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Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
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Wayne Braudrick

Why Questions

Habakkuk 1:1-11

Be Astonished Series

Life Change: We dialogue honestly with God.

The unintentional disciplines...

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Habakkuk's pronouncement/the burden

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Habakkuk questions God's seeming indifference.

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Habakkuk questions God's seeming insensitivity.

3-4

Habakkuk is introduced to God's sovereign ways.

5

God describes specifics of His plan to work good via bad.

6-10

God reminds Habakkuk salvation is not in human strength.

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I am doing something in your days...

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US rate rise chances recede as jobs growth slows

MarketWatch | The chances of a rate hike are fading as a weaker economy slows the Fed's inflation target. The Fed is expected to hold rates steady for the next few months.

Rate	Change
3-month T-bill	0.125%
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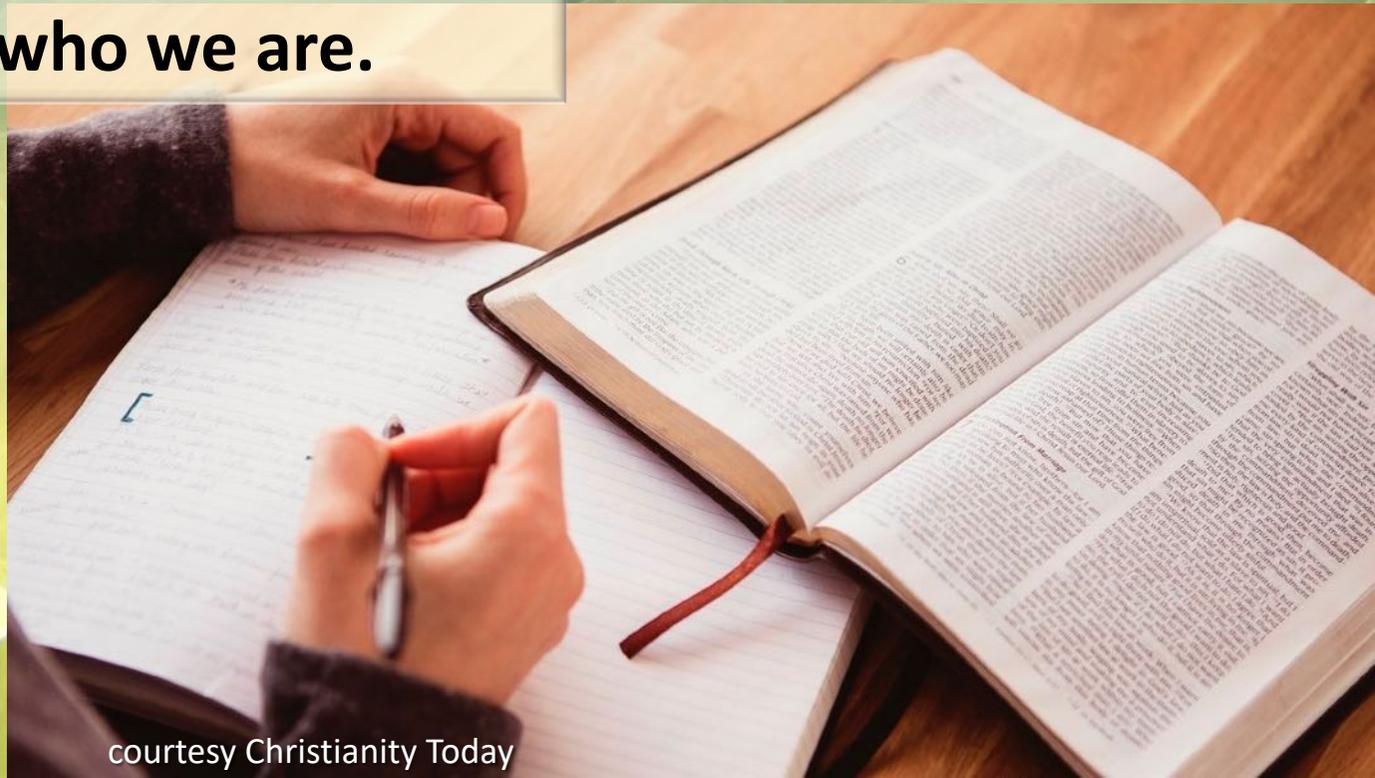


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The intentional disciplines of the Christian life are practices found in scripture and voluntarily engaged in by Christians to promote spiritual growth & live out who we are.



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These intentional disciplines include:

- The discipline of grace (relying on God's empowerment)
- The discipline of humble submission (obeying scripture)
- The disciplines of Bible intake (study/sermons/etc)
- The disciplines of worship (song/praises/etc)
- The discipline of simplicity (learning contentment)
- The disciplines of voluntary sacrifice (giving/serving/etc)
- The disciplines of dialoguing with God
(praying/meditating/etc)
- The discipline of fellowship (engaging w Jesus' people)



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Unintentional disciplines are the difficult times in a Christian's life when the realities of the fallen world and separation from God weigh heavy; yet present an opportunity for spiritual growth. – Martin MacDonald

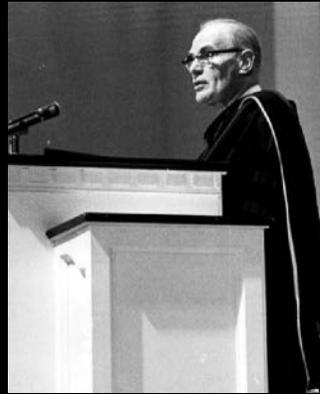


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2018

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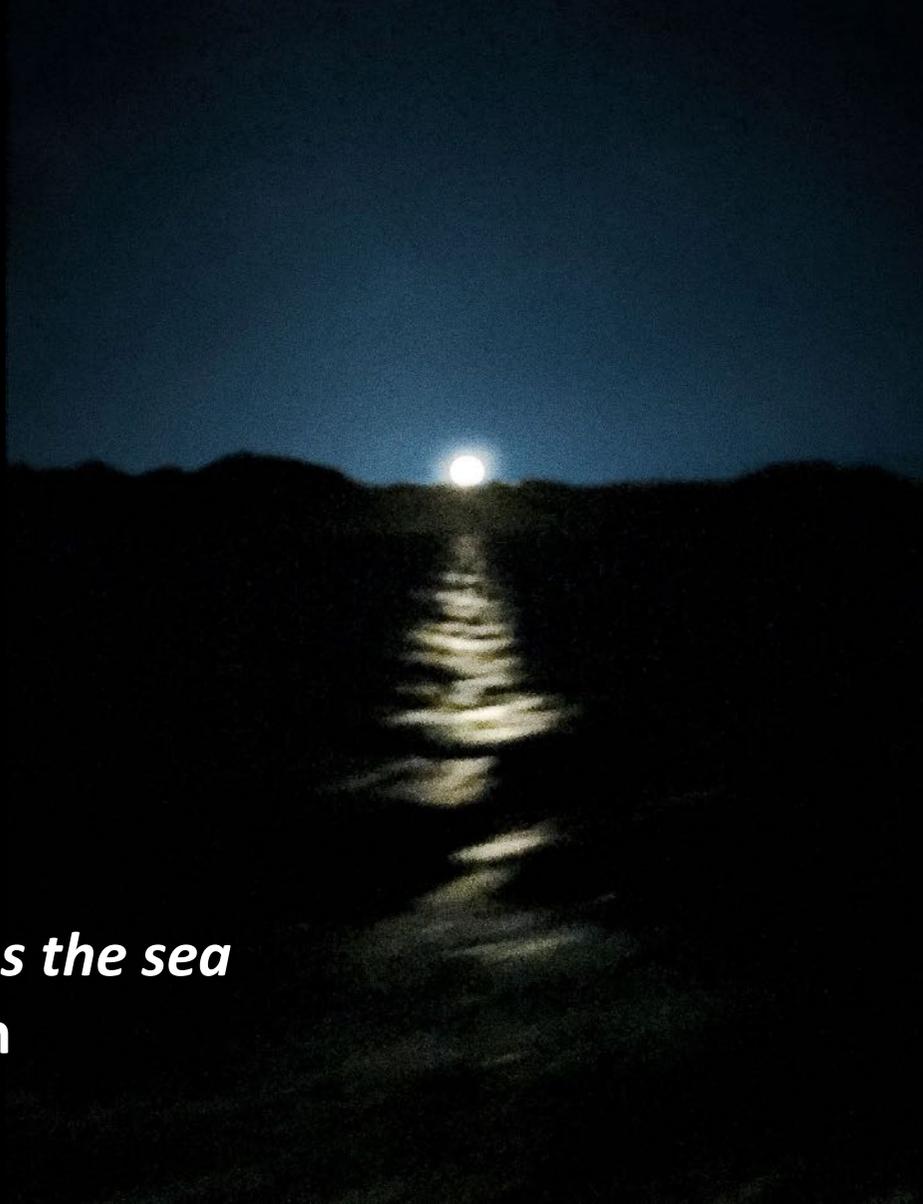
There will come a day when the sun will again shine on the world of men...but it is not this day!



courtesy New Line Cinema



courtesy Big Idea



**The unintended
disciplines serve a
great & noble
purpose – they
make us fully rely
on God like
nothing else can.**

Who encircles the sea

Wendy Given

2017

These disciplines let us see ourselves as we really are: little, frail, and dependent. They cure us of thinking that our strength is our god. – Fran Legband

I have faced much darkness, and those have been the times when I have learned most about my own sinfulness and the depth of passages like James 1 and Romans 5. – David Wade

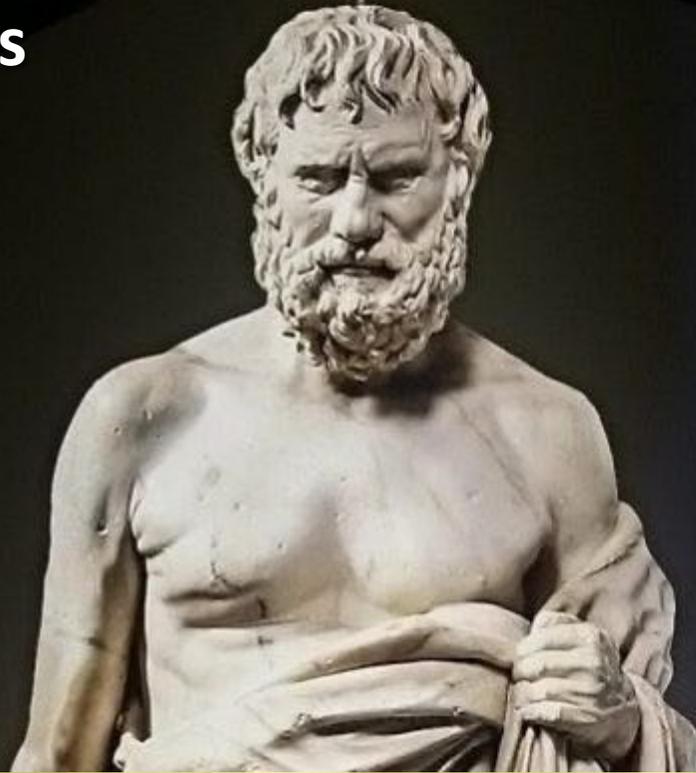
We can't get to the astonishing great news of God if we don't first see how dark the darkness is. Learning to walk is accompanied by falling down. – Cindy Sharp



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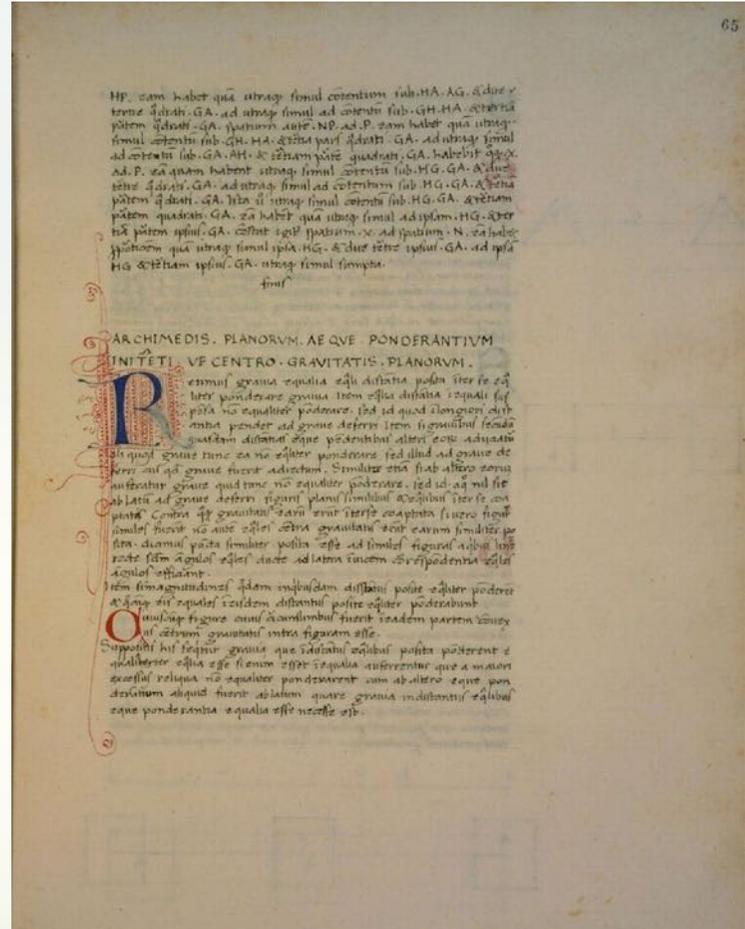
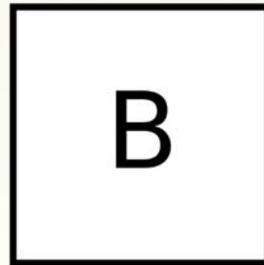
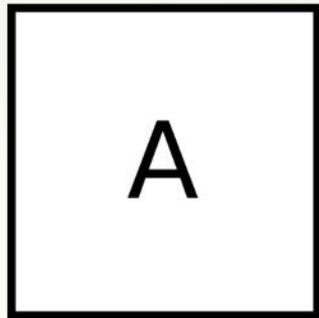
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Archimedes

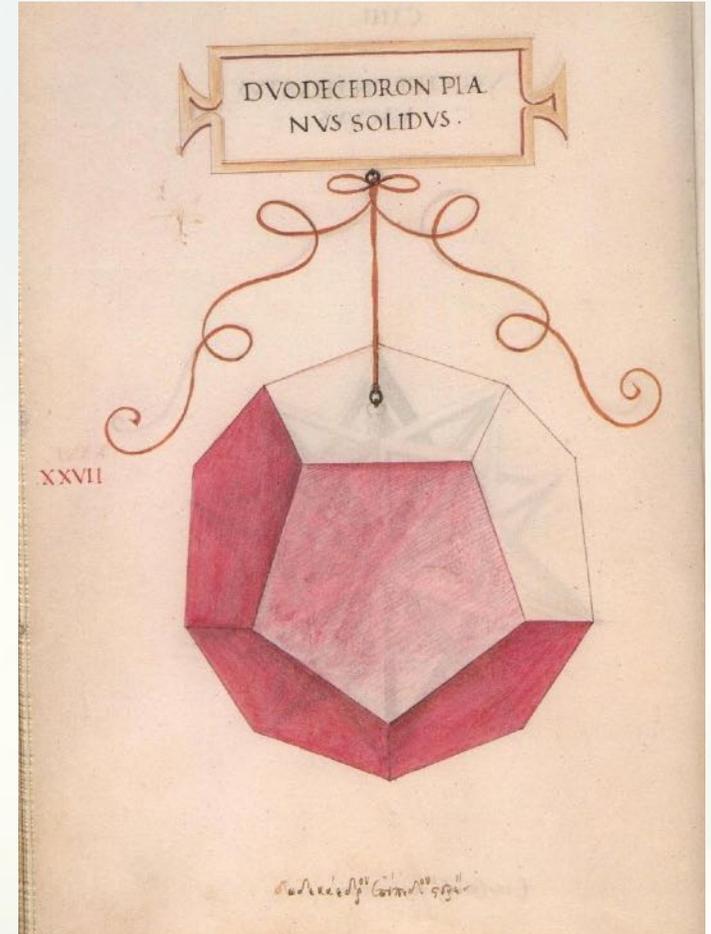


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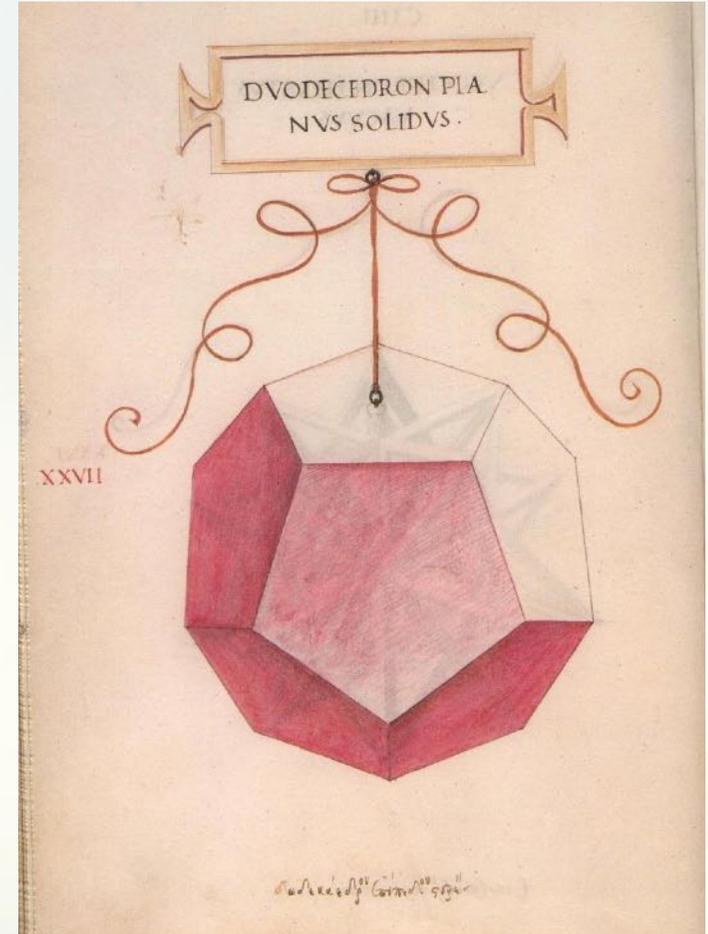
Archimedes' *On the Equilibrium of Planes* Piero della Francesca translation [1490 Latin]



Leonardo DaVinci
Dodecahedron
inspired by Archimedes



**Archimedes was actually 1700 yrs
ahead of Da Vinci in *The Method of
Mechanical Theorems.***



**Archimedes *The
Method of
Mechanical
Theorems*
recycled for a 10th
c. prayer book**



courtesy Walters Art Museum, Baltimore



Habakkuk
Antônio Francisco Lisboa
1805

courtesy Santuário do Bom Jesus de Matosinhos



When it comes to the unintentional disciplines, all of history consists of footnotes to Habakkuk. What Archimedes is to mechanics, Habakkuk is to the study of delay, disappointment, difficulty, and darkness.

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Habakkuk 1

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Heart Murmur



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you please get all
the visitors out
of the room?**

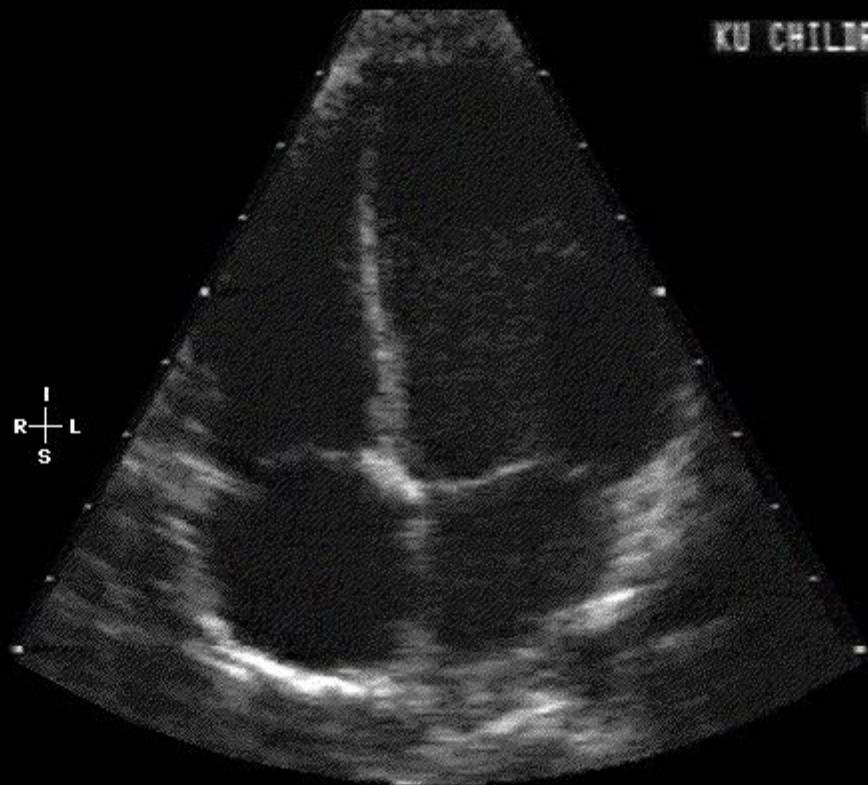


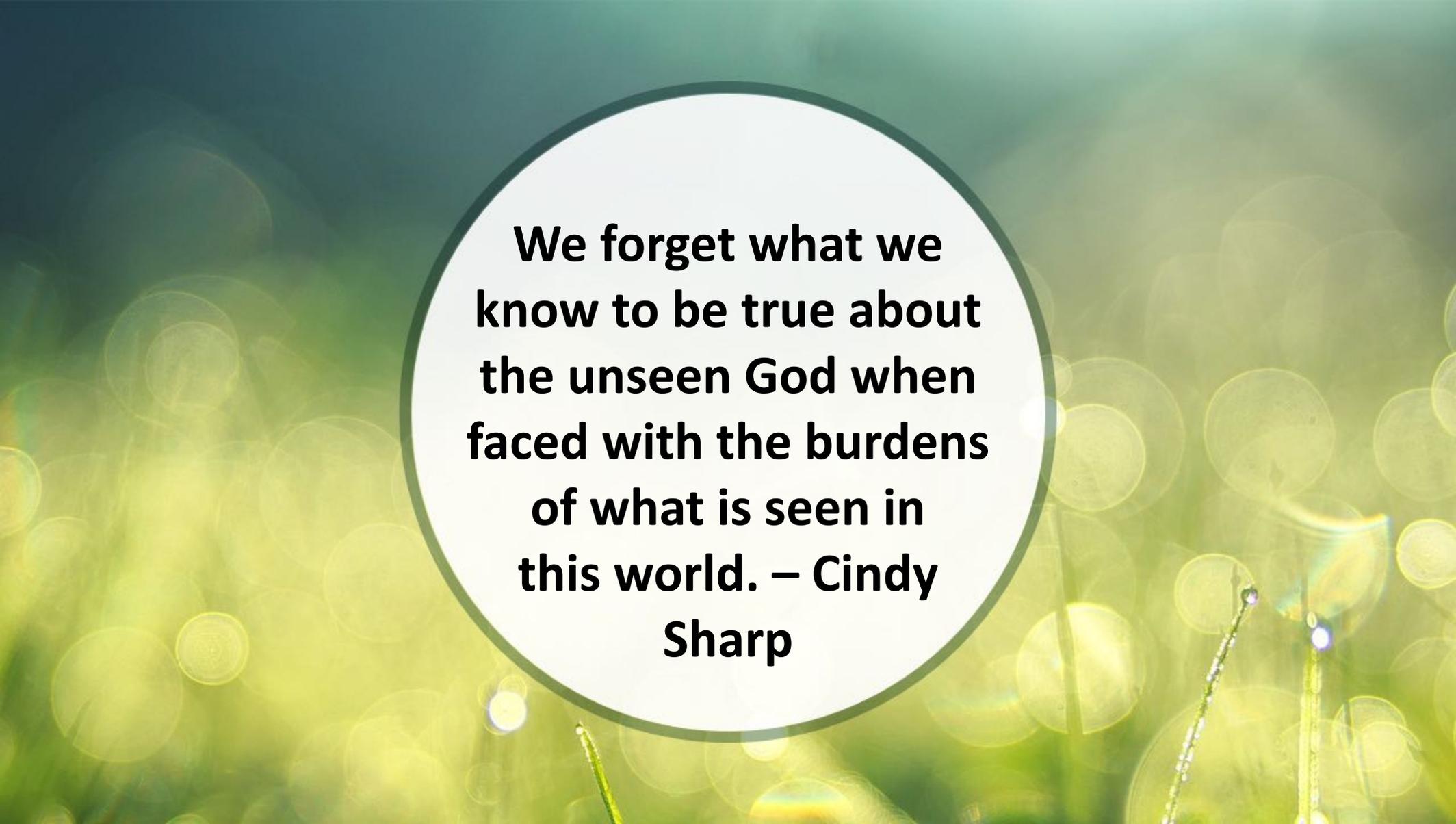
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**We forget what we
know to be true about
the unseen God when
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of what is seen in
this world. – Cindy
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courtesy Got Questions

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whining

- presupposes an entitlement
- usually contains selfish motives



lament

- admits deserving of nothing
- honest-to-God dialogue



Lament, through the Holy Spirit, moves one from ‘me-centeredness’ to ‘God-centeredness’. Your distinction between whining and lament resonated with me; if the motive of my heart is to have an honest, authentic dialogue with God and if I am seeking, in this process of lament, to understand God’s heart and mind and surrender to His will, then I am moving from ‘me-centeredness’ to ‘God-centeredness’. But, if all I am bringing to God is a laundry list of complaints and entitlement demands, then I am whining. – Lacyn Ward

Habakkuk 1

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Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

Oppression and violence are right in front of me.

Strife is ongoing, and conflict escalates.

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Inferno
Pieter Huys
1570

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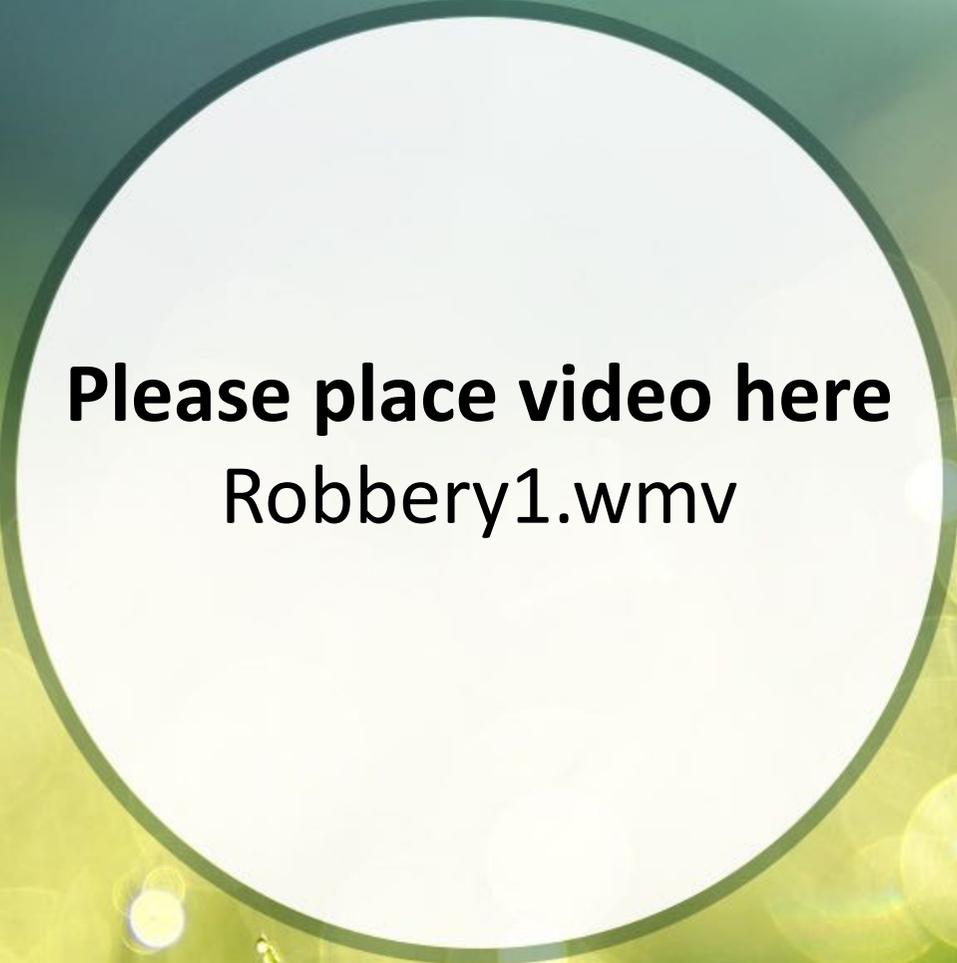
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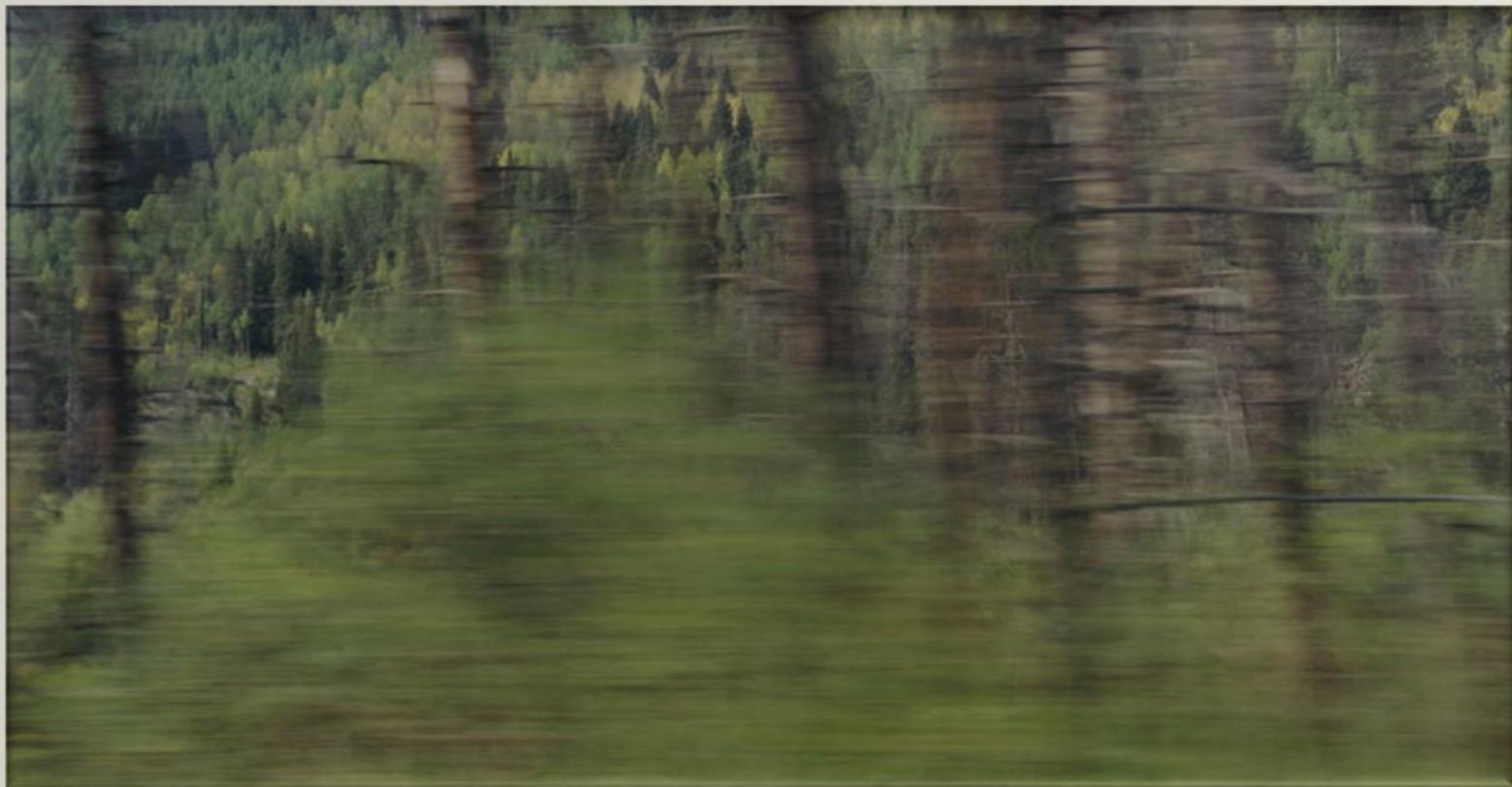
**Oooo...look who
knows so much!**



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Don't waste a
good illness!



Young retro mother
Karen Tullo
2019

This book teaches us that the true viewpoint of God's sovereignty is obtained when the discussion of these problems is carried into the presence of God, giving Him opportunity to tell us His secrets...When Habakkuk tried living in a day, he wailed, 'O God, you are doing nothing!' but when he began to breathe the sub-consciousness of eternity and touched the infinitude of deity, then he said, 'God is doing everything!' – G. Campbell Morgan, *The Minor Prophets*

Habakkuk 1

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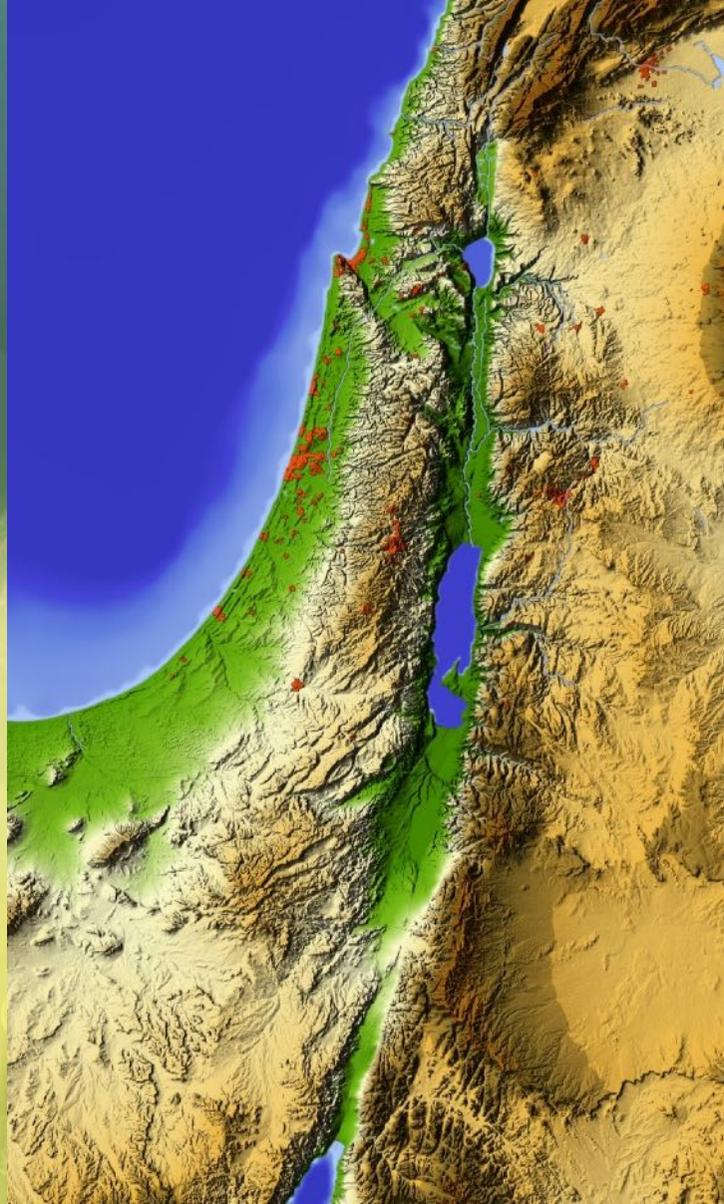
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**⁸ Their horses are swifter than leopards
and more fierce than wolves of the night.
Their horsemen charge ahead;
their horsemen come from distant lands.
They fly like eagles, swooping to devour.**

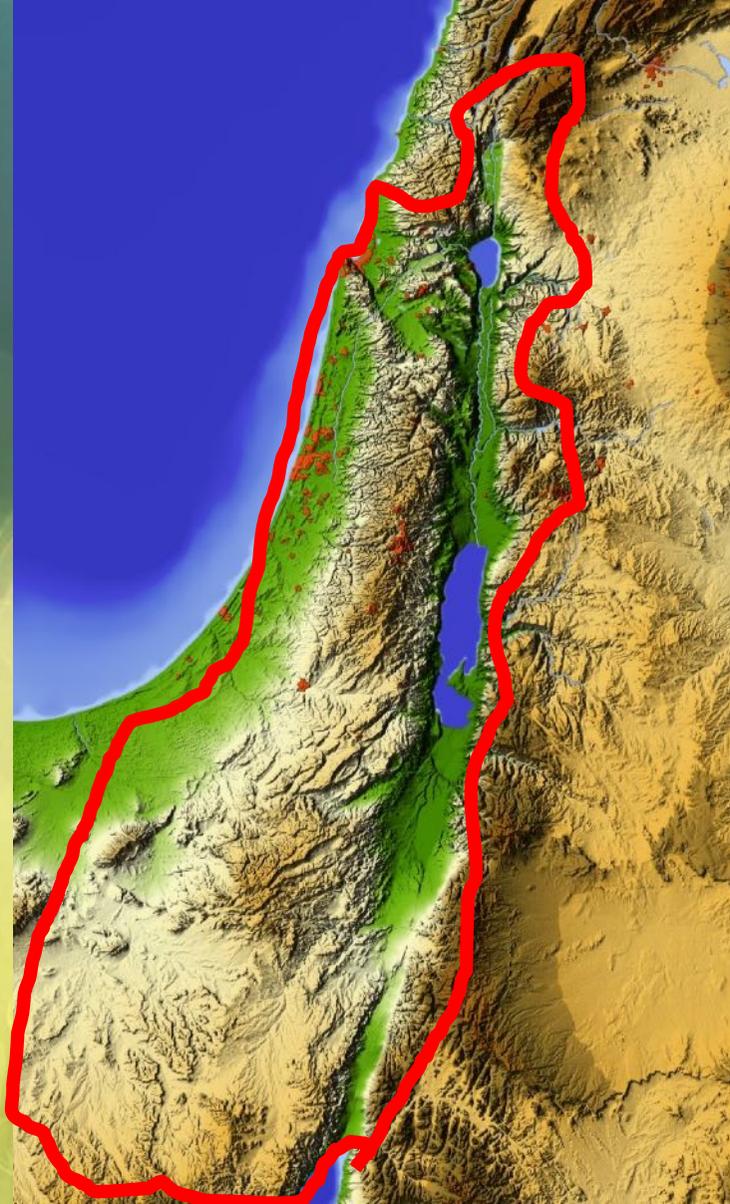
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Habakkuk 1

**10 They mock kings,
and rulers are a joke to them.
They laugh at every fortress
and build siege ramps to capture it. ^{CSB}**



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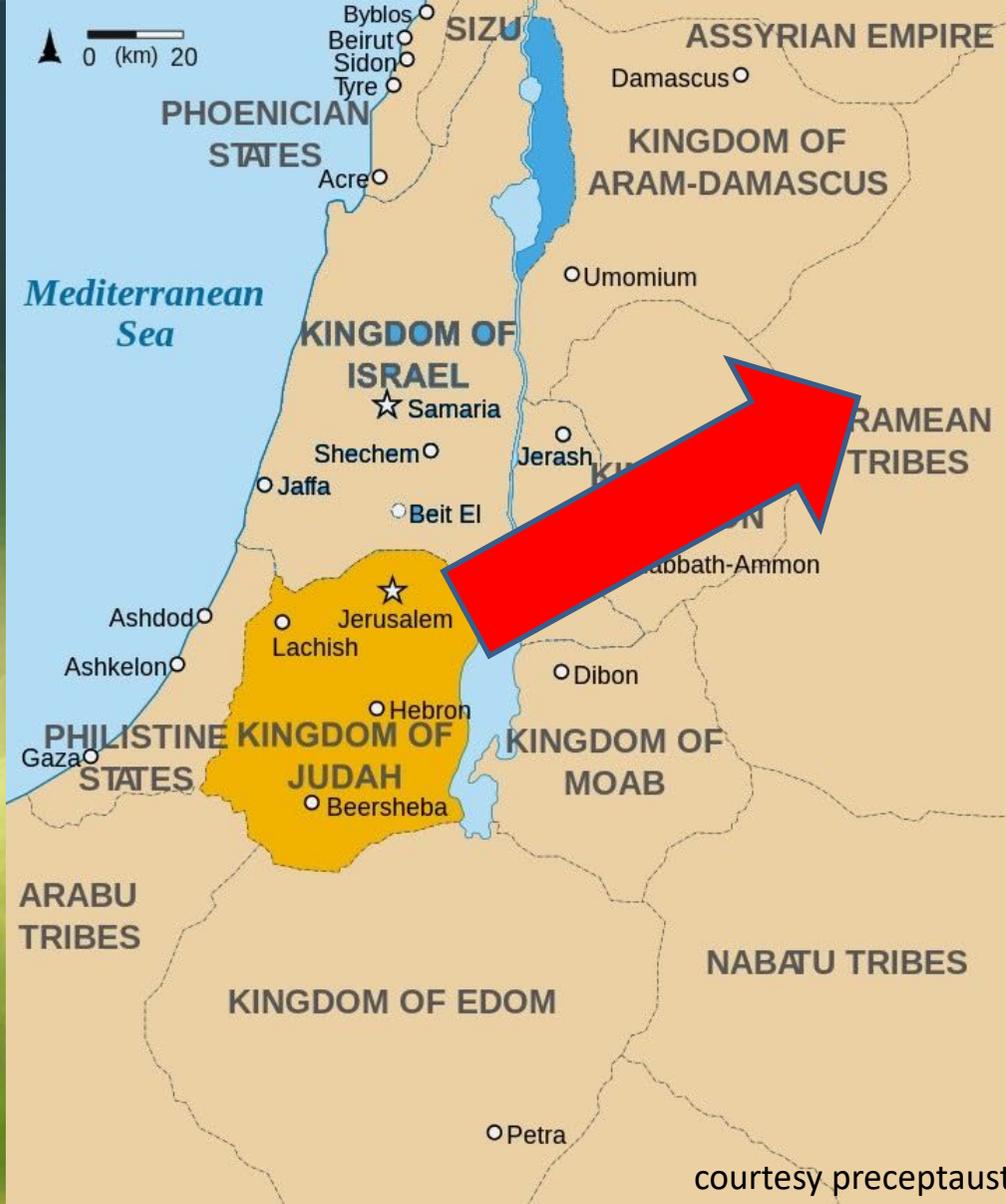
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Assyrians



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Babylonians



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Or maybe you're the one with the wrecking ball
Even though it's hard to believe
Even with everything you've seen**



**Even this will be made beautiful
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**Do you feel the pain
Of every blow that knocked you down
Or do you bear the shame
Of every wound you handed out
No matter what you gave or what you received
If you were left or the one to leave
Even though it's hard to hope again
This is not the bitter end**

**Even this will be made beautiful
Scatter the ashes on the wind
Everything will be born again
In His time, in His hands
Beautiful, beautiful
– Jason Gray “Even This Will
Be Made Beautiful**



Habakkuk questions God about His seeming indifference & insensitivity.



God answers with an introduction to His sovereignty and specifics about how He'll work good out of bad.

Habakkuk is the Archimedes of life's tough problems. Follow his path.



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Persia conquers Babylon



Habakkuk 1

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Neutral, universal pronoun, thus applies to all



Dark prayer

Kenneth Forland

2013

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US rate cut changes records as jobs growth slows

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve cut its benchmark interest rate to a new low of 0.25 percent on Wednesday, a move that analysts expect will help stimulate economic growth as the U.S. economy continues to struggle with the effects of the recession.

Year	Rate
2007	5.25%
2008	3.00%
2009	1.50%
2010	0.25%

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