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- 1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see. 2 ***O LORD, how long*** shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save! 3 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. 4 Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

## Rev. 6:9-10

- 9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, ***How long, O Lord,*** holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

## *“The Most High Rules In The Kingdoms Of Men”*

- “...know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.” (Dan. 4:32)
- 26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, (Acts 17:26)
- 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him [are] called, and chosen, and faithful. (Rev. 17:14)

# *God's Control In The Affairs Of Man*

- God created the universe at the time of His choosing. (Gen. 1:1; Heb. 3:4; Rev. 4:11; Jer. 32:27)
- God judged the world and destroyed with a flood at the time He choose. (Gen. 6:5-7,3; 7:17-23; I Pet. 3:20; Matt. 24:36-39)
- God delivered His people from Egyptian bondage on His schedule. (Gen. 3:15; Gen. 12:1-7; Gen. 15:13-16; 50:20)
- God set and controlled the length of Israel's wilderness wanderings. (Num. 14:33; Deut. 1:3)
- God judged the nations. (Jonah – 780; Nahum – 640; Nineveh falls 612; Amos 1-2:6ff)

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- God gave Judah into Babylonian captivity for 70 years. (Deut. 28:49ff; Jer. 25:11-12; Dan. 1:1-2; 9:2-3; II Chron. 36:23ff; Ezra 1:1; cf. Isa. 44:28)
- God sent Jesus when the fulness of the time was come. (Gal. 4:4; Jn. 7:6; 13:1)
- God destroyed Jerusalem at the time of His choosing. (Dan. 9:24-27; Matt. 24:15)
- God will destroy this world and judge all men when Jesus comes again, at the time of His choosing. (Matt. 24:36; II Pet. 3:10-15)