

## The Three Eternal Destinies #101 At a Glance — Hab 2:2,3

### #2377 — Vision, Revelation

**Dan 2:44; Hab 1:12 - 2:5** — This refers to the restored twelve tribes who are raised up to execute judgment on the nations (Ps 149:6-9). Hab 1:13 — The unjust swallow up the righteous. Hab 1:5,4 — The wicked, unjust hem in the righteous so that justice is perverted. Hab 2:2 — This is the beginning of the word of God which is cast upon the earth in these last days. Isa 11:4 — *He will Strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, "His word"* (Dt 32:41; Eze 21:29 Isa 52:6; 59:14-21).

Hab 2:2; Heb 10:37-38 — 2000 years ago was not the appointed time. "A little while" has lasted more than 1900 years. Hab 2:4 is not talking about the just or righteous in the church, but in the world — it contrasts the unjust with the just as Rev 22:11. The *just* shall live by their own *faithfulness* to what he knows is right and good. What does *tarry* mean as Heb 10:37 — and a *little while*? In just a very little while the coming one will come and not delay. So everyone perished but He did not come. So who was the writer of Hebrews? 1 Ths 4:15-17 says we who are alive and remain. But this was written 1900 years ago. Hab 2:3 — at the end it shall speak and not lie; though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come and will not tarry. The vision is the end of the age when the three categories of men in Rev 22:11 are most prevalent.

For 1900 years there has not been one holy one — many righteous and more unjust, and today the filthy are widespread, where men's wickedness is turning into filth. The self-exalted in Hab 2:4 is not upright in conscience — he does not live by his conscience, is not faithful to the Everlasting Covenant (Isa 24:5-6). He is a wine drinker; he is proud; he is a gadabout and pleasure seeker; he enlarges his desire as death and Hades — not satisfied, greedy, covetous, murderous, unmerciful, takes advantage of others, violent, hurtful, ruins other people's lives. Isa 24:5-6 — They broke the Everlasting Covenant *in the last days*.

Rom 9:28; Isa 45:23; 55:11; Hab 2:4 — The unfaithful breathes foul air, but the upright, by his own righteousness will live by his *own faithfulness*.

Hab 2:6-20 — Becoming rich and famous by unjust means, building towns with blood, degrading one's neighbor, idol worship. Hab 2:4 — The just (righteous) shall live by his faithfulness — faithful to do the good thing in the times when to do otherwise would cause his neighbor harm, in contrast to the proud and unjust and filthy.

The vision in Hab 2 contrasts what will happen to the unjust man and to the righteous man. Here being *faithful* implies fidelity or loyalty to one's conscience, according to Isa 24:5-6.

All the while God is desiring all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:4). So the vision must be written on *tables* in every town and city — the destiny of the unjust and the just. Both have an eternal destiny, a second death or a second life. The unjust go on existing without faithfulness unjust still (Rev 22:11), after the resurrection and judgment (Heb 9:27). We must contrast the eternal destinies of both.

There are five woes — Hab 2:6,9,12,15,19.

Lk 1:63 speaks of a writing table or tablet. In Luke's day, as in 800 BC, medical writers used a boxwood tablet smeared with beeswax (Theology Word Book, Old Testament). Should we use a small billboard as in Asher? In Hab 2:2, in order to be read at a glance, it had to be inscribed on something the size of a small billboard.

Our responsibility is to set up tables in the towns around the clan where we live. Also we must reach our region, the tribe we live in, by buses. But as many times per week as possible we are to take our table and tablets and *be available* for those whom 1 Tim 2:4 speaks of. We are responsible — who else is but 1 Pet 2:9-10?