

God Answers the Prophet

- 2:1 **I** WILL ^astand on my guard post
And station myself on the rampart;
And I will ^bkeep watch to see ^cwhat He will speak to me,
And how I may reply ¹when I am reproved.
2 Then the LORD answered me and said, “^aRecord the vision
And inscribe *it* on tablets,
That ¹the one who ²reads it may run.
3 “For the vision is yet for the ^aappointed time;
It ¹hastens toward the goal, and it will not ²fail.
Though it tarries, ^bwait for it;
For it will certainly come, it ^cwill not delay.
- 4 “Behold, as for the ^aproud one,
His soul is not right within him;
But the ^brighteous will live by his ¹faith.
5 “Furthermore, ^awine betrays the ^bhaughty man,
So that he does not ^cstay at home.
He ^denlarges his appetite like Sheol,
And he is like death, never satisfied.
He also gathers to himself all nations
And collects to himself all peoples.
- 6 “Will not all of these ^atake up a taunt-song against him,
Even mockery *and* insinuations against him,
And say, ‘^bWoe to him who increases what is not his—
For how long—
And makes himself ¹rich with loans?’
7 “Will not ¹your creditors ^arise up suddenly,
And those who ²collect from you awaken?
Indeed, you will become plunder for them.
8 “Because you have ^alooted many nations,
All the remainder of the peoples will loot you—
Because of human bloodshed and violence ¹done to the land,
To the town and all its inhabitants.
- 9 “Woe to him who gets ^aevil gain for his house
To ^bput his nest on high
To be delivered from the hand of calamity!
10 “You have devised a ^ashameful thing for your house
By cutting off many peoples;
So you are ^bsinning against yourself.
11 “Surely the ^astone will cry out from the wall,
And the rafter will answer it from the ¹framework.
- 12 “Woe to him who ^abuilds a city with bloodshed

And founds a town with ¹violence!
13 “Is it not indeed from the LORD of hosts
That peoples ^atoil for fire,
And nations grow weary for nothing?
14 “For the earth will be ^afilled
With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea.

15 “Woe to you who make ¹your neighbors drink,
Who mix in your venom even to make *them* drunk
So as to look on their nakedness!
16 “You will be filled with disgrace rather than honor.
Now you yourself ^adrink and ¹expose your *own* nakedness.
The ^bcup in the LORD’S right hand will come around to you,
And ^cutter disgrace *will come* upon your glory.
17 “For the ^aviolence ¹done to Lebanon will ²overwhelm you,
And the devastation of *its* beasts ³by which you terrified them,
^bBecause of human bloodshed and ^cviolence ⁴done to the land,
To the town and all its inhabitants.

18 “What ^aprofit is the ¹idol when its maker has carved it,
Or ²an image, a ^bteacher of falsehood?
For *its* maker ^ctrusts in his *own* handiwork
When he fashions speechless idols.
19 “Woe to him who ^asays to a *piece of wood*, ^b‘Awake!’
To a dumb stone, ‘Arise!’
And that is *your* teacher?
Behold, it is overlaid with ^cgold and silver,
And there is ^dno breath at all inside it.
20 “But the ^aLORD is in His holy temple.

¹Let all the earth ^bbe silent before Him.”

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^a Is. 21:8

^b Ps. 5:3

^c Ps. 85:8

¹ Lit., *upon my reproof*

^a Deut. 27:8; Rom. 15:4; Rev. 1:19

¹ Or, *one may read it fluently*

² Or, *is to proclaim it*

^a Dan. 8:17, 19; 10:14

¹ Lit., *pants*

² Or, *lie*

^b Ps. 27:14

^c Ezek. 12:25; Heb. 10:37

^a Ps. 49:18; Is. 13:11

^b Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38

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- ¹ Or, *faithfulness*
^a Prov. 20:1
^b Prov. 21:24
^c 2 Kin. 14:10
^d Prov. 27:20; 30:16; Is. 5:11-15
^a Is. 14:4-10; Jer. 50:13
^b Job 20:15-29; Hab. 2:12
¹ Lit., *heavy*
¹ Lit., *those who bite you*
^a Prov. 29:1
² Lit., *violently shake you*
^a Is. 33:1; Jer. 27:7; Zech. 2:8
¹ Lit., *of the land*
^a Jer. 22:13; Ezek. 22:27
^b Jer. 49:16
^a 2 Kin. 9:26; Nah. 1:14; Hab. 2:16
^b Jer. 26:19
^a Josh. 24:27; Luke 19:40
¹ Lit., *wood*
^a Mic. 3:10; Nah. 3:1
¹ Or, *injustice*
^a Is. 50:11; Jer. 51:58
^a Ps. 22:27; Is. 11:9; Zech. 14:9
¹ Lit., *his neighbor*
^a Lam. 4:21
¹ Lit., *show yourself uncircumcised*; or, *stagger*; so DSS and ancient versions
^b Jer. 25:15, 17
^c Nah. 3:6
^a Joel 3:19; Zech. 11:1
¹ Lit., *of Lebanon*
² Lit., *cover*
³ Lit., *which terrified them*
^b Ps. 55:23; Hab. 2:8
^c Jer. 51:35; Hab. 2:8
⁴ Lit., *of the land*
^a Is. 42:17; 44:9; Jer. 2:27, 28
¹ Or, *a graven image*
² Lit., *a cast metal image*
^b Jer. 10:8, 14; Zech. 10:2
^c Ps. 115:4, 8
^a Jer. 2:27, 28; 10:3
^b 1 Kin. 18:26-29
^c Ps. 135:15-18; Jer. 10:4, 9, 14
^d Ps. 135:17
^a Mic. 1:2

¹ Lit., *Hush before Him, all the earth.*

^b Zeph. 1:7; Zech. 2:13

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.