

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

The Earth Filled with the Knowledge of the Glory of the LORD **Habakkuk 2:14**

1. Babylon – the “Glory” of man’s pride

The “haughty man” of 2:5 who gathers all nations to himself

= the conquering Chaldeans of 1:5-11, that is, Babylon the Proud

The evils of Babylon are described in 2:2-19.

But it is not just ancient Babylon that is in view.

Babylon represents the epitome of human pride through history.

See Revelation, chapters 17:1-6 & 18:3,12-13

2. “Woes” (five) pronounced against Babylon, man’s pride

“Woe” = a dire warning: “You won’t last, doom is coming on you.”

Habakkuk’s woes harken back to Isaiah 2:5-22 (vs.17 below).

And they look ahead to Revelation 18 -

“Fallen, fallen, is Babylon the great! ... (18:2)_

Woe, woe, the great city ... in one hour such great wealth has
been laid waste.” (18:17)

We – believers in Christ, His Church – live in Babylon the seducer.

Do not be seduced.

“Stop regarding [mere] man, whose breath is in his nostrils.” **Isa.2:22**

3. It is “the knowledge of the glory of the LORD that will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.”

In the midst of all this gloom & doom, the LORD through Habakkuk
shows us the glorious future: vs. 14.

It is NOT the glory of man that will triumph, but the glory of God.

See the promise of **Isaiah 40:5** (below).

- a. Fulfillment begun: the coming of the Lord from heaven -
the birth, earthly ministry, death, resurrection & ascension
of Jesus. **John 1:14**
- b. The Church is proclaiming the glory of the Lord to the ends of the
earth, and the Lord is revealing His glory in the gospel to those He
is saving. We are privileged to be part of the fulfillment of 2:14.
- c. Christ will come in the glory of His Father –
“Every knee will bow ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ
is Lord to the glory of God the Father.” **Phil. 5:8-11**
- redeemed with joy & worship, - lost rebels with dread

*And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled,
and the lofty pride of men shall be brought low,
and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day. ...
And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.*

Isaiah 2:17, 40:5