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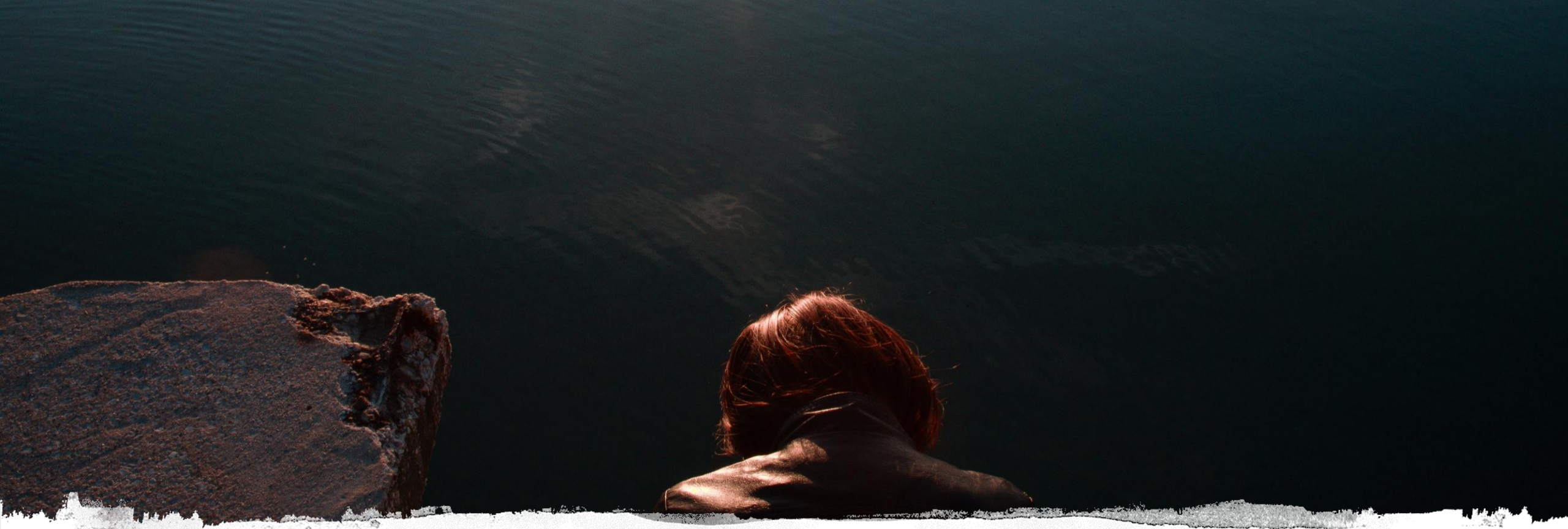
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Babylon's **prideful stench** was reaching the nostrils of God and they didn't know that they were walking the road leading to disaster.

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**STRONG  
WARNING  
TO THE  
PROUD**

A person stands on a rocky shore, their arms raised in a gesture of triumph or surrender. The scene is framed within a circular vignette that has a rough, torn-paper edge. The background shows a calm sea meeting a sky with soft, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is one of hope and resilience.

**A POWERFUL**  
encouragement  
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**HUMBLE**

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The treachery of wine is described in Prov.  
23:31-32. It looks so inviting in the glass but  
*"in the end it bites like a serpent and stings like a  
viper."*



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“God is not out to *hurt* our  
pride; he is out to *kill* it.”

-*Donald Pfotenhauer*



“God abhors them worst  
who adore themselves  
most.”

*-William Seeker*

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VERSES 6-7

# Thief

## A. The Slap in the Face of

## the Proud

<sup>6</sup>Will not all of these take up a taunt-song  
against him,

*In the end however, these  
NATIONS will have the LAST LAUGH.  
SIN SHALL BE PUNISHED.*

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and say, 'Woe to him who increases what is not his— for how long—And makes himself rich with loans?'

*The Babylonians are presented here as THIEVES, because of the phrase "what is not his" and the word "LOANS."*

*"Woe" is an interjection of distress pronounced in the face of disaster or in view of coming judgment (e.g., Isa. 3:11; 5:11; 10:5) because of certain sins.*

*"Woe" was used frequently by the prophets (22 times by Isa, 10 times in Jer. and LAM., 7 TIMES BY Ezekiel, and 14 times in the Minor Prophets).*

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How long would these evil aggressors be permitted to retain their ill-gained plunder? The question is being asked, but the answer seems to be in the NEGATIVE based on the context.

**It WILL NOT BE FOREVER.**

**The PROUD PEOPLE'S SUCCESS will NOT BE FOREVER!**

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## C. The Plunder of the

### Proud

Will not your creditors rise up suddenly, and those who collect from you awaken? Indeed, you will become plunder for them.

The time shall come when COLLECTING time for the PROUD will come.

**SIN WILL ALWAYS BE PUNISHED.**

**EVERYTHING EQUALIZES ITSELF IN THE END. God is the GREAT EQUALIZER.**

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**“If we be ruled by sin, we shall inevitably be ruined by it.”**

*-Matthew Henry*

**“Sin is the womb of our sorrows and the grave of our comforts.”**

*-Thomas Watson*



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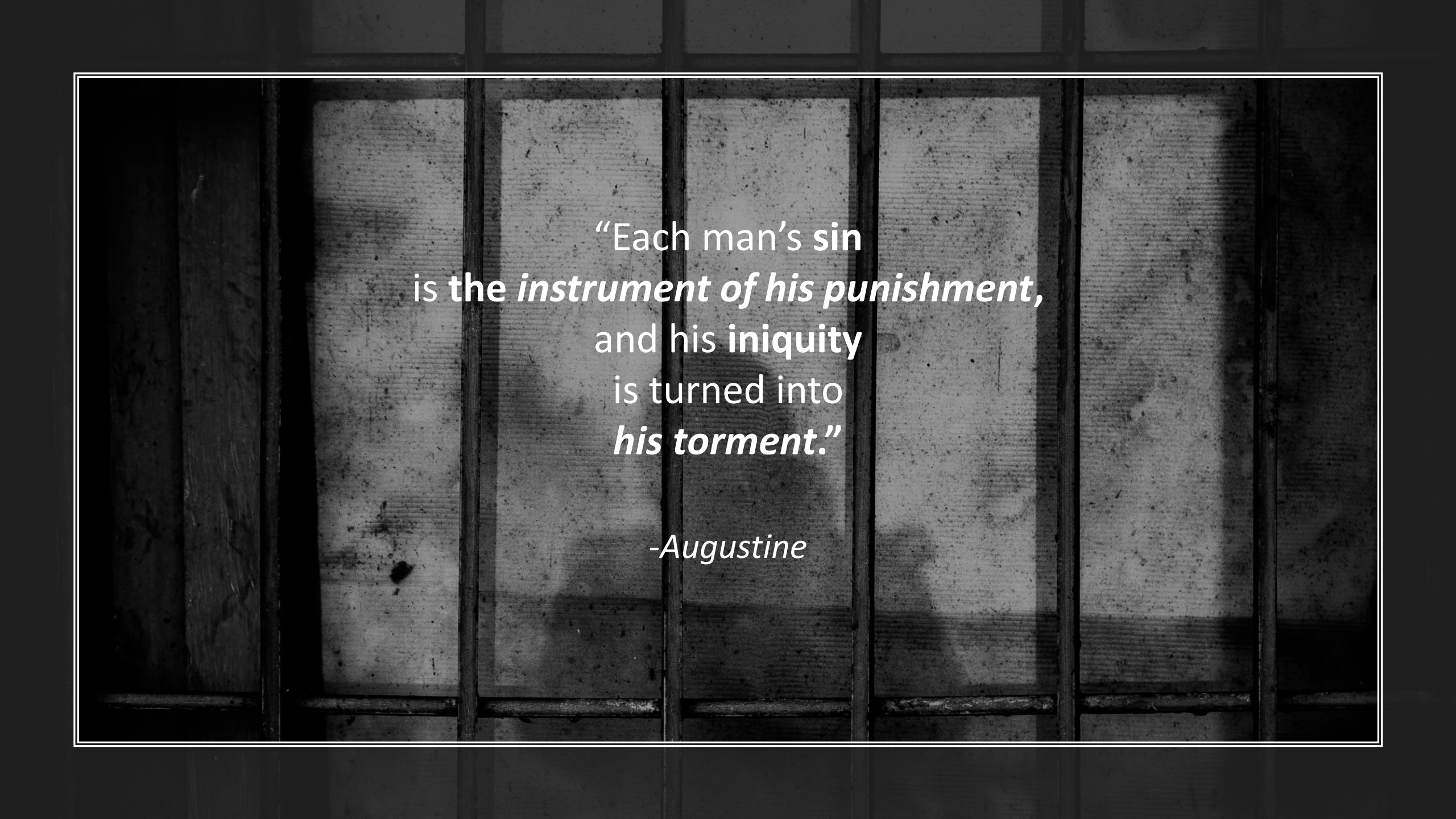
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The things they did to other nations will return to them. They too shall be **PLUNDERED**.

**The biters will become BITTEN.**  
**The plunderers will become PLUNDERED.**  
**The victors will become the VANQUISHED.**

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“Each man’s sin  
is the *instrument of his punishment*,  
and his iniquity  
is turned into  
*his torment.*”

-Augustine

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**Looting**  
8“Because you have looted many nations, all the remainder of the peoples will loot you—

*The Babylonians PLUNDERED and KILLED. This is what shall happen to them too. Their evil will return on their heads.*

*The principle stated here is WHAT WE SOW, WE SHALL REAP—the LAW OF COMPENSATION.*

# 3. The Payback on the Proud

VERSE 8

## B. The Sin of Bloodshed and

### Violence

because of human bloodshed and violence done to the land, to the town and all its inhabitants.

*The proud man can never escape the hand of God. He may think that he is escaping the hand of God, but it is only for a season. There is such a thing as **PAYBACK TIME.***

A close-up photograph of two hands held out, palms up, against a dark background. The hands are positioned symmetrically, with fingers slightly spread. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the veins on the palms. The overall mood is one of vulnerability and offering.

It is a  
**FEARFUL THING TO FALL INTO**  
**THE HANDS OF THE LIVING**  
**GOD,**  
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