

Evangel Temple Rev. Charles Arsenault June 15, 2008

"Taunt Song"

"Woe"

Habakkuk 2:6-14

I Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying, " 'Woe to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?' Will not your debtors suddenly arise? Will they not wake up and make you

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tremble? Then you will become their victim. Because you have plundered many nations, the peoples who are left will plunder you. For you have shed man's blood; you have destroyed lands and cities and everyone in them. "Woe to him who builds his

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realm by unjust gain to set his nest on high, to escape the clutches of ruin! You have plotted the ruin of many peoples, shaming your own house and forfeiting your life. The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will

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echo it. "Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by crime! 13 Has not the LORD Almighty determined that the people's labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing? For the earth will be

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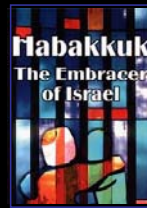
filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.



"See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright — **but the righteous will live by his faith...**"

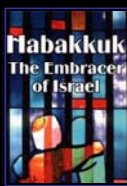
v. 4

Three things I encourage you to do



1. Stay at your post!
2. Make a commitment of grace!
3. Prepare your heart!

Common Structure of Each Statement of "Woe"



1. Goal
2. Method
3. Punishment

I Will not all of them taunt him with ridicule and scorn, saying, " **'Woe** to him who piles up stolen goods and makes himself wealthy by extortion! How long must this go on?' "

v. 6

I Will not all of them taunt him
with ridicule and scorn...

Goal: Satisfaction through
riches

Methods: Looting others

Punishment: Babylonians
will be plundered

Will not your debtors suddenly
arise? Will they not wake up and
make you tremble? Then you will
become their victim. Because you
have plundered many nations, the
peoples who are left will plunder
you. For you have shed man's
blood; you have destroyed lands
and cities and everyone in them.

vv. 7,8

“Woe to him who builds his
realm by unjust gain to set his
nest on high, to escape the
clutches of ruin!”

v. 9

“Woe to him who builds his realm by
unjust gain to set his nest on high, to
escape the clutches of ruin!”

Goal: Security

Methods: Reliance on self
for evil, dishonest gain

Punishment: Loss of all
security

You have plotted the ruin of
many peoples, shaming your
own house and forfeiting your
life. The stones of the wall will
cry out, and the beams of the
woodwork will echo it.

vv. 10,11

“Woe to him who builds a city with
bloodshed and establishes a town by
crime! Has not the LORD Almighty
determined that the people's labor is
only fuel for the fire, that the nations
exhaust themselves for nothing? For
the earth will be filled with the
knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
as the waters cover the sea.

vv. 12-14

"Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by crime!

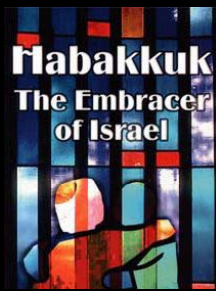
Goal: Accomplishment

Methods: Violence by his own power - v. 12

Punishment: Accomplishes nothing! - v. 13

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

v. 14



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