



***1¹² Are You not from time everlasting,
LORD, my God, my Holy One?***

[You] will not die.

***You, LORD, have appointed them to
Deliver judgment;***

***And You, O Rock, have destined them to
punish.***

***13 Your eyes are too pure to look at evil,
And You cannot look at harm favorably.***

***Why do You look favorably
At those who deal treacherously?
Why are You silent when the wicked
swallow up
Those more righteous than they?***

***14 Why have You made people like the fish
of the sea,
Like crawling things that have no ruler
over them?***

***15 The Chaldeans bring all of them up with
a hook,
Drag them away with their net,
And gather them together in their fishing
net.***

Therefore they rejoice and are joyful.

***16 Therefore they offer a sacrifice to their
net***

***And burn incense to their fishing net,
Because through these things their
catch is large,
And their food is plentiful.***

***17 Will they therefore empty their net,
And continually slay nations without
sparing?***



***2 ¹I will stand at my guard post
And station myself on the watchtower;
And I will keep watch to see what He will
say to me,
And how I may reply when I am
reprimanded.***

***²Then the LORD answered me and said,
“Write down the vision
And inscribe it clearly on tablets,***

So that one who reads it may run.

***³For the vision is yet for the appointed
time;***

***It hurries toward the goal and it will not
fail.***

***Though it delays, wait for it;
For it will certainly come, it will not delay
long.***

***⁴Behold, as for the impudent one,
His soul is not right within him;
But the righteous one will live by his
faith.***

***⁵Furthermore, wine betrays an arrogant
man,***

***So that he does not achieve his objective.
He enlarges his appetite like Sheol,
And he is like death, never satisfied.***

***He also gathers to himself all the nations
And collects to himself all the peoples.***



***6“Will all of these not take up a song of
Ridicule against him,
Even a saying and insinuations against
him***

***And say, ‘Woe to him who increases what
is not his-
For how long-
And makes himself rich with debts!’***

***⁷Will your creditors not rise up
suddenly,
And those who collect from you
awaken?***

***Indeed, you will become plunder for
them.***

***⁸Since you have looted many nations,
All the rest of the peoples will loot you-
Because of human bloodshed and
Violence done to the land,***

To the town and all its inhabitants.

9”Woe to him who makes evil profit for his household,

To put his nest on high,

To be saved from the hand of catastrophe!

10 You have planned a shameful thing for Your house

By bringing many peoples to an end;

So you are sinning against yourself.

***11 For the stone will cry out from the wall,
And the rafter will answer it from the
framework.***

***12”Woe to him who builds a city with
bloodshed,***

And founds a town with violence!

***13 Is it not indeed from the LORD of armies
That peoples labor merely for fire,
And nations become weary 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 neighbor
Drink;***

***To you who mix in your venom even to
make your neighbors drunk,***

So as to look at their genitalia!

***16 You will be filled with disgrace rather
than honor.***

***Drink, you yourself, and expose your
Own foreskin!***

***The cup in the LORD'S right hand will
come around to you,
And utter disgrace will come upon your
glory.***

***17 For the violence done to Lebanon will
overwhelm you,***

***And the devastation of its animals by
Which you terrified them,
Because of human bloodshed and
violence done to the land,
To the town and all its inhabitants.***

***18”What benefits is a carved image when
its***

***Maker has carved it,
Or a cast metal image, a teacher of
falsehood?***

***For its maker trusts in his own handiwork
When he fashions speechless idols.***

***¹⁹Woe to him who says to a piece of wood,
'Awake!'***

***To a mute stone, 'Arise!'
That is your teacher?***

***Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
Yet there is no breath at all inside it.***

***²⁰But the LORD is in His holy temple.
Let all the earth be silent before Him.'"***

