

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

November 29, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin

Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Habakkuk 3:11-15 (on opposite page) "God's Power and God's Salvation"

Scripture Reading and Prayer		Psalm 26
Hymn 153	"Worthy of Worship"	
Pastoral Prayer		
Hymn 358	"Because He Lives"	
Message	SAUL REJECTED – DAVID ANOINTED I Samuel 15 & 16	
		Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 630	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	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
Men's Bible study Wednesday at 9:30am – Jim O'Rourke
Precept study this Thursday at 9:15am. - Margaret Was
Choir practice Thursday 7pm
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

Ladies Luncheon Saturday December 12th at 12:30

Children's Advent Service Sunday December 13th at 4pm

Christmas Caroling Monday December 14th at 6pm sharp bus leaves church

11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation;

At the light of Your arrows they went, At the shining of Your glittering spear.

12 You marched through the land in indignation; You trampled the nations in anger.

13 You went forth for the salvation of Your people, For salvation with Your Anointed. You struck the head from the house of the wicked, by laying bare from foundation to neck. *Selah* **14** You thrust through with his own arrows the head of his villages. They came out like a whirlwind to scatter me; Their rejoicing was like feasting on the poor in secret. **15** You walked through the sea with Your horses, Through the heap of great waters.

Verse 11: Prominent among God's creation are the "sun" and the "moon," which have no power on their own and will render obedience to the arrows of the Lord (repeatedly mentioned as instruments of judgment as found in Deuteronomy 32). Their standing still is reminiscent of Joshua's long day (Joshua 10), but the point here is that all of nature trembles at the presence of the Lord. Most likely the sun and moon stay in their place and cease to give light as the result perhaps of an eclipse. The judgment here is similar to that which will culminate in the eschatological Day of the Lord, normally characterized by darkness (Isaiah 13:10; Jeremiah 4:23; Joel 2:2; Amos 5:18-20).

Verse 12: God's wrath expressed in military terms highlight the two lines of verse 12. The noun "indignation" (NKJV) is 'ap in Hebrew, and the same word found in verse 8 and translated "wrath." The word "trampled" is literally "threshed," a term found in Scripture to picture the execution of judgment by military invasion (Judges 8:7; 2 Kings 13:7; Isaiah 21:10; Daniel 7:23; Amos 1:3). Historically, there is the allusion to the conquest of the "nations" by Israel after the Exodus in order that they might inherit the land (Exodus 15:14-16; Numbers 24:8; Isaiah 34:1-3). The Chaldeans have come to curse Israel and displace them, but they will also fall prey to a curse themselves (Deuteronomy 28; Psalm 105:12-15). Verse 12 recapitulates the imagery of earthquakes from verse 10 and integrates that with the content of both verses 3-7 and 9-11.

Verse 13: In the first clause of this verse we see the purpose behind this great manifestation of God's power—the salvation of God's people. The word "salvation" (*yasa*) is derived from the same root as "salvation" in verse 8. It forms a part of names like Joshua, Isaiah, and of course Jesus in the New Testament. This deliverance is the fulfillment of the Lord's covenantal commitment to his "people" ('am; Exodus 3:7; Psalm 68:7; 77:15). This deliverance is applied to an individual named as the "Anointed" (*masiah*, from the root *msh*, which is applied to an individual rather than to a whole people. The remainder of this verse mentions again the wicked power led by the "head" (*ro'sh*) who is to be "struck" (*mahas*). In the context, this is a reference to Chaldea, but in a larger sense it is representative of all wicked rulers down to the Antichrist. Pictured in the last phrase as a house, the upper part is smashed and the foundation is then laid bare. All of this is to say that the Lord always has the last word with human power. Turn over for vs. 14 & 15

Verses 14-15: These verses are reminiscent of the overthrow of Pharaoh and his hosts in the Red Sea, and this passage employs this pictorial description to show what God is going to do to the invading armies of His people. Similarities between Pharaoh who came to feast on “the poor” (Israelites) as they stood before the Red Sea is quite similar to the gloating of the Chaldeans at their ability to conquer Israel and take them into captivity. In both cases, the attack on Israel has the force of a “whirlwind.” The prophet has described in vivid terms the coming of Jehovah to judge the nations in order to deliver His people. Throughout this section that ends in verse 15 God has referred His readers back to the days of old when God had gloriously led them and saved them from their enemies. We see here especially the Exodus and Mt. Sinai scenes, which are again utilized to predict the doom for the Chaldeans. God is still on the throne, and justice will come when God overwhelms His children with awe as He comes to judge the nations of the world. BFC family, this entire section should cause us to realize that God’s final victory will come to pass over the wickedness that is in the world today. Amen and Amen.