

6 Shall 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!”

7 Will not your debtors suddenly arise,
and those awake who will make you tremble?
Then you will be spoil for them.

8 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.

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

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

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

12 “**Woe** to him who builds a town with blood
and founds a city on iniquity!

13 Behold, is it not from the LORD of hosts
that peoples labour merely for fire,
and nations weary themselves for nothing?

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

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

16 You 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!

17 The 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.

18 “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!

19 **Woe** 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.

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

The sins God judges

- plundering (v6-8)
- exploitation (v9-11)
- empire-building (v12-14)
- abuse (v15-17)
- idolatry (v18-20) ¹

The judgement God brings

- judgement in history ²
- judgement in eternity ³
- ➔ become ‘righteous by faith’
- ➔ keep on & come out

¹ Romans 3:19

² Psalm 75:7

³ Revelation 18:2,4-5; Hebrews 10:39