By Faith

2:1 Habakkuk said,

“Like a guard, I will take my stand to watch.  
I will position myself on the tower.  
I will wait to see what the Always-Present One will say to me,  
and what I am going to say next.”

Yahweh Responded

2 Then Yahweh answered me:

“Write down what I show you.  
Engrave it clearly upon some clay tablets,  
so that a messenger who reads it can run to inform others.  
3 It is not yet time for the revelation to come true.  
However, that time is coming soon.  
The message will come true.  
It may seem like a long time before it happens.  
Nevertheless, be patient and wait for it.  
These things WILL happen.  
They will NOT be late!

4 “Look, the arrogant person  
whose soul is not upright within him will fail.  
But the person who is right with God by his faith  
will live forever.”

3:17 Fig trees may not grow figs.  
There may be no grapes on the vines.  
There may be no olives growing on the olive trees.  
The fields may not yield anything to eat.
The flock may be cut off from the fold.
    There may be no cattle in the stalls.
18 Nevertheless, I will still be glad in the Always-Present One.
    I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.

19 Yahweh, the Lord, is my strength.
    He causes me to be sure-footed, like a deer.
He enables me to walk safely on my steep mountains.