

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

September 20, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin

Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Habakkuk 2:5-8 – (on opposite page)

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Hymn 215

Pastoral Prayer

Hymns 78, 107, 732

“When Morning Gilds the Sky”

Psalm 4

Message

Motivation To Build

Nehemiah

Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 121

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

Benediction

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up

Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm- Ernie Beck

Precept class on “Acts” Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm

Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. - Margaret Was

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

Saturday Men's Breakfast at 10am

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

Sunday messages are available on CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

Ladies luncheon October 10th

Chowder and Bon-Fire Friday October 16th at 6pm

10/25 One service at 10:15 with Guest Dr. Pettit, President of Bob Jones University

“Indeed, because he transgresses by wine, *He is* a proud man,
And he does not stay at home. Because he enlarges his desire as hell,
And he *is* like death, and cannot be satisfied,

He gathers to himself all nations

And heaps up for himself all peoples.

6 “Will not all these take up a proverb against him,

And a taunting riddle against him, and say,

‘Woe to him who increases

What is not his—how long?

And to him who loads himself with many pledges’?”

7 Will not your creditors[c] rise up suddenly?

Will they not awaken who oppress you?

And you will become their booty.

8 Because you have plundered many nations,

All the remnant of the people shall plunder you,

Because of men's blood

And the violence of the land *and* the city,

And of all who dwell in it.

An oracle or judgment is commonly signaled by the opening term “woe” (masal).

The woes are in relation to the preceding charges of bloodshed and

wrongdoing done by Babylon. There are five woes presented symmetrically in five stanzas of what might be considered a taunt song.

Verses 5: The word “wine” (hayyayin) is obscure and has caused some to offer alternative words including “Greek,” which would not be supported by the Dead Sea Scrolls (which say wine). The Chaldeans were known for their drunkenness (see Daniel 5 and the drunken state of Belshazzar and all the officials of Babylon). Drunkenness, Chaldean pride, and an insatiable thirst for conquest mark the themes of verse 5. The word “hell” in verse 5 is the Hebrew *sheol*, a place of the departed corresponding to the Greek *hades*. Thus, Habakkuk is just referring to the ever enlarging place of the dead that increases year by year.

1. The first woe (2:6-8) The woes are called in **verse 6** a “taunt,” (*masal*, see also Numbers 23:7; I Kings 4:32; Proverbs 1:1; Ezekiel 24:3). Verses **7-8** describe the Chaldean greed shown especially in their robbing the people that they bring under their subjection. The words in the NKJV “loads himself with many pledges” (v. 6) replaces the KJV “ladeth himself with thick clay,” which was a misunderstanding of the word “pledge” in Hebrew. Verse 7 sees the subjugated nations as “creditors” (nosekim) who will suddenly oppress the Chaldeans. The Medes and Persians did strike unexpectedly in Daniel 5, and thus verse 7 had a prophetic conclusion within decades of Habakkuk's writing. **Verse 8** reminds us of the law of retribution found in the Mosaic Law. It is a reminder that God's vengeance is never outdated, and that He does deal with all nations that dishonor His sovereignty. Isaiah 13:19-22 gives a picture of the ruined city of Babylon never to be rebuilt. Only Saddam Hussein in the 1980's attempted to rebuild Babylon, but the 1991 Gulf War basically ended that.