



Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28

"Sinning Against Yourself"

Habakkuk 2:9-14

June 28, 2026

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- Here is the 2nd "Woe" (pronouncement of judgment).
- This is extortion – obtaining something of value, by force. Unjust enrichment.
- He is doing it to gain advantage for his house.
- What advantage does he want?
- Safety and security.
- **Like an eagle, he wants 2 things:**
 1. Security – no one can touch him.
 2. Safety – no harm can befall him.



"The evil man may get evil gain to make his "nest" more and more protected, but he can never protect himself from the long arm of the LORD's righteous wrath!"

- Warren Wiersbe

Prov 18:11-12

11 A rich man's wealth is his strong city,
And like a high wall in his own imagination.
12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty,
But humility goes before honor.

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Jer 22:13-14

13 "Woe to him who builds his house without righteousness
And his upper rooms without justice,
Who uses his neighbor's services without pay
And does not give him his wages,
14 Who says, 'I will build myself a roomy house
With spacious upper rooms,
And cut out its windows,
Paneling it with cedar and painting it bright red.'

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"devised" - יָצַח **ya`ats** (yaw-ats') - to deliberate, to determine, to purpose, to devise.

- **"You have devised"** - this is your decision.
 - **Note:** Even though God is sovereignly in control (vs 13) of what is going to happen, the Chaldeans are still held responsible for their decisions and actions.
- "cutting off"** - קָטַח **qatsah** (kaw-tsaw') - to destroy.
- They are "sinning' against themselves" – they are bringing damnation upon themselves. They are "slitting their own throats."
 - They are self-deceived. They are only increasing the wrath that will fall on them.

Rom 2:5

5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.

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- Stones and wood were used to make the Chaldean's palaces, fortresses, and idols.
- They are testimonies to the unjust, corrupt way the Chaldeans obtained the materials.

Gen 4:10

10 He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.

"The stones and woodwork taken from other nations to build the Babylonians' fortresses and palaces would serve as visual witnesses to the sinful invasions that brought them to Babylon. They would testify to the guilt of the Babylonians in the day that Yahweh would bring Babylon to judgment. Ostentatious buildings and cities make statements about their builders."

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- Here is the 3rd "Woe".
- Judgment will come to the Chaldeans for their murder and violence against those they conquered.
- No nation will ever get away with building a society on pride, greed, extortion, and violence.
- Violence begins with hatred and intolerance, and escalates from there.

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"The Babylonians could expect distress because they had built their cities at the expense of the lives of their enemies. We speak of "blood money" as money obtained by making others suffer, even shedding their blood. Babylon was built with "blood money" and the blood, sweat, and tears of enslaved people. It was a town founded on injustice; without injustice it could not have become what it had become."

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- What seems to be out of control, is totally in the control of a sovereign God.
- God's sovereignty is so deep that He uses an evil, wicked nation to achieve His purposes.
- There is nothing too evil that God cannot use it, including Satan himself.
- All that the Chaldeans will accomplish will "go up in smoke."
- When the Medes and the Persians conquered Babylon 47 years later, Babylon burned to the ground.

"weary for nothing - How foolish to put your time and resources into that which is going to burn-up in the end.

2 Peter 3:10-13

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

11 Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

Jer 51:58

8 Thus says the Lord of hosts,
"The broad wall of Babylon will be completely razed
And her high gates will be set on fire;
So the peoples will toil for nothing,
And the nations become exhausted only for fire."

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"All work not serving God's purposes is futile work, good only for the flames of history forgotten. God causes plans and peoples who are opposed to Him to fail."

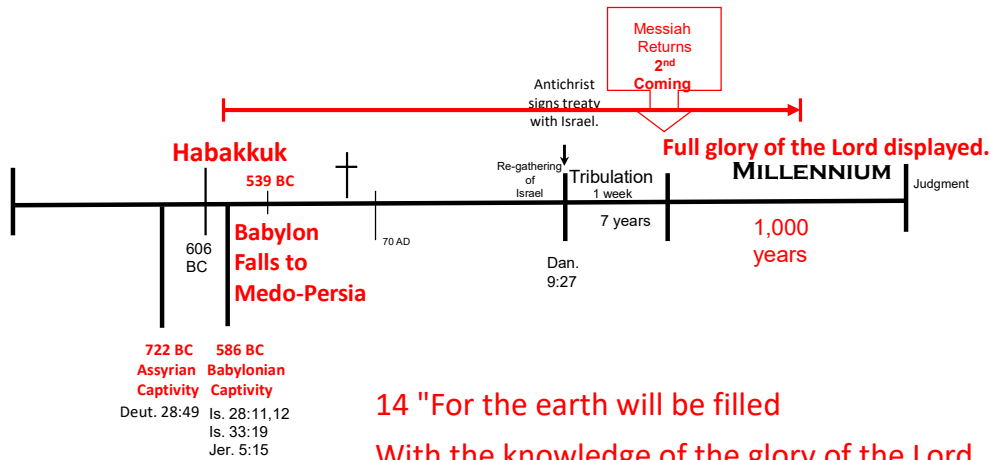
- Ken Barker

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- God now pivots to a future time, to contrast it with the temporal existence of nations.
 - There is a time coming when earthly nations will cease to exist. Israel is the exception.
 - The knowledge of the glory (all God's attributes) will flood the earth as the waters cover the sea – holiness, righteousness, power, wisdom. love. grace. iustice, etc.
- "glory" - קְבוֹד **kabowd** (kaw-bode') - weighty, heavy, wealth.
- The sea has depth and breadth.
 - God will be known much deeper and much broader than He is known now and that knowledge will be eternal. Sin clouds our present understanding.
 - "knowledge" - יָדָע **yada`** (yaw-dah') - to know intimately, to be in relationship with. It is more than just information.



14 "For the earth will be filled
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Isa 11:9

9 They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,
For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
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Ps 72:19

19 And blessed be His glorious name forever;
And may the whole earth be filled with His glory.
Amen, and Amen.

Application

1. No man and no nation are ever out of the reach of the wrath of God.
2. Sinning has consequences for the unbeliever. The more you sin the greater the wrath.
3. The works of your hands are a testimony of affirmation or condemnation.
4. The sovereignty of God serves as a foundation for hope.
5. The injustice and futility of this world will someday give way to the glory of the King.