

# Habakkuk 1

## Chapter 1

<sup>1</sup> THE burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear!

*even* cry out unto thee *of* violence, and thou wilt not save!

<sup>3</sup> Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause *me* to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence *are* before me: and there are *that* raise up strife and contention.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

<sup>5</sup> ¶ Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for *I* will work a work in your days, *which* ye will not believe, though it be told *you*.

<sup>6</sup> For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces *that are* not their's.

<sup>7</sup> They *are* terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

<sup>9</sup> They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up

as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.

<sup>10</sup> And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

<sup>11</sup> Then shall *his* mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, *imputing* this his power unto his god.

<sup>12</sup> ¶ *Art* thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, mine Holy One? we shall not die. O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.

<sup>13</sup> *Thou art* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, *and* holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth *the man that is* more righteous than he?

<sup>14</sup> And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, *that have* no ruler over them?

<sup>15</sup> They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion *is* fat, and their meat plenteous.

<sup>17</sup> Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?