

that men have made, not the true god, but stepping out and ^{being} used as an instrument of God to accomplish His purposes and they conquer the kingdom of Judah and they ~~kill~~ blinded Zedekiah, the last king and took him into captivity and reduced the land into bondage unto them. All this Habakkuk looks forward to and Habakkuk sees what is going to come and He has declared here how God is going to use an instrument to ~~see~~ accomplish His purposes, but now Habakkuk immediately instead of being satisfied, ~~thing~~ thinks of another problem, and so verse 12-17 present another problem. Here again we have the word of Habakkuk. God has spoken to Habakkuk in verses 5-11 --Habakkuk answered. And Habakkuk having a more active and fertile mind than the average person, immediately sees fuller implications to this and he is not quite satisfied. He sees a satisfaction to the ~~is~~ problem, the wickedness of Israel and the fact that God is a god of justice and righteousness and is going to punish them for their sins. He ~~se~~ sees that problem satisfied but he sees what seems to him to be a much greater problem, He says how can it be that a people like the Chaldeans, a wicked ~~x~~ people, a bitter people, a terrible people, a people who worship false gods, a people whose level of morality and decency is far lower than that of the people of Israel and you know, as ~~our~~ archaeology has opened up the remains ~~fe~~ of the homes and palaces of the ~~ep~~ people of ancient ~~times~~ times, we find that, ~~these~~ though there is evidence of sin and wickedness, ~~there-is---~~ in the kingdoms of Israel ~~of~~ and Judah, that the standard of morality, ~~that the scale of living is far higher than what you find in any of the other nations of antiquity. It is ~~to~~ tremendously higher than the standard of the Canaanites whom they displaced, and they never sank ~~x~~ anywhere near as low as the Canaanites ~~eh~~ who preceded, but~~ morally they are far above the people who are round about them--they have a much higher standard. Now if they have