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⁹Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house, to set his nest on high, to be safe from the reach of harm!

¹⁰You have devised shame for your house by cutting off many peoples; you have forfeited your life.

¹¹For the stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the woodwork respond.

12Woe to him who builds a town with blood and founds a city on iniquity!13Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts that peoples labour merely for fire, and nations weary themselves for nothing?

¹⁴For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁵Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink—you pour out your wrath and make them drunk, in order to gaze at their nakedness!

¹⁶You will have your fill of shame instead of glory. Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision! The cup in the Lord's right hand will come around to you,

and utter shame will come upon your glory!

¹⁷The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them, for the blood of man and violence to the earth.

to cities and all who dwell in them.

 $^{\rm 18}\mbox{What profit}$ is an idol when its maker has shaped it,

a metal image, a teacher of lies?

For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols!

¹⁹Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise!
Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it.

²⁰But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

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¹²Are You not from everlasting, O Lord my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, You have ordained them as judgment, and You, O Rock, have established them for reproof.

¹³You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong, why do You idly look at traitors and remain silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?

¹⁴You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler.

¹⁵He brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his net; he gathers them in his dragnet;

so he rejoices and is glad.

¹⁶Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury,

and his food is rich.

¹⁷Is he then to keep on emptying his net and mercilessly killing nations forever?

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the Lord answered me:
"Write the vision; make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow,
wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

⁵Moreover, wine is a traitor, an arrogant man who is never at rest. His greed is as wide as Sheol; like death he has never enough. He gathers for himself all nations and collects as his own all peoples."

⁶Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with

scoffing and riddles for him, and say,

"Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own—for how long?—and loads himself with pledges!"

Twill not your debtors suddenly arise, and those awake who will make you tremble?

Then you will be spoil for them.

Because you have plundered many nations,

Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them.

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