

WOE TO THE WICKED—PART 1

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Habakkuk 2:6-14

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[6] Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say,

“Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own—
for how long?—
and loads himself with pledges!”

[7] Will not your debtors suddenly arise,
and those awake who will make you tremble?
Then you will be spoil for them.

[8] Because you have plundered many nations,
all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them.

[9] “Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house,
to set his nest on high,
to be safe from the reach of harm!

[10] You have devised shame for your house
by cutting off many peoples;
you have forfeited your life.

[11] For the stone will cry out from the wall,
and the beam from the woodwork respond.

[12] “Woe to him who builds a town with blood
and founds a city on iniquity!

[13] Behold, is it not from the LORD of hosts
that peoples labor merely for fire,
and nations weary themselves for nothing?

[14] For the earth will be filled
with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

Main thought: God will vindicate the cause of the righteous by judging the wicked and making himself known in all the earth.

THE GREEDY WILL LOSE HIS GAIN (6-8)

Taunts, scoffings, and riddles = God is saying here that Israel’s relationship with Babylon is proverbial.

Psalms 9:9—*The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.*

Over and over God showed his people that the way to victory is the way of weakness.

Matthew 5:5—*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*

THE SELF-RELIANT WILL BE OPPOSED (9-11)

In the eyes of God people always take precedence over things.

The way we use our money speaks of how much eternity there is in our hearts.

1 Timothy 6:17–19—*[17] As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. [18] They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, [19] thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.*

Valuing God over all earthly things is the mark of a true Christian.

THE UNJUST WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE (12-14)

This is the greatest cry of humanity—justice where there is none.

Jeremiah 51:55–56

*[55] For the LORD is laying Babylon waste
and stilling her mighty voice.
Their waves roar like many waters;
the noise of their voice is raised,
[56] for a destroyer has come upon her,
upon Babylon;
her warriors are taken;
their bows are broken in pieces,
for the LORD is a God of recompense;
he will surely repay.*

What are we called to do now in an age of injustice? We are called to wait.

Romans 1:21—*For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened*

Come to the right side of history; and let the knowledge of the glory of God fill your heart as it will one day fill the earth—as the waters cover the sea.