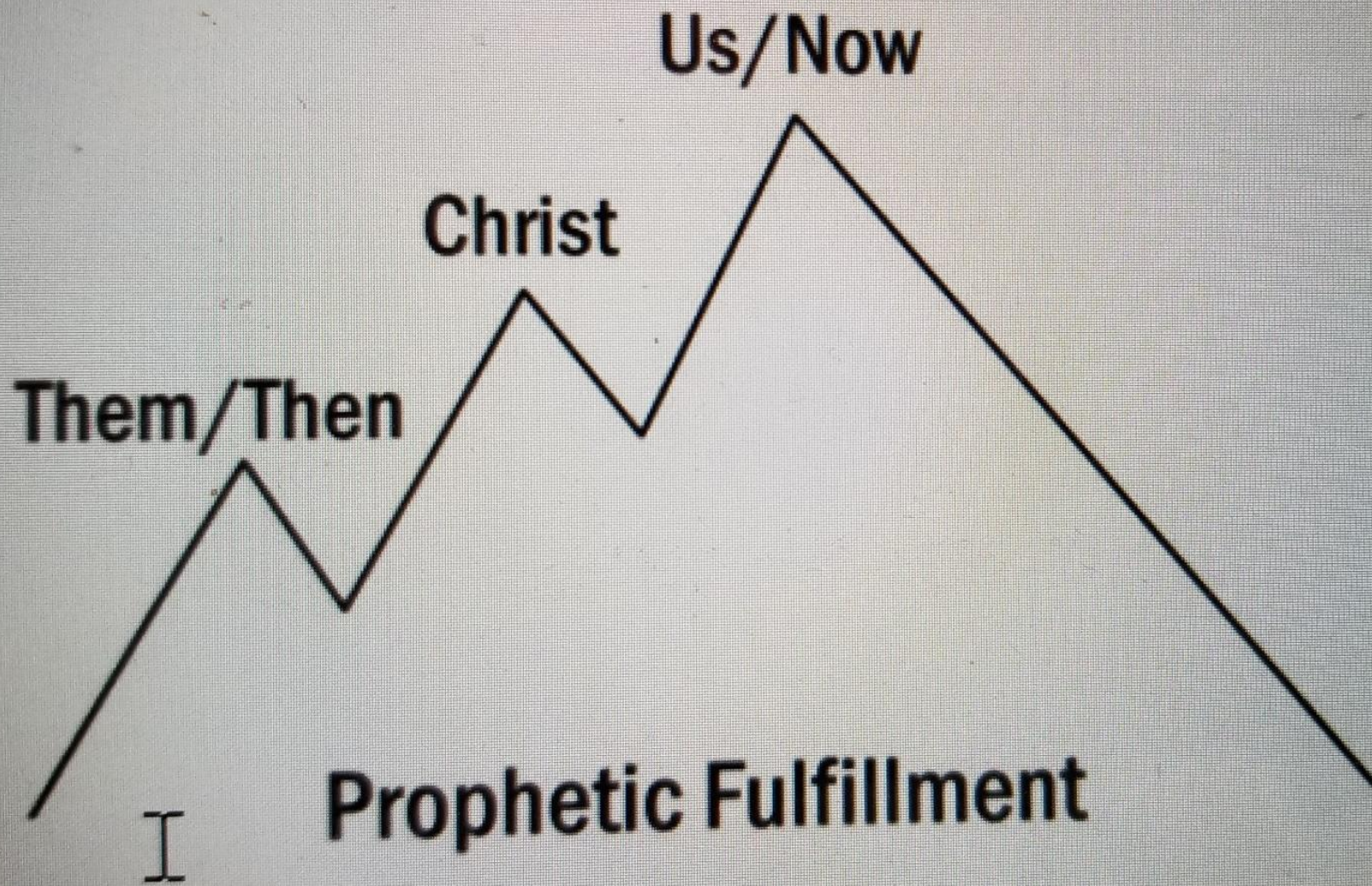


A person wearing a dark grey hoodie is shown from the chest up, leaning forward with their head bowed and hands clasped in prayer over an open book on a wooden table. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights on the person's arms and the book, and deep shadows elsewhere. The background is dark and out of focus.

HABAKKUK

TRUSTING GOD IN TROUBLING TIMES



“Prophecy, then, is not synonymous with prediction or fortune-telling; it is simply the gracious gift of God’s Word that comes to his people through human vessels. It is not always concerned with future events; more often it seems to be concerned with God’s character and human response in light of His character.”

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

3 Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

4 So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

This Doesn't Make Any Sense

Habakkuk 1

Point #1: It's ok to complain to God if
it's based on the promises of God.

Timeline of Events

- Israel conquered by Assyria in 722 BC
- King Manasseh (697-642 BC)
- King Amon (642-640 BC)
- King Josiah (640-609 BC)
- Kings Jehoahaz and Jehoiakim (609-598 BC, likely time of Habakkuk's writing)

5 Look among the nations, and see; wonder and be astounded. For I am doing a work in your days that you would not believe if told.

6 For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, who march through the breadth of the earth, to seize dwellings not their own.

7 They are dreaded and fearsome; their justice and dignity go forth from themselves.

8 Their horses are swifter than leopards, more fierce than the evening wolves; their horsemen press proudly on. Their horsemen come from afar; they fly like an eagle swift to devour.

They all come for violence, all their faces forward. They gather captives like sand.

10 At kings they scoff, and at rulers they laugh.
They laugh at every fortress, for they pile up earth
and take it.

11 Then they sweep by like the wind and go on,
guilty men, whose own might is their god!”

Point #1: It's ok to complain to God if it's based on the promises of God.

Point #2: God works in ways that may not make sense to us.

12 Are you not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, you have ordained them as a judgment, and you, O Rock, have established them for reproof.

13 You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do you idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?

14 You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler.

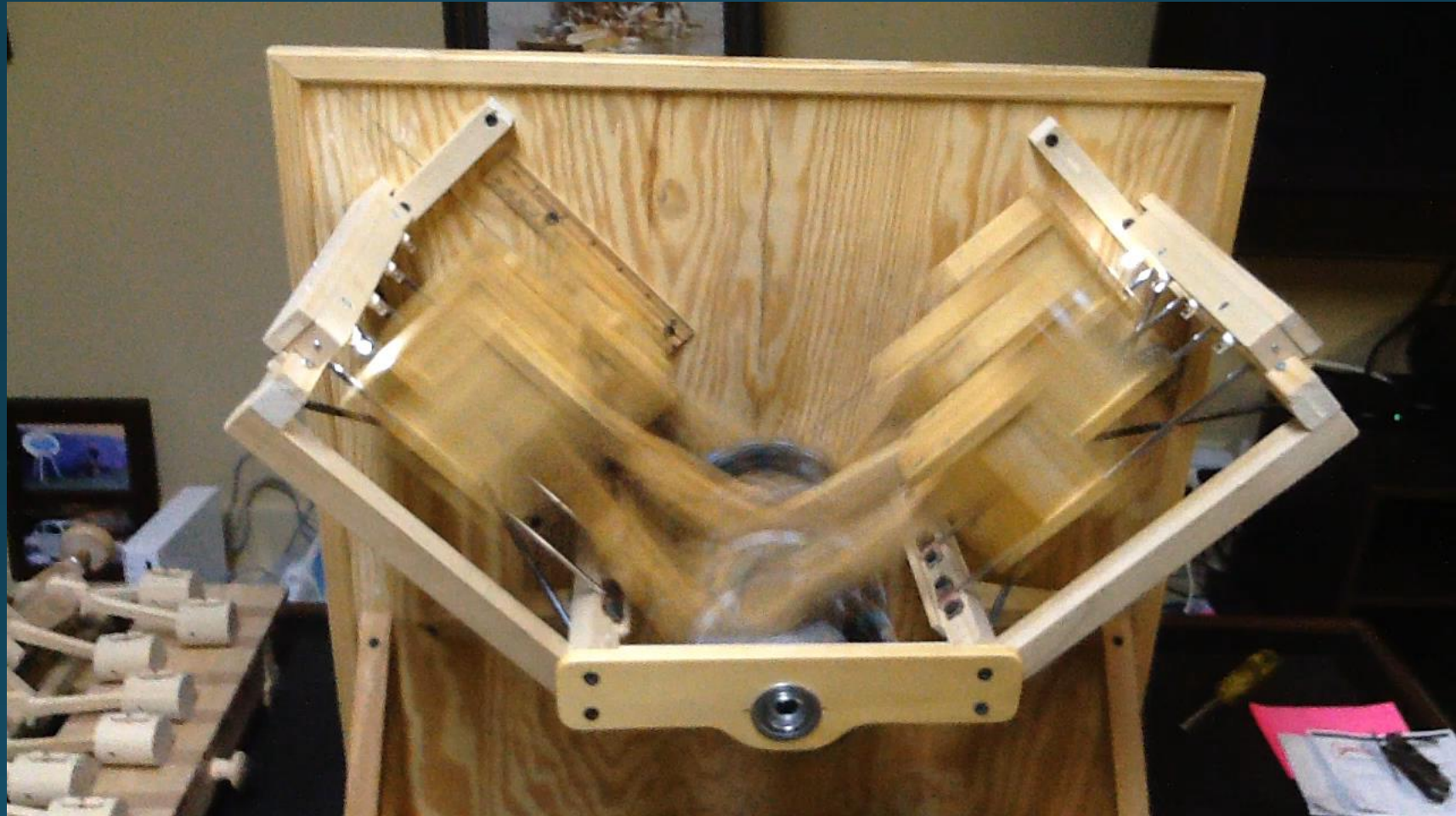
15 He brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his net; he gathers them in his dragnet; so he rejoices and is glad.

16 Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich.

17 Is he then to keep on emptying his net and
mercilessly killing nations forever?

Response #1: Trust in the Sovereignty of God





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**Response #2: Wait on the Promises of
God.**

2:1 I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

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