

but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another. For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup with foaming wine, well mixed, and he pours out from it, and all the wicked of the earth shall drain it down to the dregs. Psalm 75:7–8 (ESV)

The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. Psalm 104:16 (ESV)

5. Those who worship idols trust in their own creation, which is worthless.

“What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.” Habakkuk 2:18–20 (ESV)

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Psalm 96:5 (ESV)



Habakkuk 2:6-20 – Nobody Gets Away With Anything.

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Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say,... Habakkuk 2:6 (ESV)

How does God bring justice in this life?

1. Those who steal and oppress will be robbed and destroyed.

...“Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own— for how long?— and loads himself with pledges!” Will not your debtors suddenly arise, and those awake who will make you tremble? Then you will be spoil for them. Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them. Habakkuk 2:6–8 (ESV)

...and the king answered and said, “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?” Daniel 4:30 (ESV)

...since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 2 Thessalonians 1:6 (ESV)

When it looks like the world is out of control and the wicked are winning, know that God is on his throne. Nobody gets away with anything. We can trust his good purposes, even if we can not understand his ways.

2. God will destroy the future of all who try to leave a legacy built on a foundation of their sin.

"Woe to him who gets evil gain for his house, to set his nest on high, to be safe from the reach of harm! You have devised shame for your house by cutting off many peoples; you have forfeited your life. For the stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the woodwork respond. Habakkuk 2:9–11 (ESV)

...Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors. Proverbs 1:18–19 (ESV)

The horror you inspire has deceived you, and the pride of your heart, you who live in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill. Though you make your nest as high as the eagle's, I will bring you down from there, declares the Lord. Jeremiah 49:16 (ESV)

...saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out." Luke 19:38–40 (ESV)

3. God will destroy all nations built on slavery and injustice.

"Woe to him who builds a town with blood and founds a city on iniquity! Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts that peoples labor merely for fire, and nations weary themselves for nothing? For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:12–14 (ESV)

4. Those who shame people and abuse God's creation will experience Gods wrath.

"Woe to him who makes his neighbors drink— you pour out your wrath and make them drunk, in order to gaze at their nakedness! You will have your fill of shame instead of glory. Drink, yourself, and show your uncircumcision! The cup in the Lord's right hand will come around to you, and utter shame will come upon your glory! The violence done to Lebanon will overwhelm you, as will the destruction of the beasts that terrified them, for the blood of man and violence to the earth, to cities and all who dwell in them. Habakkuk 2:15–17 (ESV)

King Belshazzar made a great feast for a thousand of his lords and drank wine in front of the thousand. Belshazzar, when he tasted the wine, commanded that the vessels of gold and of silver that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple in Jerusalem be brought, that the king and his lords, his wives, and his concubines might drink from them. Daniel 5:1–2 (ESV)

Babylon was a golden cup in the Lord's hand, making all the earth drunken; the nations drank of her wine; therefore the nations went mad. Jeremiah 51:7 (ESV)