

touch on the main points of it, but we notice Habakkuk's problem.

"Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord, my God, mine Holy One" he says. V.13, You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not ~~obk~~ on iniquity; why do you look on those people that deal so treacherously and hold your tongue when the wicked devour a man that is more righteous than he? They treat men like the fish of the sea. They gather them up with their net and carry them off to captivity. V.17, Shall they, therefore, empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations? Habakkuk had a problem ~~XXX~~ when he started. But now he has a worse problem.

In America we look at our country and the way it has been a lighthouse for God and now we see there are forces gathering around the world conquering nation after nation destroying the freedom of country after country, increasing their armaments while we decrease ours! Acting in such a way that one wonders how long it will be before they actually reduce us to the condition of bondage and slavery and persecution of Christians, that today has enslaved more than a third of the world. One wonders if this can happen.

If the Israelites deserved it, we certainly deserve it. Is it going to happen? What is ahead for our nation. Habakkuk saw the problem, and he called out to God in his anguish and we can't help see the problem today if we look at all squarely at the condition of the world today.

I wonder how many of you have read ~~SI~~ Solzhenitsyn's two volumes on the Gulag Archepelego in which he shows the way in which the Russian people are treated. I wonder if you read the book The Persecutor which tells how one was inveigled into becoming ~~mf~~ a leader of those who were trying to destroy Christians by being told they were the great enemies of the state and would go in among them and try to be violent and disrupt their lives and sieze their leadership and destroy their copies of the Bible.

The condition of sending Cuban troops into Angola and trying to take over that area, Spreading all over the world while we are decreasing our means of protecting ourselves. What is ahead? We should cry out like Habakkuk, Is the Lord going to allow them to destroy those who are more righteous than they are? Habakkuk wants to know what to think and he did the right thing in ch.2.

He said, I will stand upon my watch, and set myself upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reprov'd. Tecaue if Habakkuk went out and told about this terrible thing that was going to happen the people would reprove ~~ZAZAZA~~ him, and would say, What are you saying? What a crazy thing that our God would allow all us to be taken over and that by these violent Chaldeans. What an awful thing? What shall I say when I am reprov'd?

In v.2 the Lord answered: "Write the vision, and make it plain upon ~~ZAZAZAZAZAZA~~ tables. . . "This word "make it plain" occurs only three times in the OT. It is used when Moses wrote the law of God on the stones