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and You do not listen (B)  
I cry out "violence!" (A')  
and You do not save? (B')
- 3 Why do You force me to look at injustice? (C)  
Why do You tolerate wrongdoing? (D)  
Oppression and violence are right in front of me. (C')  
Strife is ongoing, and conflict escalates. (D')
- 4 Therefore Torah is crippled (E)  
justice never comes out. (F)  
For the wicked hem in the righteous; (E')  
so that justice comes out perverted. (F')
- 5 Look at the nations and watch (G)  
be utterly astounded! (H)  
For I am doing something in your days that you will not believe (H')  
even if you were told of it. (H'')
- 6 Look! I am raising up the Chaldeans, (G')  
that ruthless, impetuous nation (I)  
which marches across the whole earth (J)  
to seize lands not its own. (J')
- 7 They are fierce and terrifying; (I')  
a law unto themselves (K)  
and the source of their own honor. (K')
- 8 Their horses are swifter than leopards (L)  
and more fierce than wolves at night. (L')  
Their horsemen charge ahead; (L'')  
their horsemen come from distant lands. (M)  
They fly like an eagle, (L''')  
swooping to devour, (L'''' )  
9 each of them comes to do violence. (L''''')
- They advance like a desert wind, (N)  
and gather prisoners like sand. (N')
- 10 They mock kings, (O)  
rulers are a joke to them, (O')  
they laugh at every fortress (O'')  
and pile up earth to capture it. (P)
- 11 Then they blow through like a windstorm and go on. (Q)  
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