

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

October 11, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin

Piano

Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

The fourth woe (Habakkuk 2:15-18) (on opposite page)

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Psalm 10

Hymn 737

“Like a River Glorious”

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 718

“Day By Day”

Message

The Elders Want Older Samuel Replaced

Samuel 8

Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 430

“Showers of Blessings”

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

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

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

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

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

Kids in children's church on Oct 25th will need to dress for the weather

This fourth woe introduces a new accusation against the Chaldeans, which is expressed through a common biblical theme of forcing people to drink in order to incapacitate and humiliate them (**verse 15**). The reference is figurative for the shameful and immoral acts of Chaldea--forcing other nations to lust for power and conquest that would bring only loss and shame to them. The cup of wrath will eventually come around to the Chaldeans (Jeremiah 25:15). The Scriptures repeatedly speak of God's judgment as a cup of wrath that the nations drink (Job 21:20; Psalm 75:8; Isaiah 19:14; 29:9-10). The government of Babylon is only interested in using this humiliation of other nations to bring about their own “glory” (*kabod* in verse 16). The word “shame” in **verse 16** (spewing in KJV) include a Hebrew word (*qiyqalown*) for vomiting that is found only here in the entire Bible, connoting the ultimate scorn that will come upon them for bringing others to drink the violence that they have poured out. A difficulty in this woe is the use of the word “Lebanon” (**verse 17**). Some find this to be a reference to the taking of the forests of Lebanon for the Chaldean building program—expressing wanton waste of natural resources. Yet, in response, David and Solomon also took a tremendous number of trees for buildings in Jerusalem (although it should be noted that Lebanon was financially rewarded). Lebanon is also used in Scripture as a symbol for Israel (2 Kings 14:9; Jeremiah 22:6, 23), and in Ezekiel 17:3 it is used as a symbol for being a victim of Babylonian aggressions). Since the subject is the judgment upon the violence of Chaldea towards Israel, I would prefer this view rather than trying to find biblical support for environmentalism. **Verse 18** brings the woe to an end by mentioning the crowning sin of idolatry and sorcery. The very term “Chaldean” was synonymous with a practitioner of the hidden arts of sorcery (read Daniel 1-6 and see all the references to the Chaldean sorceries). It is significant also that in Revelation the acknowledgment of the overthrow of Babylon the great, summing up her iniquity that “by thy sorceries were all nations deceived” (18:23).