



ADAT HATIKVAH

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The Burden of Why

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To Be and Make Disciples
Of Yeshua the Messiah

OUR VALUES

Love God
Love People
Pursue Excellence
Eager to Grow

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To the Jewish people First
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TODAYS READINGS

Torah: Deut 25:17-19

Haf: Isa 54:1-8

B'rit: Gal 3:9-14

The “minor” prophets are not called minor because they have lesser importance, it is because of their short length. Habakkuk asks the question “How is God good when there is so much evil and tragedy in the world”. Habakkuk 1 shares with us the burden of the prophet as he looks at corruption, violence, and lawlessness.

Habakuk 1:1-4 The Burden

Habakuk 1:5-11 Unbelievable

Habakuk 1:12-13 God’s Character

Habakuk 1:14-17 The Character of the World

Read Habakuk 1:1-4; Is 13:1; Nah 1:1

- Why is Prophecy a Burden?
- What is Habakuk’s burden?
- Why is there the iniquity, violence and lawlessness?

Read Habakuk 1:5-11; Acts 13:41; Dan 4:30

- What is the warning for us?
- Where does Justice and Authority come from in the world?
- What motivates the world? Where does their strength come from?

Read Habakuk 1:12-13; Deut 33:27; Ps 11:4–6; 34:15, 16; 90:2;

- How does Habakuk describe God?
- How is this different from the world?

Read Habakuk 1:14-17

- What questions does Habakkuk have for God?
- Are these questions relevant to today?
- What “why” questions do you have for the LORD?

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NATION OF FOCUS: KIRBATI

Continent: Oceania Capital City: Tarawa Government: Presidential republic
Population: 113,001 Major People Groups: 97% Kiribertese (Gilbertese); 1% Euronesian; 1% Tuvaluan
Religion: Christian 97%, Baha'is 2%, Agnostic 1% Language: Kiribati, English, Tuvaluan
GDP Per Capita: \$2,300 Literacy Rate: 90%
UNREACHED: 0% Jewish population: less than 1%

PRAYER POINTS

- Pray for revival among economically disadvantaged young people who are increasingly reliant on alcohol.
- Pray for the diaspora who financially support their families at home yet become entrapped by drugs and HIV/AIDS.
- Pray for a vibrant witness to arise from within declining Christian congregations.
- Pray for the nation to have a heart for Israel.

SUMMARY

Kiribati, an island nation in the Pacific, is the first to face the possibility of having all of its land territories disappear due to rising sea levels. With land scattered across 2 million square kilometers around the Equator in both the North and South Pacific Ocean, this modern day Atlantis consists of 3 island groups: The Gilbert, Line, and Phoenix Islands. Kiribati consists of 33 coral atolls, 23 of which are inhabited by a growing population of 103,000 people, all of whom face a massive exodus and migration from their homeland.

Kiribati is the only nation in the world to fall into all four hemispheres. Half of the population lives on a single atoll on the main island of South Tarawa. The capital of Tarawa is halfway between Hawaii and Australia. Gaining independence from Britain in 1979, Kiribati is a democratic republic. As one of the least developed Pacific islands and having very few natural resources, many work abroad. Tragically, many of these workers return home with HIV/AIDS or drug problems and addictions. Due to the vast distance between the islands, many people depend on foreign aid and remittances abroad to bolster the economy.

Nearly all of the people (98.5%) identify as Christian, but nominalism and syncretism block many from true fellowship with God. The once-strong Protestant Church faces slow decline, losing members to other groups. Practices of spiritism have become far too common. The theological college in Tarawa is not evangelical. Spiritual growth is too often followed by decline, since foreign financial windfalls and occasional healings become the main attraction rather than biblical teaching and transformed lives. Overpopulation and unemployment have become a dangerous combination and have led to a rise in alcohol abuse, especially among the youth. There is a need for revival among the youth, for them to live wholesome lives with godly purpose. The impending disaster of becoming refugees due to land loss can be a powerful reminder that our eternal home is in heaven. May the people come to know God and find their security in the Lord – regardless of any possible loss of their nation's land – as He provides new homes on earth and in heaven.