

# “God Sightings”

## Theophany

An Appearance By God

# Isaiah 6:1-2

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

# Revelation 1:12-14

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire.

# Revelation 1:15-16

His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

# The 1988 Christmas Miracle



# II Peter 1:19-21

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

# Exposition Over Experience

We must remember that the Scriptures are the ultimate authority on Who God is and what He is doing.

# Habakkuk 3:1-2

- I. Response To God's Will (1)
- II. Reflection On God's Word (2a)
- III. Reverence Through Worship Of God (2b)
- IV. Requests For God's Ways (2c)

# Two Lessons

1. God Reveals Himself To Those Who Expectantly Approach.
2. God Reveals Himself To Those Who Know His Word.

# I. His Powerful Presence (3:-3-7)

## 1. Splendor

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name  
in all the earth! You have set your glory above  
the heavens. (Psalm 8:1)

## 2. Brightness

Who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen (I Timothy 6:16)

# Habakkuk 3:5 – Ten Plagues

He let loose on them his burning anger, wrath, indignation, and distress, a company of destroying angels. He made a path for his anger; he did not spare them from death, but gave their lives over to the plague. He struck down every firstborn in Egypt, the firstfruits of their strength in the tents of Ham.

**Psalm 78:49-51**

# Habakkuk 3:6-7 – Law At Sinai

Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly (Exodus 19:18).

# Habakkuk 3:3-7 Summary

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! (Psalm 96:9)

## II. His Providential Purpose (3:8-15)

“Your Chariot Of Salvation (3:8)

“For The Salvation Of Your People” (3:13)

“For The Salvation Of Your Anointed (3:13)

# Miracles Toward Salvation

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name (John 20:30-31).

## A. The Red Sea Crossing

Bookends: Habakkuk 3:8 & 15

## B. Conquest Battles (10)

For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath (Joshua 2:10-11).

# Sun Stood Still (11)

At that time Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the sons of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, “Sun, stand still at Gibeon, and moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.” And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in the midst of heaven and did not hurry to set for about a whole day (Joshua 10:12-13).

# Habakkuk 3:12-14 – General Summary

The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth. (Psalm 110:5-6)

# Warren Wiersbe

“The thing that lifted Habakkuk to the  
mountaintop was his understanding of the  
greatness of God”

# Result Of A God Sighting

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. GOD, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places.

(Habakkuk 3:17-19)