The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! EVEN cry out unto thee [of] violence, and thou wilt not save!

Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause [me] to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence [are] before me: and there are [that] raise up strife and contention.

Therefore the law is slackened, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.

Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for [I] will work a work in your days, [which] ye will not believe, though it be told [you].

For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, [that] bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellings [that are] not theirs.

They [are] terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.

Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle [that] hasteth to eat.

They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up [as] the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.
And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.

Then shall [his] mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, [imputing] this his power unto his god.

And maketh men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, [that have] no ruler over them? They take up all of them in their net, and gather them in their net, and gather upon them that deal judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for judgment; and, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.

[Thou art] of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, [and] holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth [the man that is] more righteous than he?

Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion [is] fat, and their meat plenteous.

Shall they therefore empty their net, and not spare continually to slay the nations?