

Reflection on Habakkuk 1:5-11

Skilled crafts people know that
to get a job done right, you need
the right tool.

God always uses the right tool.

For some tasks, a pure vessel is the right tool.

For some, an impure vessel.

*Now in a large house there are
not only gold and silver implements,
but also implements of wood and of earthenware, and
some are for honor while others are for dishonor.* (2 Timothy 2:20, NASB)

In each situation, God deals with people as they allow Him:

*To the faithful you show yourself faithful,
to the blameless you show yourself blameless,
to the pure you show yourself pure,
but to the devious you show yourself shrewd.* (Psalm 18:25-26, NIV)

For example, read 2 Chronicles 18:18-22.

When God promised David that
his descendants would rule on the throne forever, He said:

*I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me;
when he does wrong, I will discipline him
with a rod of men.* (2 Samuel 7:14, NASB)

Habakkuk 1:5-11 is one example of such discipline.

Judah's persistent sinning had left God with no choice but
to severely chastise them.

So in Habakkuk 1:5-11, God went into great detail to explain that
the vicious Babylonians were
the right tool for such discipline.

But God promised that justice would fall on the wicked Babylonians as well.

They will be held guilty (Habakkuk 1:11; see also Habakkuk 2).

Only a few years later, they would be conquered by the Persians.

Our God – holy, mysterious, and inscrutable –
uses evil against itself
to bring about good.

Hymn recording: [Psalm 93](#)