### Habakkuk

## Chapter 2

1‘[Now I’ve told You] that during my watch,  
 I’ll be the one who stands guard…  
 I’ll climb on the rocks and observe,  
 Then listen to all that You’ll tell me,  
 So I’ll know what I must say in reply  
 When I’m receiving correction.’  
  
  
2Then the [messenger of the] Lord told me this… He clearly said:  
  
 ‘Now, you must write down this vision  
 To elevate those who’ll read it.  
 3It’s a vision of a time in the future…  
 It’s what will happen in the time of the end.  
  
 ‘Be patient if it seems to be late;  
 For it’ll surely arrive…  
 No way will its coming be tardy.  
  
 4‘To the depths of My core, I don’t find favor  
 In one who would hold back [these words].  
 Yet, by their faith, the righteous will live!  
  
 5‘But, those who are arrogant and filled with hate,  
 And any man who’s a braggart  
 Will receive no [blessings] at all.  
  
 ‘Now he’s widening his soul like the grave,  
 And like death, he never gets filled.  
 6So, if he should assemble all nations  
 And gather their peoples [under his rule];  
 Wouldn’t they say this against him…  
 Wouldn’t they speak this riddle and say:  
  
 ‘Woe to the one who takes what’s not his…  
 How long [can he stand] all the pressure?  
 7For suddenly, there’ll come those who’ll bite him…  
 Yes, those plotting against him will awaken  
 And then they’ll saw him in two!  
  
 8‘For, many nations, he’s ravaged.  
 But those who remain, will soon ravage him  
 Because of all the blood that he’s shed,  
 And the things that he did to their cities and lands…  
 What he did to all those who lived there.’  
  
 9‘O you who’ve desired all their wealth;  
 These same things will come upon you and your house…  
 Yes, on you who’ve arranged your ‘nest’ in the heights,  
 And whose hands have brought evil [to others].  
  
 10‘For, you’ve shamed your own house!  
 Since, throughout your life, you’ve sinned,  
 And you’ve ended [the lives] of [many great] men.  
  
 11‘Therefore, from your stone walls, I’ll yell,  
 And the beetles in the woods will repeat it:  
  
 12‘Woe to those who build their cities on blood,  
 And [grow] their countries by doing what’s wrong!’  
  
 13‘Yet, it’s by Jehovah the Almighty  
 That so many have been tested by fire,  
 And the nations have proven faint-hearted!  
  
 14‘So, like the waters that cover the seas,  
 The earth will soon become filled  
 With the knowledge about all His glory.  
  
 15‘But, you’ve forced your neighbors to drink  
 Something intoxicating and cloudy  
 In order to gaze on their private parts.  
  
 16‘So drink deeply to the glory of your dishonor  
 And get extremely excited!  
 For thereafter, you’ll be completely surrounded  
 Within the cup in Jehovah’s right hand,  
 Where your glory will meet with dishonor.  
  
 17‘By ‘By <span class="placename">Lebanon‘By <span class="placename">Lebanon</span>’s irreverence, you’ll also be covered,  
 And the misery of wild beasts will terrify you,  
 Because of the blood of men that you’ve shed,  
 And the badness within [your] cities and lands,  
 Along with the [evil] of your people.  
  
 18‘So, what good are the idols that they’ve carved,  
 Or the molded castings they’ve shaped…  
 The false things that they can see with their eyes?  
 For your people rely on things that they’ve shaped…  
 On idols that they’ve made, which can’t speak!  
  
 19‘So, woe to those who say to the wood [idols]:  
  
 ‘[It’s time for you to] awaken and rise!’  
  
 ‘And who say to things made of stone:  
  
 ‘Become great!’  
  
 ‘For, they’re only things you can look at…  
 Things that you’ve hammered from silver and gold,  
 Which are still unable to breathe.  
  
 20‘But, in His ‘But, in His <span class="placename">Temple‘But, in His <span class="placename">Temple</span>, Jehovah is [alive]!  
 So in every land, they should bow before Him!’