



Welcome to Verre Naasten

Club 318 meeting

Habakkuk 3: 17-18

**“... Yet I will rejoice in
the Lord...!”**

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17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails, and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, **18** yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.



CONTEXT

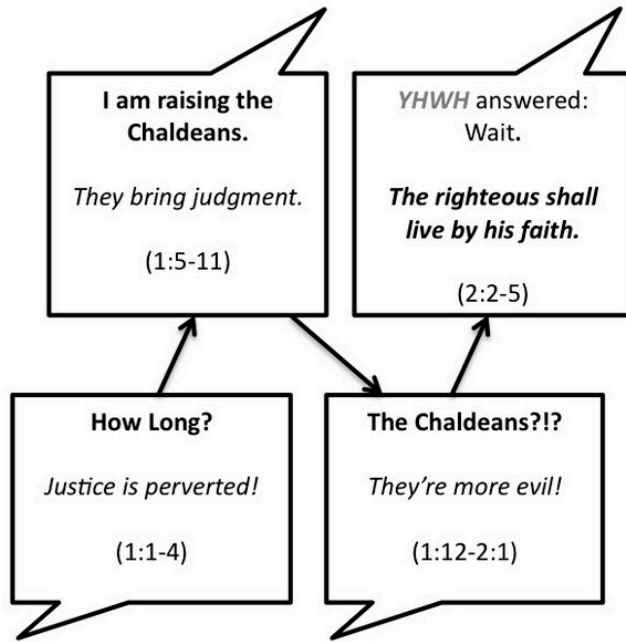
HABAKKUK

	Habakkuk's Dialogue with God		Habakkuk's Praise to God	
	<i>The Burden</i> Wrestling with: God's silence Judah's sinfulness God's character <hr/> Questions: How long? Why? Who? <i>CHAPTER</i> <i>1</i>	<i>The Watch</i> Waiting for <u>an answer</u> <i>CHAPTER</i> <i>2:1</i>	<i>The Vision</i> <u>Record the vision!</u> <u>Wait for it!</u> <u>Woe to the Babylonians!</u> <i>CHAPTER</i> <i>2:2-20</i>	<i>Habakkuk's Praise to God</i> Lord, I've heard ... I stand in awe ... I wait ... I praise ... I rejoice <i>CHAPTER</i> <i>3</i>
Confession	"Lord . . . You confuse me."	"Lord . . . I wait for You."		
Perspective	Horizontal	Vertical		
Direction	Looking around and worrying	Looking up and listening		
Theme	Habakkuk's wrestling with God over His unfathomable ways and the prophet's resulting faith			
Key Verses	2:4; 3:17-19			
Christ in Habakkuk	Those who have been made righteous in Christ must "live by [their] faith" (2:4). When Christ comes again, "the earth will be filled / With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, / As the waters cover the sea" (2:14).			

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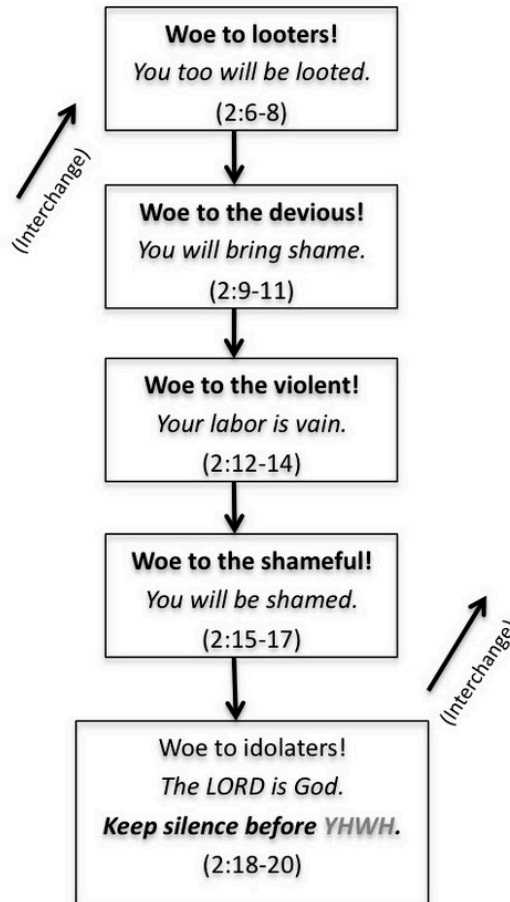
-YHWH's faithfulness in the midst of injustice-

INTERROGATION (1:1-2:5)

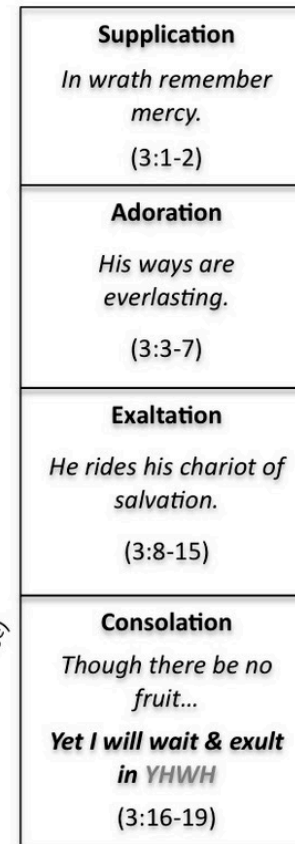


Key Verse:
"But the righteous shall live by [H]is faith[fulness]."
 Habakkuk 2:4b

ITERATION (2:6-20)



INTERCESSION (3:1-19)



**“Only the Hebrew student
can get an adequate idea of
the literary excellence of
the Book of Habakkuk.”**

International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

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Who is praying to God?

- **Habakkuk: embrace, ardent embrace, a fragrant herb**
- **Prophet at the time of Chaldeans**
- **Contemporary of Daniel**
- **Practically nothing is known of him**
- **The “why” prophet**

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Chavakuk

My Hebrew Name

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**Why is he
praying
to the
Lord?**

**Corruption, oppression and
wickedness of the Jews**

**God's plan to send the
Chaldeans to execute judgment**

**Hope brings joy and transcends
circumstances**

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How did he pray to the Lord?

By faith, not sight

With trust, not terror

With a joyful song of praise, not sad lament

I will bless the LORD at all times:
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Psalm 34:1



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**How did
the Lord
answer
his
prayer?**

Immediate peace

**Return of the exiles two
years after his death**

**God's hand on the nation
of Israel until today**

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HOW
ABOUT
YOU
AND
ME?

- When was the last time you and I praised God in the middle of a challenging situation?
- **How do I demonstrate my trust in God?**
- Can people feel joy, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, in my daily life?
- **LET THE FLAG OF JOY FLOAT ON THE PALACE OF YOUR HEART. THE LORD RESIDES THERE.**


About midnight Paul and Silas were
praying and singing
Hymns to **God**,

and the prisoners were listening to them,
and suddenly there was a
GREAT EARTHQUAKE,
so that the foundations of the **PRISON**
were **SHAKEN**.

and immediately
all the doors were opened,
and everyone's **BONDS** were
unfastened.

Acts 16:25-26





**BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES THIS
KIND OF FRUIT IN OUR LIVES: LOVE,
JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS,
GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS, AND SELF-CONTROL.**

- GALATIANS 5:22-23A NLT -



Joy is the infallible sign of the
presence of God.

— *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin* —

AZ QUOTES

IF YOU HAVE NO

there's a

LEAK

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CHRISTIANITY

somewhere

joy



Billy **SUNDAY**

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7 THINGS TO GIVE UP IF YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE TRUE JOY



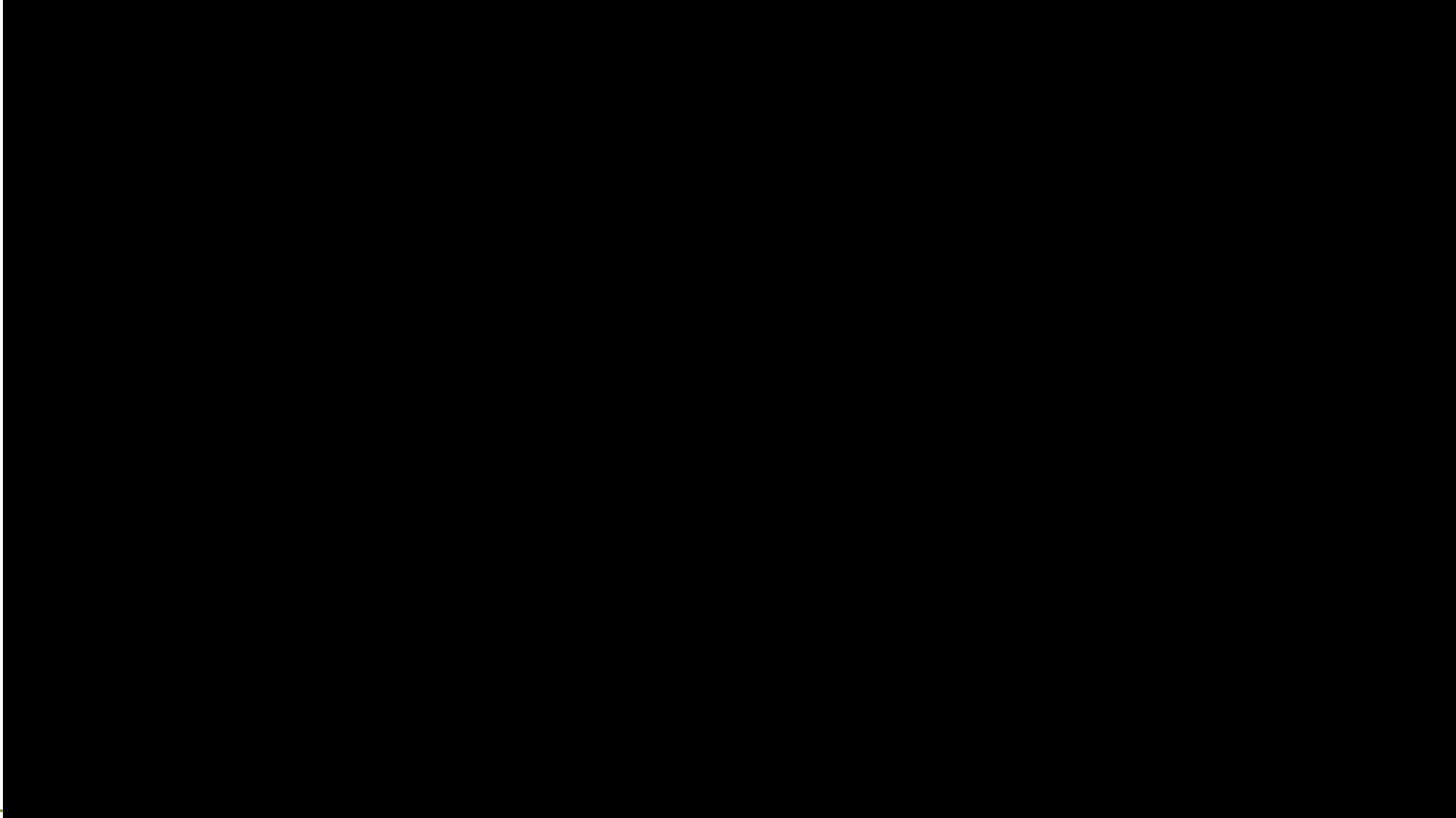
1. Complaining
2. Blaming others
3. Negative self-talk
4. Dwelling on the past
5. Resistance to change
6. Needing the approval of others
7. Doubting God's plan for your life

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Master, the tempest is raging...



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Conclusion

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NEHEMIAH 8:10

*What does Habakkuk's prayer teach us
about God?*

**The
destiny of
all the
nations is
in God's
hand**

**God is
present
even in the
middle of
the most
violent life
tempest**

**God will
make a
way at the
right time**



*I will turn their mourning to gladness /
And comfort them and cause them to
rejoice after their sorrow.*

Jer. 31:13

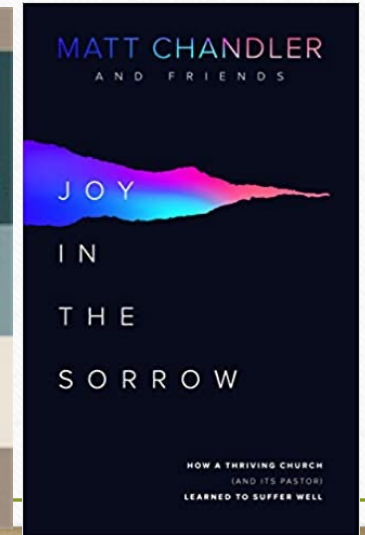
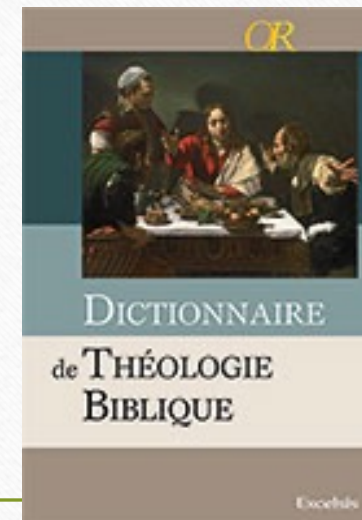
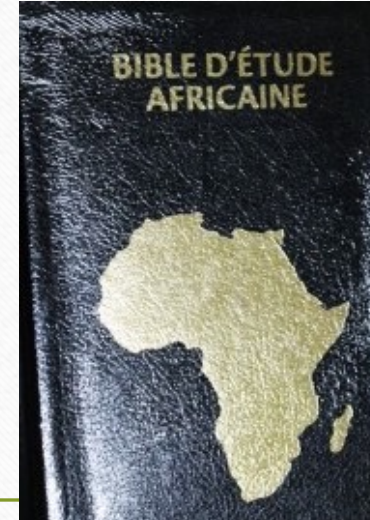
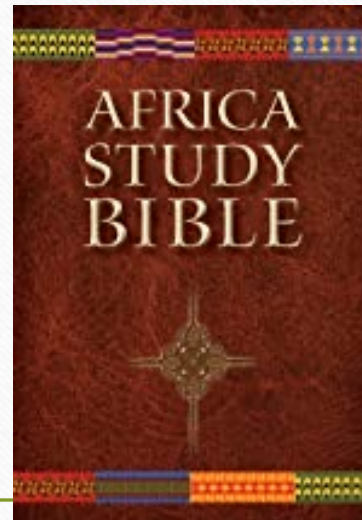
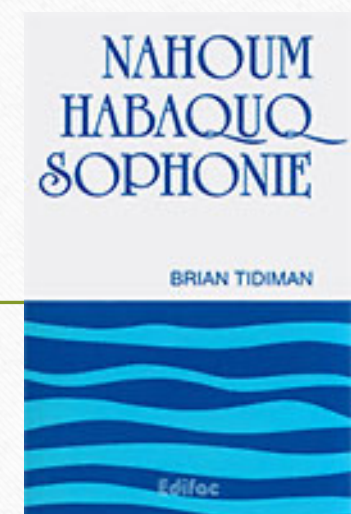
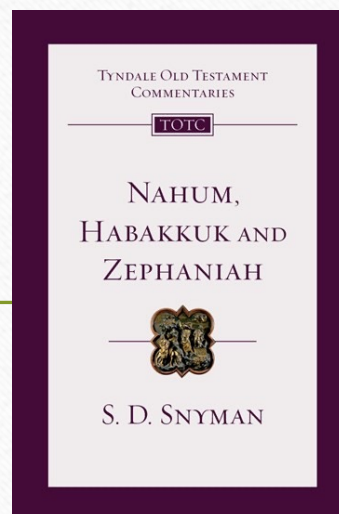
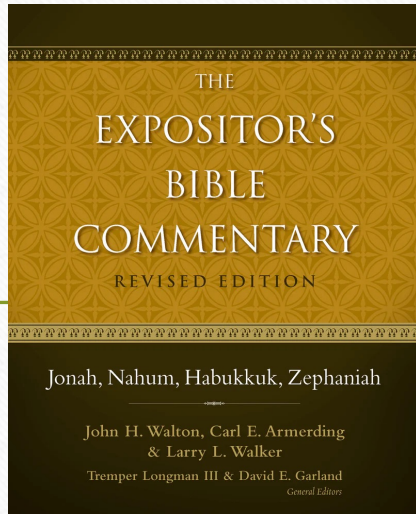
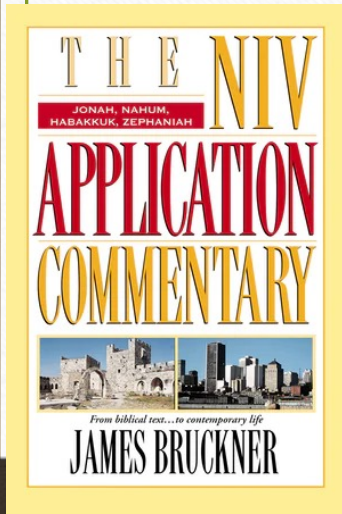


May God bless you today and for ever!

Questions for small group discussions

- In what ways **COVID-19** has impacted the local economy and even spiritual life negatively?
- What do we learn from Habakkuk in such challenging times and how do we apply these lessons to our individual and collective lives?

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