

ハバクク書における救い

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ABSTRACT D.T. Tsumura, “Salvation in Habakkuk”. The main theme of the Book of Habakkuk is salvation, as can be seen by Habakkuk’s initial appeal to God in 1:2: “How long, O Lord, will you not listen as I call for help? (How long) will you not save (*YŠ’) as I cry out to you, ‘Violence!’?” (DTT) God’s response does not appear until Ch. 3 (vs. 8, 13, 18 where *YŠ’ appears again), though a very significant promise (“But the righteous shall live by his trust [on me]”) is given in 2:4b in response to his complaints “How long?” (1:2) and “Why?” (1:3 & 13).

In Ch. 3, God is said to come out of “his holy temple” (2:20) and “go out to save his people” (3:13a). God brings salvation to those who trust on him by destroying his enemy, “the evil one”, whose various aspects are described in detail in the “woe oracles” (2:6b-20). Thus, the salvation which Habakkuk seeks will be realized by the coming of the Savior God himself who, with his anger, destroys his enemies (symbolized by “rivers” and “sea” in 3:8; also v. 15). God is here described in words describing simply an earthly king who rides his chariot and fights with his enemy; neither a Chaoskampf myth nor a creation motif is involved in vs. 8-11.

Paul cites Hab. 2:4b in Romans 1:17. He must have been well aware of the motif of God’s wrath in Hab. Ch. 3 when he referred to ὀργὴ θεοῦ in Rom. 1:18.