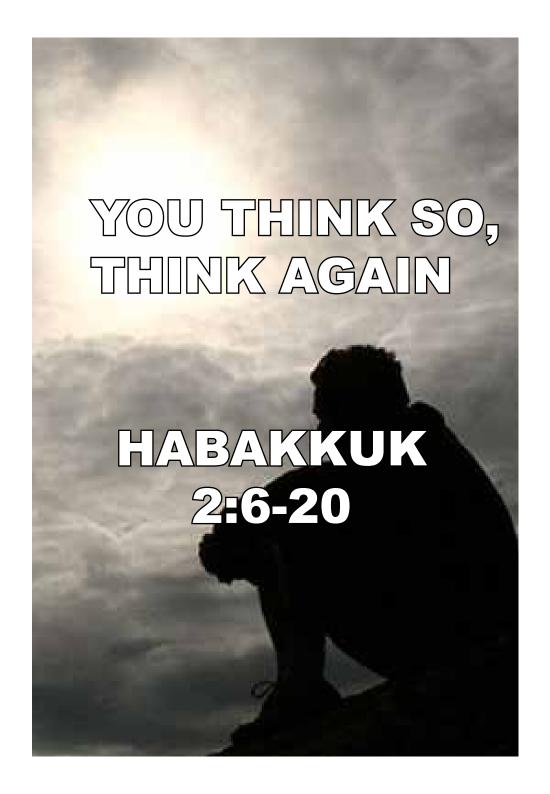
A FUTILE INDULGENCE - V-15-17 "How terrible for the nation that makes its neighbor's drink, pouring from the jug of wine until they are drunk so that it can look at their naked bodies. You Babylonians will be filled with disgrace, not respect. It's your turn to drink and fall to the ground like a drunk person. The cup of anger from the Lord's right hand is coming around to you. You will receive disgrace, not respect. You hurt many people in Lebanon, but now you will be hurt. You killed many animals there, and now you must be afraid because of what you did to that land, those cities. and the people who lived in them.

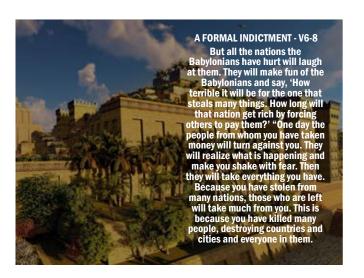




A FAILED IDOLATRY - V18-20

"An idol does no good, because a human made it; it is only a statue that teaches lies. The one who made it expects his own work to help him, but he makes idols that can't even speak! How terrible it will be for the one who says to a wooden statue, 'Come to life!' How terrible it will be for the one who says to a silent stone, 'Get up!' It cannot tell you what to do. It is only a statue covered with gold and silver; there is no life in it. The Lord is in his Holy Temple; all the earth should be silent in his presence."







A FALSE IMMUNITY -V9-11

How terrible it will be for the nation that becomes rich by doing wrong, thinking they will live in a safe place and escape harm. Because you have made plans to destroy many people, you have made your own houses ashamed of you. Because of it, you will lose your lives. The stones of the walls will cry out against you, and the boards that support the roof will agree that you are wrong.



A FLAWED ILLUSION - V12-14

"How terrible it will be for the nation that kills people to build a city, that wrongs others to start a town. The Lord All-Powerful will send fire to destroy what those people have built; all the nations' work will be for nothing. Then, just as water covers the sea, people everywhere will know the Lord's glory.

