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CHAPTER 1

THE burden which
Hā-bāk-kūk the prophet
did see.

2 O LORD, how long shall I cry,
and thou wilt not hear! *even* cry
out unto thee of violence, and
thou wilt not save!

3 Why dost thou shew me
iniquity, and cause *me* to
behold grievance? for spoiling
and violence *are* before me: and
there are *that* raise up strife
and contention.

4 Therefore the law is slacked,
and judgment doth never go
forth: for the wicked doth
compass about the righteous;
therefore wrong judgment
proceedeth.

5 ¶ Behold ye among the
heathen, and regard, and
wonder marvellously: for *I* will
work a work in your days, *which*
ye will not believe, though it be
told you.

6 For, lo, I raise up the
Chāl-dē-āns, *that* bitter and
hasty nation, which shall
march through the breadth of
the land, to possess the
dwellingplaces *that are* not
theirs.

7 They *are* terrible and
dreadful: their judgment and
their dignity shall proceed of

themselves.

8 Their horses also are swifter
than the leopards, and are
more fierce than the evening
wolves: and their horsemen
shall spread themselves, and
their horsemen shall come
from far; they shall fly as the
eagle *that* hasteth to eat.

9 They shall come all for
violence: their faces shall sup
up as the east wind, and they
shall gather the captivity as the
sand.

10 And they shall scoff at the
kings, and the princes shall be a
scorn unto them: they shall
deride every strong hold; for
they shall heap dust, and take
it.

11 Then shall *his* mind change,
and he shall pass over, and
offend, *imputing* this his power
unto his god.

12 ¶ Art thou not from ever-
lasting, O LORD my God, mine
Holy One? we shall not die. O
LORD, thou hast ordained them
for judgment; and, O mighty
God, thou hast established
them for correction.

13 *Thou art* of purer eyes than
to behold evil, and canst not
look on iniquity: wherefore
lookest thou upon them that
deal treacherously, *and* holdest

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thy tongue when the wicked devoureth *the man that is* more righteous than he?

14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, *that have* no ruler over them?

15 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag; therefore they rejoice and are glad.

16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion *is* fat, and their meat plenteous.

17 Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?

CHAPTER 2

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.

2 And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make *it* plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

3 For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

4 Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

5 ¶ Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, *he is* a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and *is* as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:

6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth *that which* is not his! how long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!

7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?

8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee; because of men's blood, and *for* the violence of the land, of the city, and of all that dwell therein.

9 ¶ Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the power of evil!

10 Thou hast consulted shame

to thy house by cutting off many people, and hast sinned *against* thy soul.

11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

12 ¶ Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city by iniquity!

13 Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?

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

15 ¶ Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest thy bottle to *him*, and makest *him* drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!

16 Thou art filled with shame for glory: drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered: the cup of the LORD'S right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing *shall be* on thy glory.

17 For the violence of Lëb-ä-nõn shall cover thee, and the spoil of beasts, *which* made them afraid, because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land, of the city, and of all

that dwell therein.

18 ¶ What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?

19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it *is* laid over with gold and silver, and *there is* no breath at all in the midst of it.

20 But the LORD *is* in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

CHAPTER 3

A prayer of Hã-bäk-kük the prophet upon Shïg-ï-õ-nõth.

2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid: O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

3 God came from Të-män, and the Holy One from mount Pâr-än. Së-läh. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.

4 And *his* brightness was as the light; he had horns *coming* out of his hand: and *there was* the hiding of his power.

5 Before him went the

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pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet.

6 He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways *are* everlasting.

7 I saw the tents of Cū-shān in affliction: *and* the curtains of the land of Mīd-ī-ān did tremble.

8 Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea, that thou didst ride upon thine horses *and* thy chariots of salvation?

9 Thy bow was made quite naked, *according* to the oaths of the tribes, *even thy* word. Sē-lāh. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

10 The mountains saw thee, *and* they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: the deep uttered his voice, *and* lifted up his hands on high.

11 The sun *and* moon stood still in their habitation: at the light of thine arrows they went, *and* at the shining of thy glittering spear.

12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou

didst thresh the heathen in anger.

13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, *even* for salvation with thine anointed; thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck. Sē-lāh.

14 Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses, *through* the heap of great waters.

16 When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice: rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble: when he cometh up unto the people, he will invade them with his troops.

17 ¶ Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls:

18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my

salvation.

19 The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' *feet*, and he will

make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.