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NO PROVISION? NO FEAR!

The Old Testament books of prophets are divided into major prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel) and all the others are minor prophets based solely upon the length of their writings. They all are equally valid as God's prophets, yet there is a natural human tendency to give less attention to the minor prophets even though some of the most remarkable words come from them.

Let us look today at an encouraging excerpt from Habakkuk 3:16b, 17, 18, 19a where it reads, ***"16...I trembled in myself, that I might rest [in peace] in the day of trouble... 17 although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines. The labor of the olive shall fail, and the field shall yield no meat [food]. The flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls [no meat]. 18 Yet will I rejoice in the LORD. I will joy in the God of my salvation. 19a The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds [deer] feet..."***

Habakkuk says that "in the day of trouble" [or when] the earth yields nothing for food [no vegetables, fruit, or meat], yet we may rejoice in the Lord for He is our strength, our Jehovah Jireh who will provide our need. We rejoice and praise him, and he will miraculously provide for us just as he provided a ram for Abraham as Isaac laid upon the altar of sacrifice.

This is reinforced by King David in Psalm 37:25 where he writes, ***"I have been young, and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed [children] begging for bread."***

Trust in our righteous provider for all your needs.