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***Yes, devastation and violence are before  
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***And justice is never upheld.***

***For the wicked surround the righteous;***

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***Be horrified! Be frightened speechless!***

***For I am accomplishing a work in your  
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Chaldeans,***

***That grim and impetuous people  
Who march throughout the earth,  
To take possession of dwelling places  
that are not theirs.***



***<sup>7</sup>They are terrifying and feared; Their  
justice and authority originate  
With themselves.***

***<sup>8</sup>Their horses are faster than leopards,  
And quicker than wolves in the evening,  
Their horsemen charge along,  
Their horsemen come from afar;  
They fly like an eagle swooping down to  
devour.***

***<sup>9</sup>All of them come for violence.  
Their horde of faces moves forward.  
They gather captives like sand.***

***<sup>10</sup>They make fun of kings,  
And dignitaries are an object of laughter  
to them.***

***They laugh at every fortress,  
Then heap up dirt and capture it.***

***11 Then they fly along like the wind and  
pass on.***

***But they will be held guilty,  
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