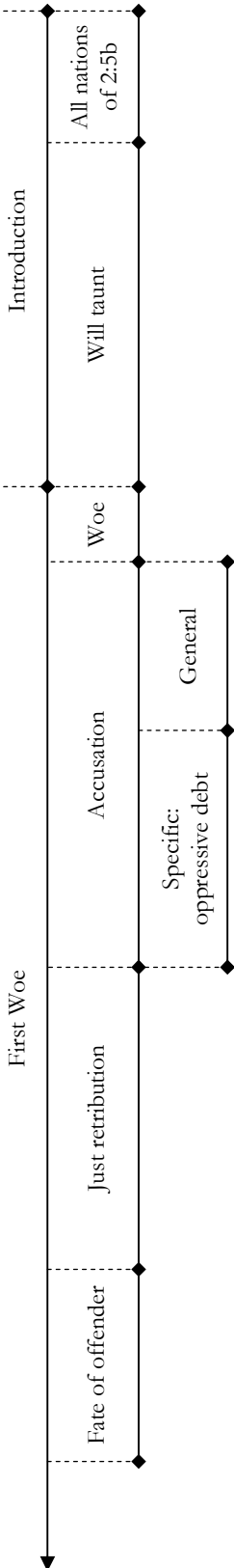


# Habakkuk 2:6-20

## *The Five Woes*



6 Shall not  
all these  
take up  
a parable  
against him, and  
a taunting proverb  
against him, and

*[he will]* say,

WOE

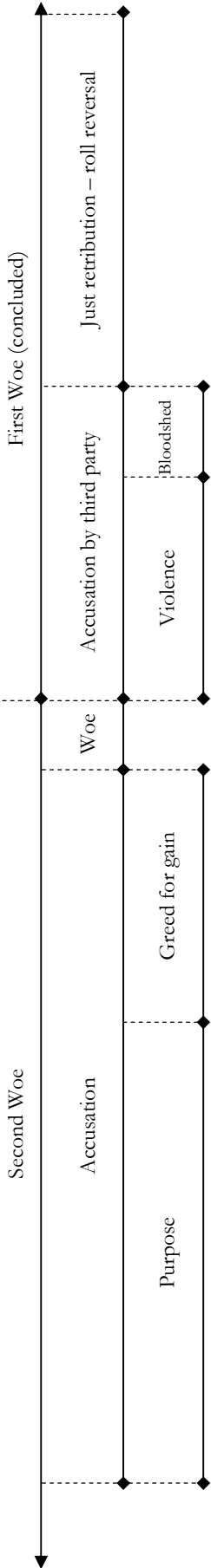
to him  
that increaseth  
*that which is not his!*

(how long?) and  
to him  
that ladeth himself  
with thick clay!

7 Shall they not  
rise up suddenly  
that shall bite **thee**, and  
awake  
that shall vex **thee**, and

**thou** shalt be  
for booties  
unto them?

Central stanza of this Woe

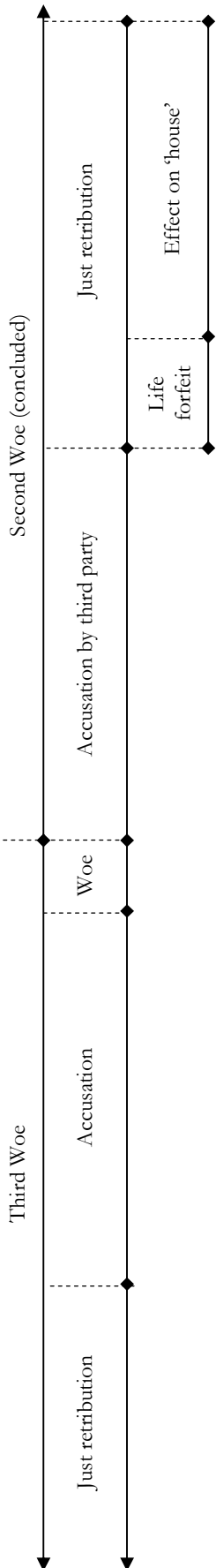


8 Because  
**thou**  
 hast spoiled  
 many nations,  
 all the remnant  
 of the people  
 shall spoil **thee**;

because of  
 men's blood, and *for*  
 the violence  
 of the land,  
 of the city, and  
 of all that dwell therein.

Refrain

9 WOE  
 to him  
 that  
coveteth  
 an evil covetousness  
 to his house,  
 that  
 he may  
 set his nest  
 on high,  
 that  
 he may  
 be delivered  
 from the power of evil!



**10** **Thou**  
 hast  
 consulted  
 (shame to **thy** house)  
 by cutting off  
 many people, and  
hast sinned  
*against* **thy** soul.

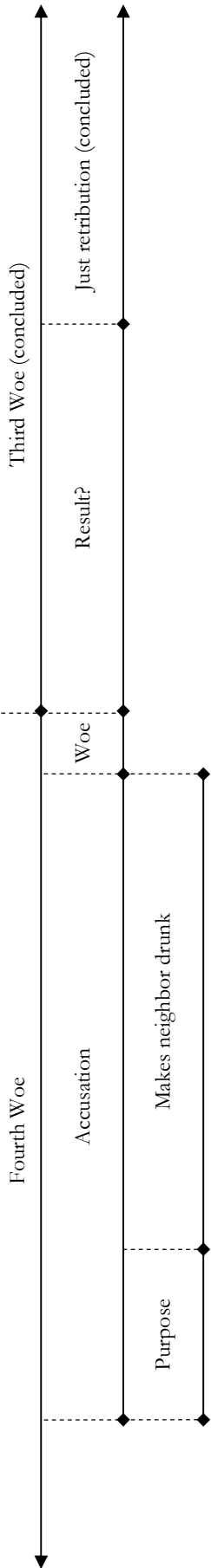
Central stanza of this Woe

**11** For  
 the stone  
 shall cry  
 out of the wall, and  
 the beam  
 out of the timber  
 shall answer it.

**12** **WOE**  
 to him that  
buildeth  
 a town  
 with blood, and  
stablisheth  
 a city  
 by iniquity!

**13** Behold,  
*is it* not of the LORD of hosts  
 that

Central stanza of this Woe  
 and the woe oracles

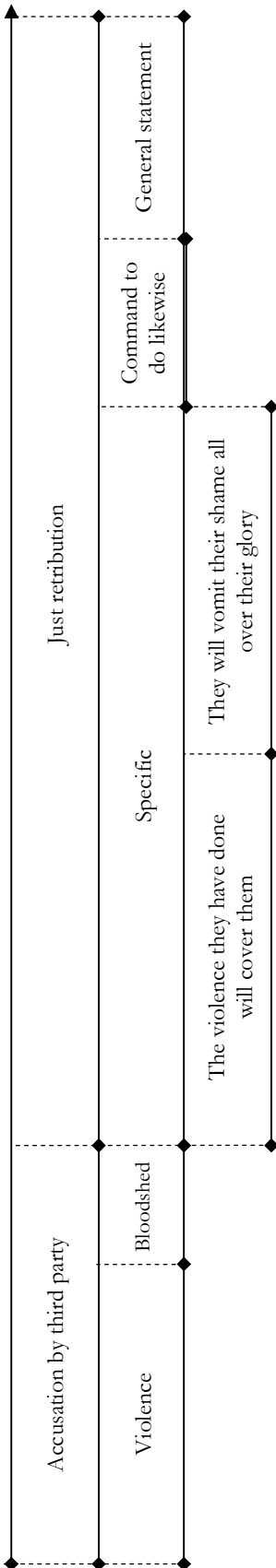


the people  
 shall labour  
 in the very fire, and  
 the people  
 shall weary themselves  
 for very vanity?

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

**15** WOE  
 unto him  
 that giveth  
 his neighbour  
 drink,  
 that puttest  
**thy** bottle  
 to *him*, and  
 [*that*] makest  
*him* drunken also,  
 that **thou**  
 mayest look  
 on their nakedness!

Fourth Woe (concluded)



16 **Thou**

art filled  
with shame  
for glory:

Central stanza of this Woe

drink **thou** also, and  
let **thy** foreskin  
be uncovered:

the cup  
of the LORD'S right hand  
shall be turned  
unto **thee**, and  
shameful spewing  
*shall be* on **thy** glory.

17 **For**

the violence  
of Lebanon  
shall cover **thee**, and  
the spoil  
of beasts,  
*which* made them afraid,

because  
of men's blood, and  
for  
the violence  
of the land,  
of the city, and  
of all that dwell therein.

Refrain

Fifth Woe

Contrast showing futility of idol worship

The idols

Inner  
emptiness

Outward appearance

Accusation

Teaches stone  
idols to arise

Tells the wooden  
idol to wake up

Woe

Consequence (rhetorical question)

No profit  
from molten images

No profit  
from graven images

18 What profiteth  
 the graven image  
 that the maker thereof  
 hath graven it;  
 the molten image, and  
 a teacher of lies,  
 that the maker  
 of his work  
 trusteth therein,  
 to make dumb idols?

19 WOE  
 unto him  
 that saith  
 to the wood,  
 "Awake;"  
 to the dumb stone,  
 "Arise,"  
 it shall teach!

Central stanza of this Woe

**Poetic structure of v.19**

Woe to

He that says

↑ To the wood

↑ 'Awake'

↓ 'Arise'

↓ To the dumb stone

He instructs

Fifth Woe (concluded)

Contrast (concluded)

The Lord

All should be  
silent before Him  
King is in His palace

**20** But

the LORD

*is* in

his holy temple:

let all the earth

keep silence

before him.