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The Book of Habakkuk

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1. The Wars of the Chaldeans, 2:5

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Prov. 27:20 Hell and destruction are never full; so **the eyes of man are never satisfied.**

Prov. 30:15 The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are **never satisfied**, yea, four things say not, It is enough:

16 **The grave**; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough. **...Major Message**

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2. The Woes of the Chaldeans, 2:6-20

The Lord will deal with:

a. Their Crimes, 2:6-8

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i. The Property They Had Stolen, 2:6 =
THE PLUNDERER

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Psa. 49:6 They that **trust in their wealth**, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;
7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

Psa. 52:6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

7 Lo, this is **the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches**, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

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Prov. 11:28 **He that trusteth in his riches shall fall:** but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

Mk. 10:24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, **Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!**

1 Tim. 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, **nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;**

ii. The People They Had Slain, 2:7-8

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b. Their Covetousness, 2:9-11 = THE PLOTTER

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1Co 5:10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, **or with the covetous**, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 But now I have written unto you **not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater**, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

Eph 5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, **nor covetous man**, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Col. 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, **and covetousness, which is idolatry:**

c. Their Cruelty, 2:12-14 = THE PILLAGER

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d. Their Carousing, 2:15-17 = THE PERVERTER

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Prov. 23:29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright.

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? **I will seek it yet again.**

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Rohypnol (the brand name of Flunitrazepam), or "roofie", is a Benzodiazapine, a prescription pill similar to Valium. It has been illegal to bring this drug into the U.S. since 1996.

Roofies cause sedation, a feeling of extreme intoxication, and amnesia. The powdered pills are dropped into your drink by a man who wants to take sexual advantage of you. About 10 minutes after ingestion, you'll start to feel very drunk-like and have difficulty speaking and moving; eventually, you may pass out.

The drug's amnesiac effect lasts at least eight hours; even if you are not passed out, you'll have no memory of anything that occurred while you were under the drug's influence. Besides making you vulnerable to sexual assault, roofies can also cause seizures, coma, liver failure, and even death from respiratory depression.

<http://studenttravel.about.com/od/springbreak/a/roofies.htm>. ***Major Message***

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e. Their Cults, 2:18-20 = THE POLYTHEIST

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HABAKKUK'S FIVE WOES (2:6-20)					
ELEMENT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Invective:	v. 6	v. 9	v. 12	v. 15	v. 19a
Woe to the:	Plunderer	Plotter	Pillager	Perverter	Polytheist
Threat:	v. 7	v. 11	v. 13	v. 16	v. 19b
He will be:	Despoiled	Denounced	Destroyed	Disgraced	Deserted
Criticism:	v. 8	v. 10	v. 14	v. 17	vv. 18, 20
Grounded in:	Spoiling of the nations	Scheming against peoples	Surety of the knowledge of God	Stripping of man/nature	Supremacy of God

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Conclusion

Psa. 62:10 Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery: **if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.**

1 Chron. 29:3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

Col 3:2 **Set your affection on things above**, not on things on the earth.

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Mt. 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For **where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

Mt. 6:33 But **seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness**; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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