

## ORDER OF SERVICE

May 2, 2021

Worship in Fellowship  
Worship in Music  
Worship in Message  
Worship in Giving

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### When Questions

*Habakkuk 2:4-3:2*

*Be Astonished Series*

Life Change: God's sovereignty gives ballast to our lives.

**Justice is taking too long.**

**Through 5 "woes," God exposes the fabric of justice.**

Woe for prideful ambition.

2:4-8

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Woe for false security.

2:9-11

**Through 5 "woes," God exposes the fabric of justice.**

Woe for violence.

2:12-14

Woe for bullying.

2:15-17

Woe for idolatry.

2:18-20

The woes expose the Lord as God working good.

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**Habakkuk is rattled into change.**

**3:1-2**

He prays about the need for all of God – justice and mercy.

He prays for the renewal found in God's sovereignty.



# OBSERVE

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## I am doing something in your days...

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### US rate rise chances recede as jobs growth slows

Category	Value
Unemployment rate	4.3%
Consumer confidence	103.1
Manufacturing output	1.2%
Retail sales	0.5%

# BE ASTONISHED

*a study of Habakkuk*

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE

- **Pastor Wayne, my teacher only likes girls...boys are always assumed to be bad. Will I ever have a teacher who likes boys?**
- **The bully at school gets everyone to laugh at me and he does it where the adults don't notice; worst of all, no one stands up for me. When will I be big enough to stop it?**

**Wayne, the judgment went our way. Again. But we still can't seem to collect a single dollar of the millions we are owed. The judge held [the other company] in contempt and said they must pay. But when? Judges speaking on our behalf is nice, but it doesn't pay the bills. I am so frustrated that I am crying out to God about my anger in all this. Sorry, I'm sure that's immature.**



***Habakkuk***

**Gian Lorenzo Bernini**

**1656-61**

courtesy Chigi Chapel, Rome

# the great questions

- 1. Is God God; i.e., is He truly sovereign?**
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*Habakkuk*  
James Tissot  
1896



courtesy dailyrunner



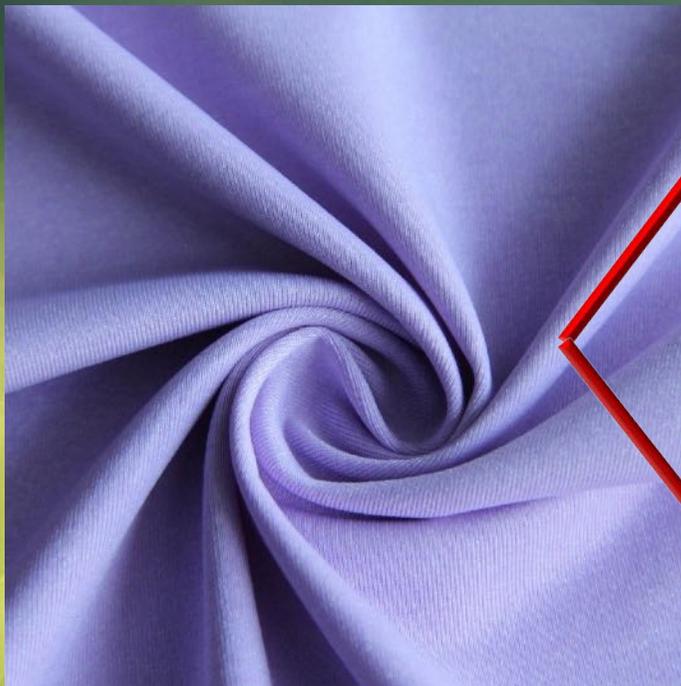
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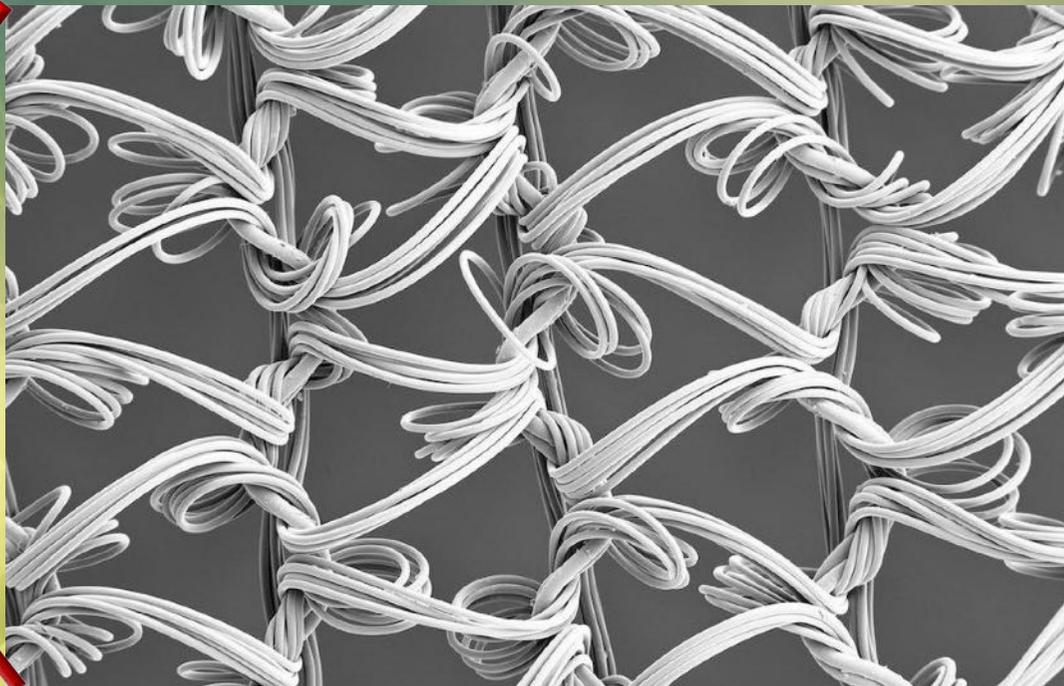
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what we see



actual microscopic structure



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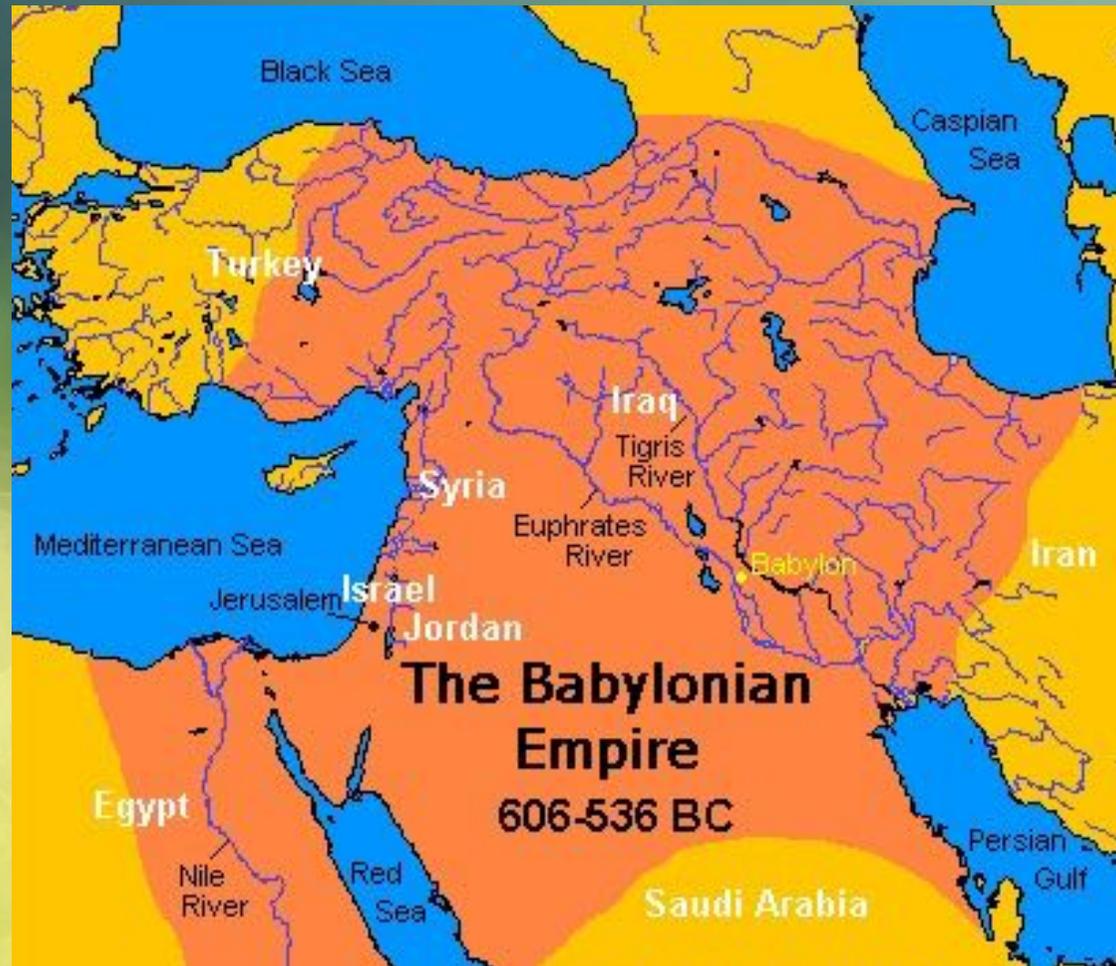
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**record of a Babylonian  
grape & barley harvest**



courtesy keyway

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Hebrew: מָשָׁל masal = sing-song  
parables that teach moral lessons

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courtesy behance

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*Belshazzar's feast*  
John Martin  
1821



courtesy Yale Center



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**Rembrandt**  
**ca.1636**

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courtesy whywomenlivelonger

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and founds a town with injustice!**

**13 Is it not from the LORD of Armies  
that the peoples labor only to fuel the fire  
and countries exhaust themselves for nothing?**

**14 For the earth will be filled  
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**Q. What do rape, abortion, child abuse, robbery, slavery, manipulative contracts, and confiscatory taxation have in common?**

**A. They are attempts to establish something you want through unjust treatment of others.**

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**13 Be sure of this! The LORD who commands armies  
has decreed:**

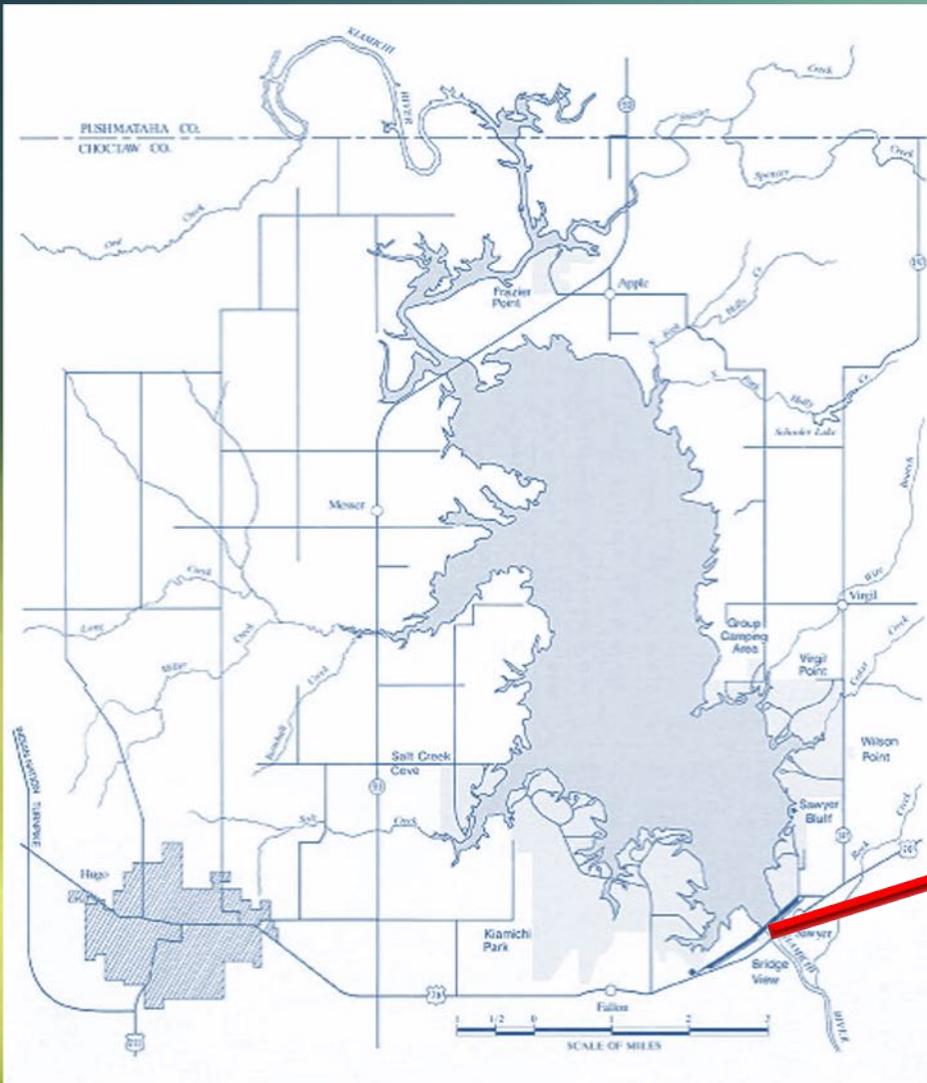
**The nations' efforts will go up in smoke;  
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courtesy Oklahoma State University



courtesy Army Corps of Engineers



courtesy lakehomesusa

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**See also Isaiah 6:3  
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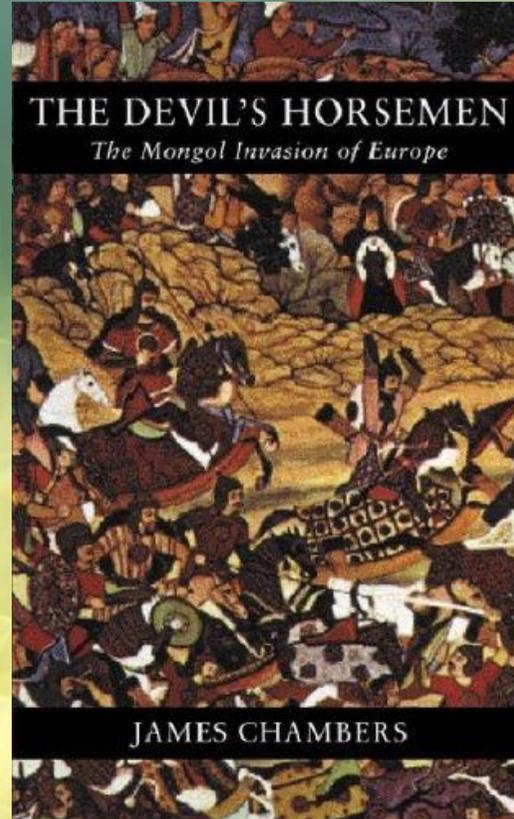
**15 Woe to him who gives his neighbors drink,  
pouring out your wrath  
and even making them drunk,  
in order to look at their nakedness!**

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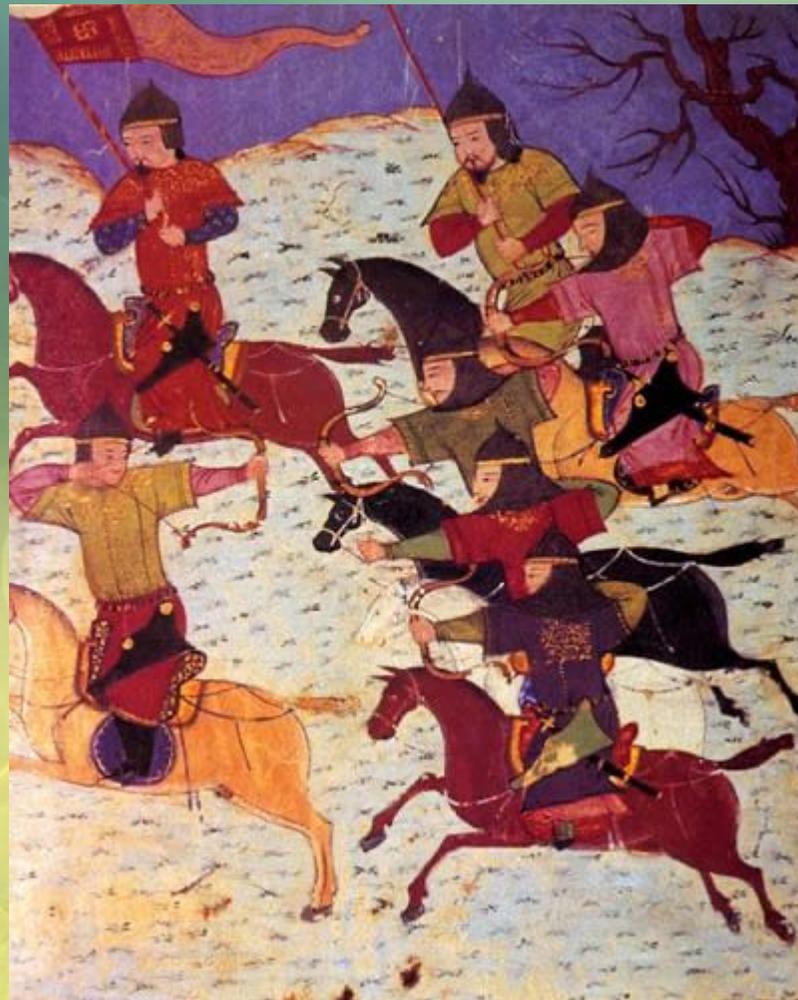
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**The Mongols are the only people I have found who matched the Babylonians for making fun of their enemies.**



**Light cavalry of the  
Mongol Golden Horde  
crosses the frozen  
Danube, 1241 A.D.**





***Sack of Suzdal***  
**unknown**  
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**Start of the '1000  
year Republic'**



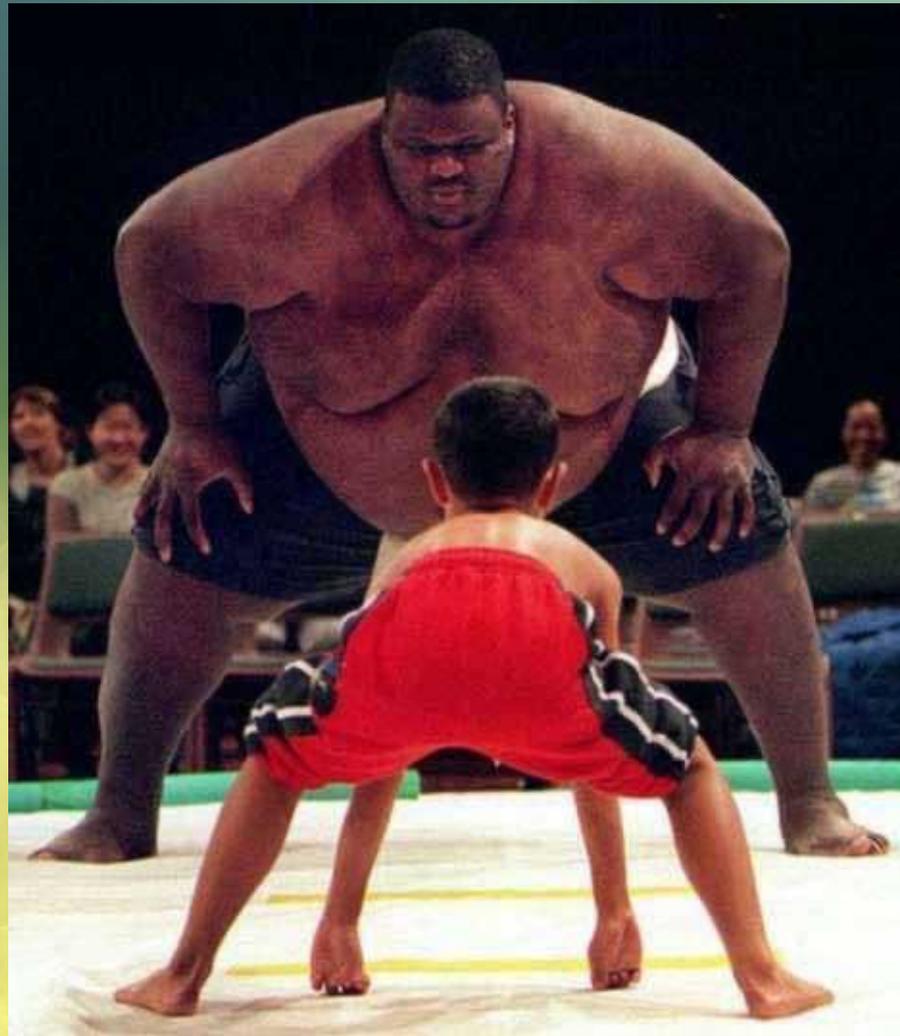
**Only ruins today (left  
as a stark reminder)**



courtesy Die Bundesrepublik



***How Long, O Lord  
(The Battle on the  
Ice, 5 April 1242)***  
**Sergei Rubtsov**  
**1994**



courtesy Nike



*Goliath House*  
**Melchior Bocksburger**  
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courtesy City of Regensburg

***David and Goliath***  
**Tanzio de Varallo**  
**1625**



courtesy Museo Civico, Varallo

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**Survival of the fittest.  
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injustice. Hooray! The  
species will survive.**



courtesy scary mommy

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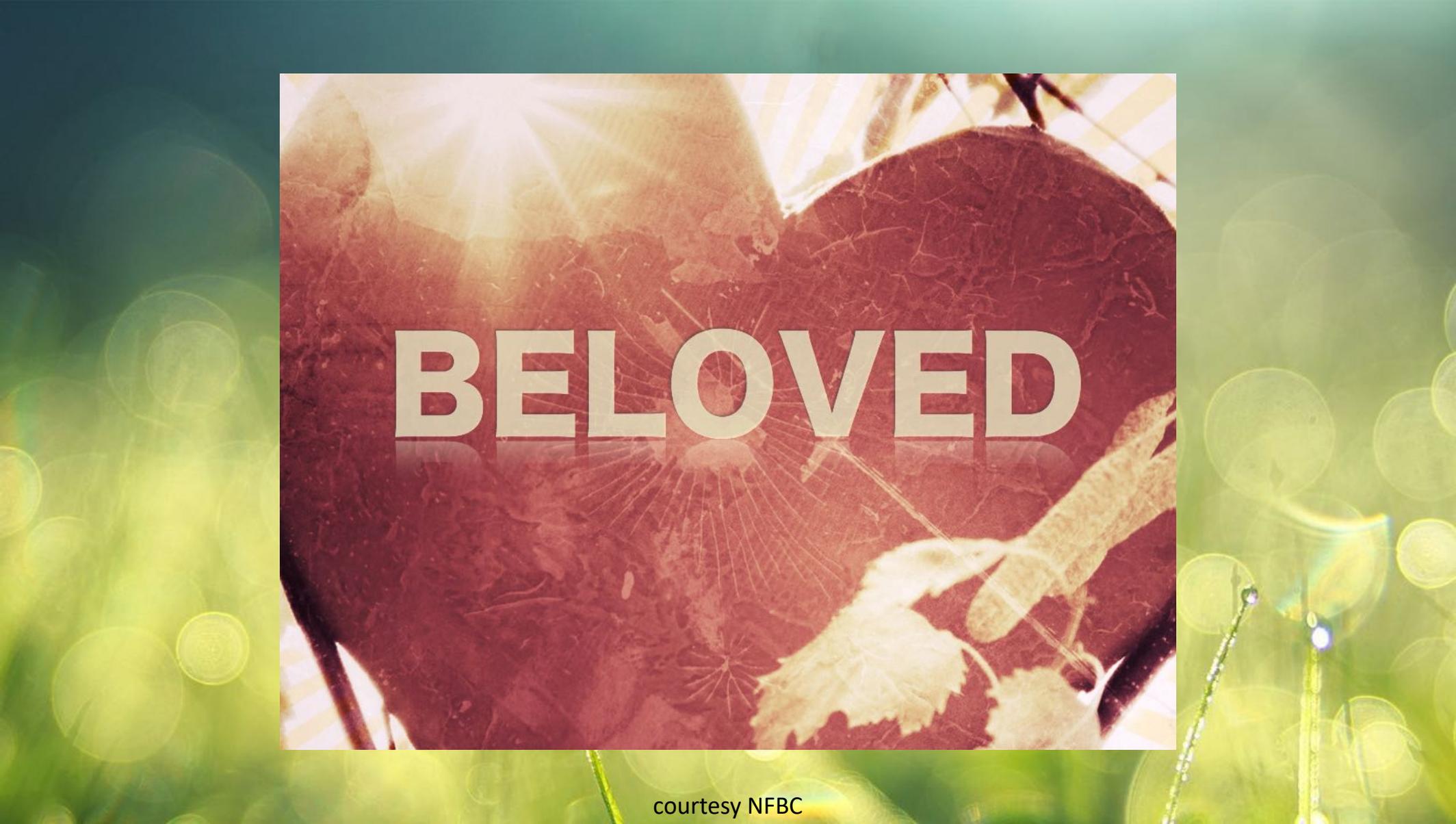
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courtesy NFBC



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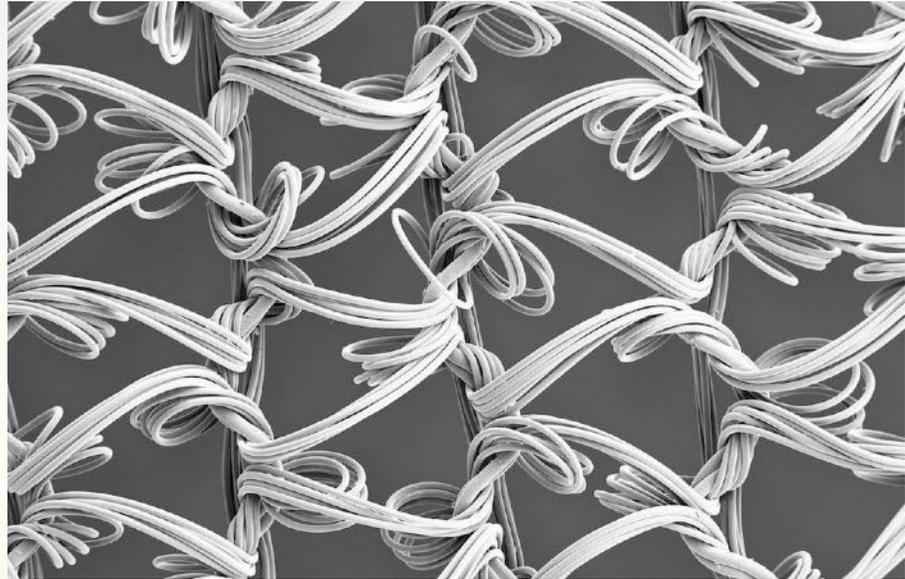
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How do you  
know Habakkuk  
is changed?



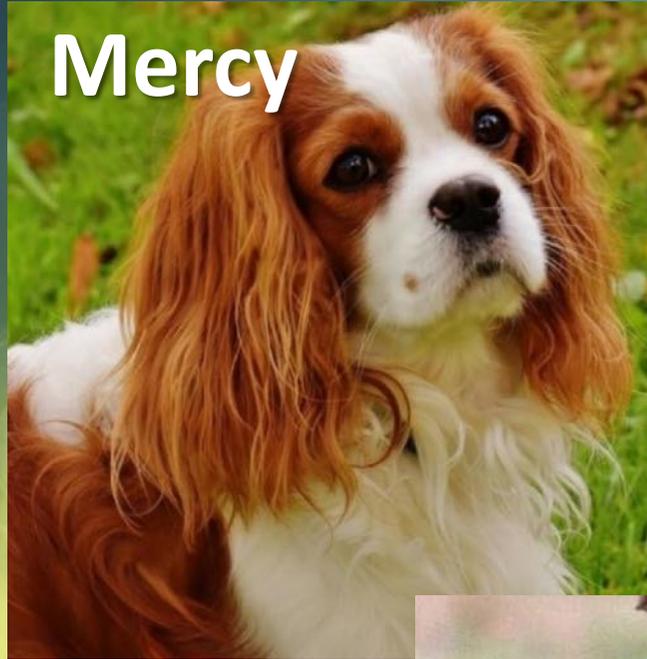
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**Mercy**



**Wrath**





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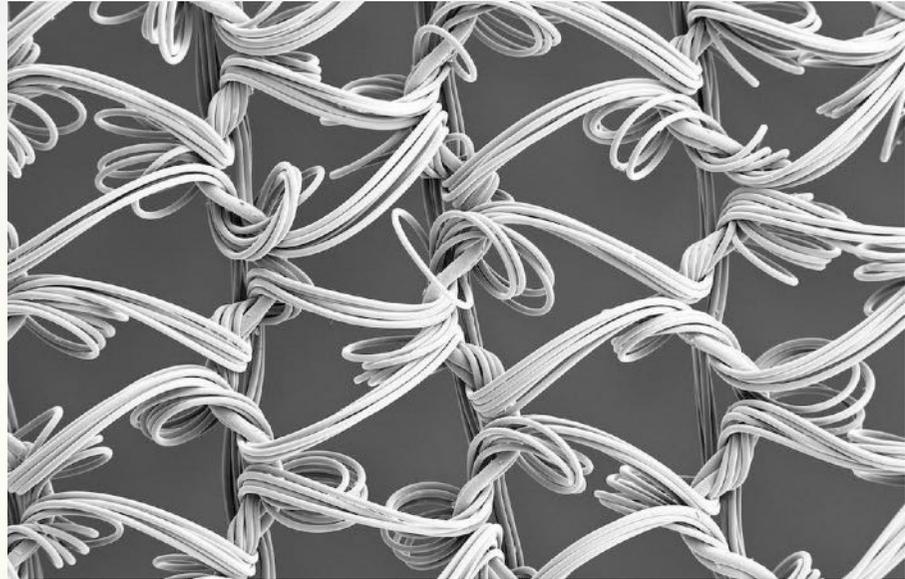
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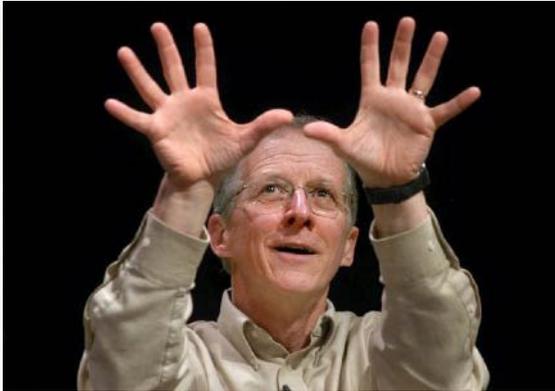
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**It is God's supreme commitment to uphold and display the full range of his glory through the sovereign demonstration of all his perfections, including wrath and mercy.**

**– John Piper, *The Pleasures of God***



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## US rate cut changes records as jobs growth slows

Headline: US rate cut changes records as jobs growth slows

Summary: The Federal Reserve cut its benchmark interest rate to a historic low of 0.25% on Wednesday, the lowest since 1954. The move was seen as a response to the slow pace of economic recovery and the high unemployment rate.

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

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