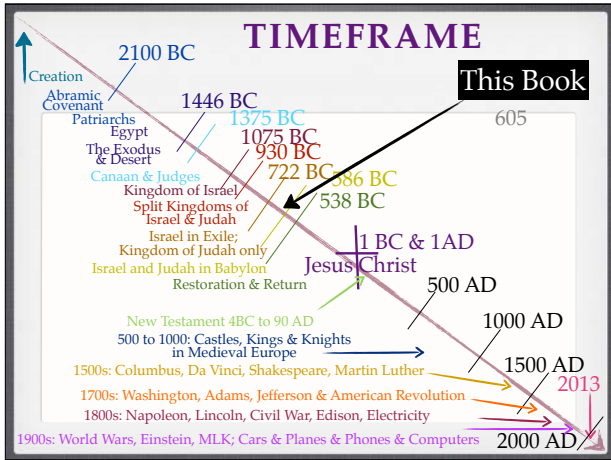


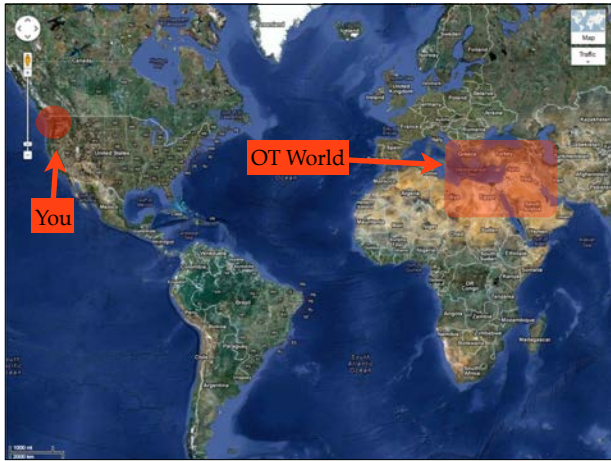
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- Major OT Themes found in this Book:**
1. God is Love
 2. God Creates
 3. Israel (we) are supposed to be God's Obedient Servants
 4. Israel (we) are Sinful
 5. God is Angry with His People for Rejecting Him
 6. God Forgives and Blesses those who Follow Him
 7. Israel (we) are God's Chosen Examples
 8. God Speaks through His Prophets
 9. God is Always with His People
 10. God is Just and Merciful
 11. God Keeps His Promises
 12. Israel (we) are Redeemed and Restored by the Blood of Christ
 13. Israel (we) are JoGoFd
 14. Israel (we) will Inherit the Kingdom of God

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TYPE OF BOOK

- Moses' Torah / Pentateuch
- History
- Poetry & Wisdom
- Major (Long-book) Prophets
- Minor (Short-book) Prophets ✓

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AUTHOR

- 1:1
- Habakkuk

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READERS & RECIPIENTS

- everyone?

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STORYLINE

- "Habakkuk was perplexed that wickedness, strife and oppression were rampant in Judah but God seemingly did nothing. When told that the Lord was preparing to do something about it through the 'ruthless' Babylonians (1:6), his perplexity only intensified: How could God, who is 'too pure to look on evil' (1:13), appoint such a nation 'to execute judgment' (1:12) on a people 'more righteous than themselves' (1:13)?" CSSB 1393
- God makes it clear, however, that eventually the corrupt destroyer will itself be destroyed. In the end, Habakkuk learns to rest in God's appointments and await his working in a spirit of worship" (CSSB 1393)

THEOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION

- "The question-and-answer technique of the prophet Habakkuk teaches a valuable lesson about the nature of God. That God allows Himself to be questioned by one of His followers is an indication of His longsuffering mercy and grace."
- CSB 183

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- 3: 17-19

KEY VERSE

- 17 Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,

18
yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.

19
God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.

..."
ESV

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REQUIRED READING

■ 3

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WHEN TO TURN HERE

- Why don't they ever get in trouble?
- Why does God let evil exist?
- Why should I try to be good, when nothing bad happens to bad people?
- Why should I let my brother get away with being naughty?

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P. MARTIN SAYS

- This is an interesting book because Habakkuk gets to ask God questions, and God answers him.
- What would you ask?



MARTIN L.K. SAYS

- Take the first step in faith. You don't have to take the whole staircase, just take the first step.

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MARTIN L. SAYS:

- "This Habakkuk is a prophet of comfort, who is to strengthen and support the people, to prevent them from despairing of the coming of Christ..."
- LSB 1504
- M&M's Translation: "The people are frustrated that a savior isn't coming. Habakkuk asks God for help. God comforts him."

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A. MARTIN SAYS:

- "My number one fear is that my eye will be poked out by an umbrella."

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LIFE LESSONS FROM HABAKKUK

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We've talked before about how God's justice is different than human justice (Job; the parable of the vineyard owner). Read Habakkuk 3:17-19. What insight does this give you for your life?

You still feel the weight of sins that God has forgiven and forgotten. How is God's way of doing things different than the human way of doing things? Explain.

How are you different from God?

ACTIVITIES

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