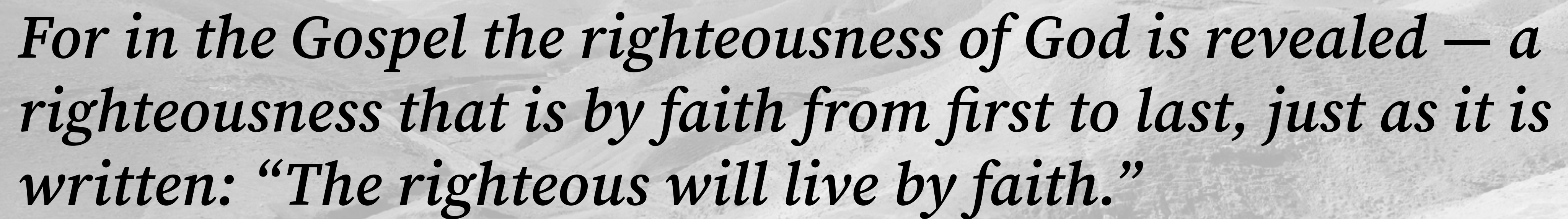
**Habakkuk 2:4**





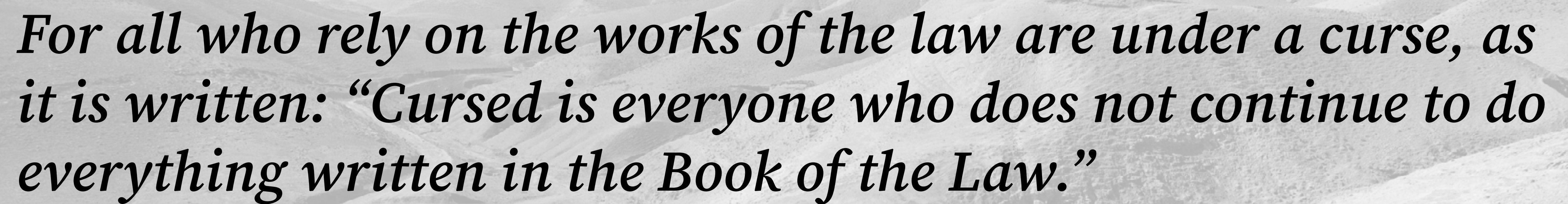
*For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*

**Romans 1:16**



*For in the Gospel the righteousness of God is revealed — a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”*

**Romans 1:17**



*For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.”*

**Galatians 3:10**



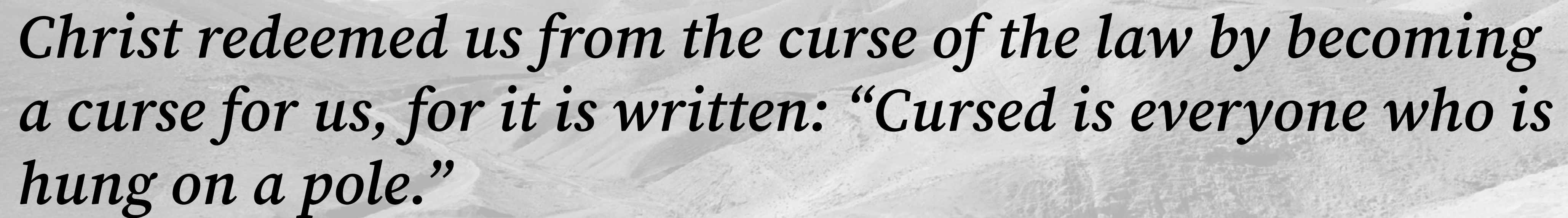
*Clearly no one who relies on the law is justified before God,  
because “the righteous will live by faith.”*

**Galatians 3:11**



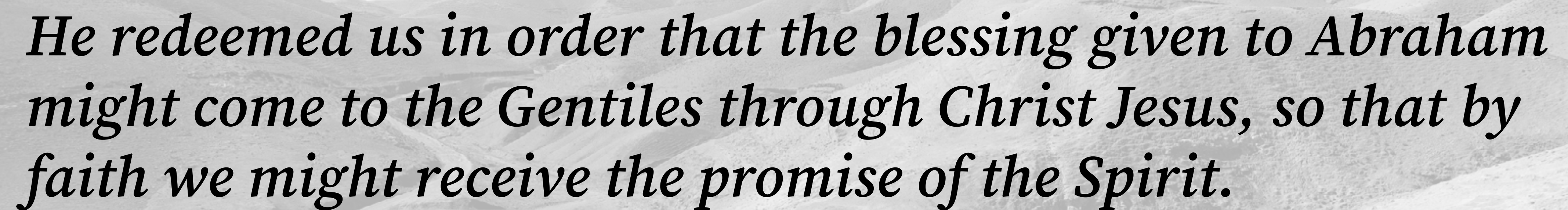
*The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, “The person who does these things will live by them.”*

**Galatians 3:12**



*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.”*

**Galatians 3:13**



*He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

**Galatians 3:14**



*For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.*

**Habakkuk 2:14**





*The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth be silent  
before Him.*

**Habakkuk 2:20**


An aerial view of a city skyline at sunset. The sky is a gradient of orange and yellow, transitioning into a dark, silhouetted cityscape. The buildings are densely packed, and the overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

# Dependence on the Almighty



*A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On shigionoth.*

**Habakkuk 3:1**



*Lord, I have heard of Your fame; I stand in awe of Your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.*

**Habakkuk 3:2**



*God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens and His praise filled the earth.*

**Habakkuk 3:3**



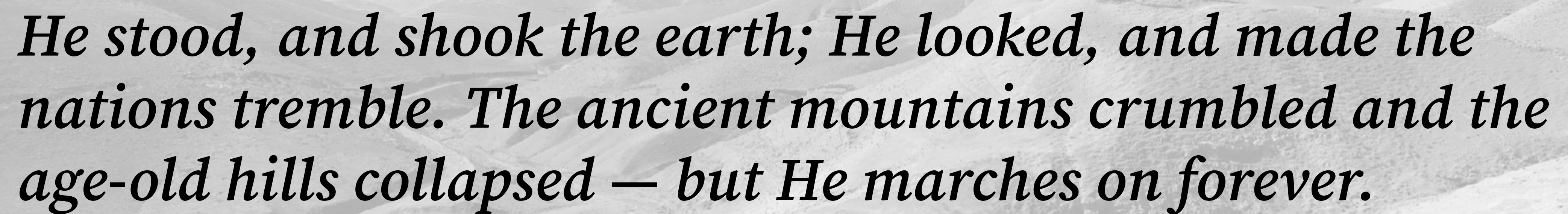
*His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from His hand, where His power was hidden.*

**Habakkuk 3:4**



*Plague went before Him; pestilence followed His steps.*

**Habakkuk 3:5**



*He stood, and shook the earth; He looked, and made the nations tremble. The ancient mountains crumbled and the age-old hills collapsed — but He marches on forever.*

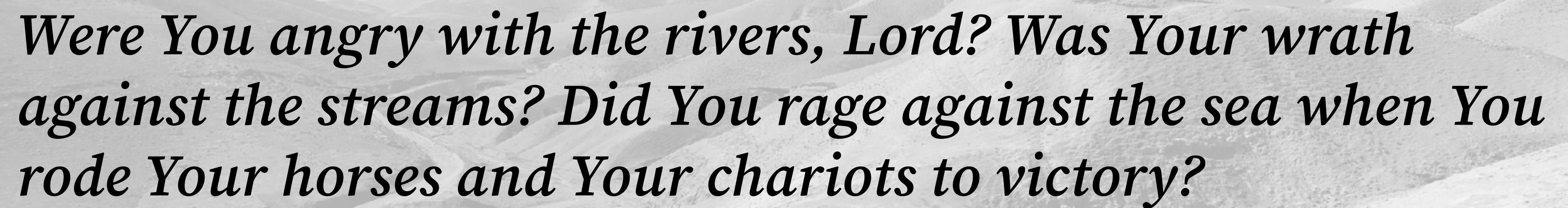
**Habakkuk 3:6**





*I saw the tents of Cushan in distress, the dwellings of Midian  
in anguish.*

**Habakkuk 3:7**



*Were You angry with the rivers, Lord? Was Your wrath against the streams? Did You rage against the sea when You rode Your horses and Your chariots to victory?*

**Habakkuk 3:8**



*You uncovered Your bow, You called for many arrows. You split the earth with rivers;*

**Habakkuk 3:9**



*the mountains saw You and writhed. Torrents of water swept by; the deep roared and lifted its waves on high.*

**Habakkuk 3:10**



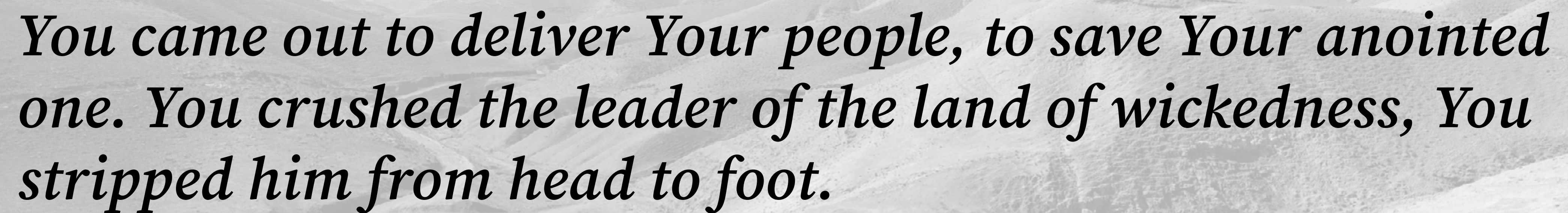
*Sun and moon stood still in the heavens at the glint of Your flying arrows, at the lightning of Your flashing spear.*

**Habakkuk 3:11**



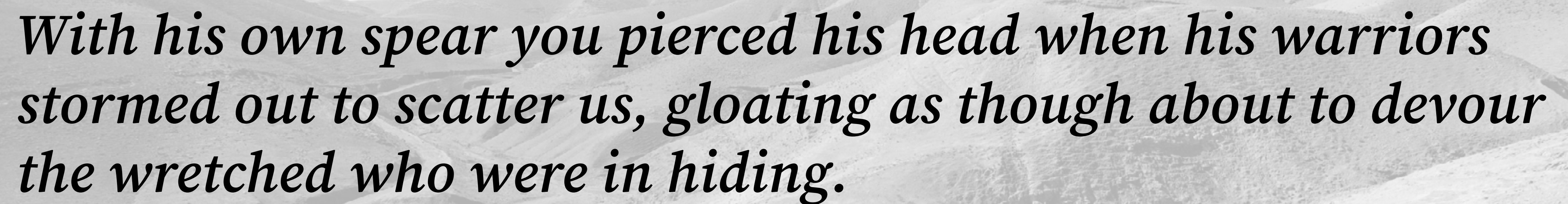
*In wrath You strode through the earth and in anger You  
threshed the nations.*

**Habakkuk 3:12**



*You came out to deliver Your people, to save Your anointed one. You crushed the leader of the land of wickedness, You stripped him from head to foot.*

**Habakkuk 3:13**



*With his own spear you pierced his head when his warriors stormed out to scatter us, gloating as though about to devour the wretched who were in hiding.*

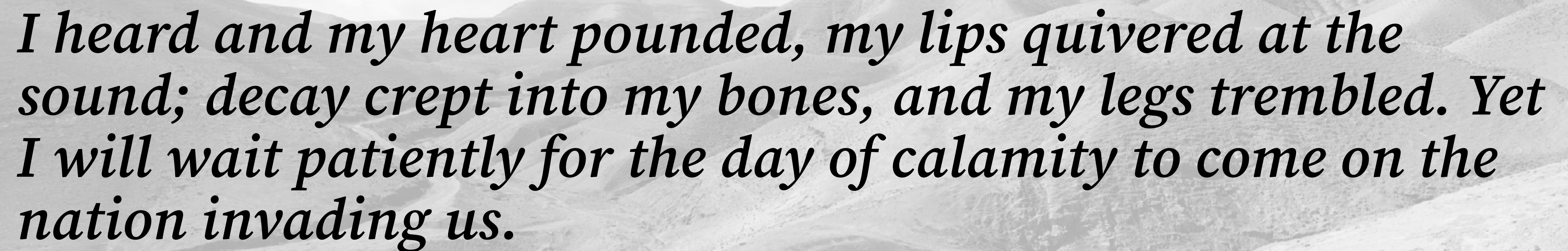
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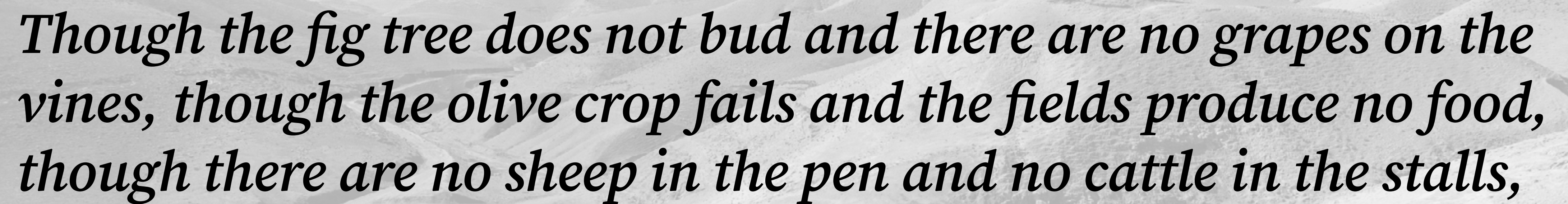
*You trampled the sea with Your horses, churning the great waters.*

**Habakkuk 3:15**



*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.*

**Habakkuk 3:16**



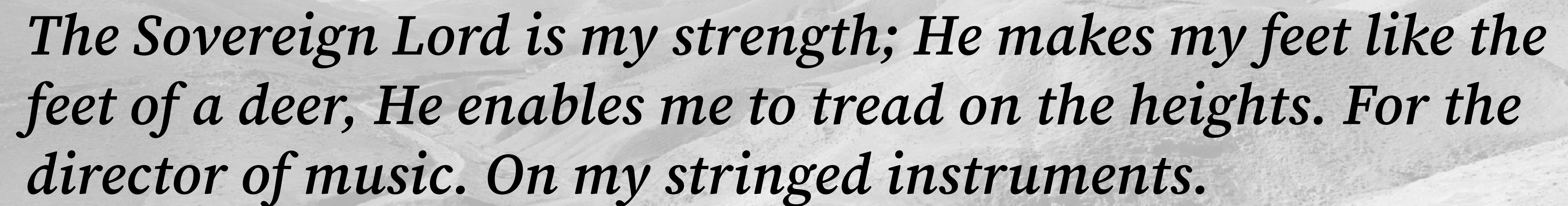
*Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,*

**Habakkuk 3:17**



*yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.*

**Habakkuk 3:18**



*The Sovereign Lord is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to tread on the heights. For the director of music. On my stringed instruments.*

**Habakkuk 3:19**



We don't live on explanations, we live on promises, and the promises of God are based on the character of God.

**Warren Wiersbe**



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over my perspective, His  
sovereignty over my solution.**