

22 The Lord Promises Vengeance on Babylon

"See, he is puffed up;
his desires are not upright—
but the righteous will live by his
faith—

indeed, wine betrays him;
he is arrogant and never at rest.
Because he is as greedy as the grave
and like death is never satisfied,
he gathers to himself all the nations
and takes captive all the peoples.

"Will not all of them taunt him with
ridicule and scorn, saying,

"Woe to him who piles up stolen
goods
and makes himself wealthy by
extortion!
How long must this go on?"

I heard and my heart pounded,
my lips quivered at the sound;
decay crept into my bones,
and my legs trembled.
Yet I will wait patiently for the day of
calamity
to come on the nation invading us.
Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

The Sovereign Lord is my strength;
He makes my feet like the feet of a
deer,
he enables me to go on the heights.

Habakkuk 2:4-6; 3:16-19a