

**PLANETARY PROTECTION OFFICER WORKING FOR NASA**

[ ] a sovereign defender who fights off dubious aliens bent on inhabiting earth.

[ ] the guy who prevents astronauts from bringing biological contaminants from space to earth and visa versa.

**THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD ON DISPLAY**

ISIAIH 66:1-2,23

ZEPHANIAH 1:2-3

NAHUM 1:2-3

HABAKKUK 1:5-6

**SOVEREIGNTY DEFINED...**

- > God's supreme authority & superiority over all things
- > God's exercise of p\_\_\_\_\_ over His creation

**GOD'S EXERCISE OF POWER IS ON FULL DISPLAY IN OUR READING:**

- > **In Isaiah** - our Sovereign God brings calamity upon the entire earth (13:10-13)
- > **In Zephaniah** - our Sovereign God brings wrath on all sinful people, including His own people (the people of Judah)
- > **In Nahum** - our Sovereign God brings Nineveh, the capital of Assyria to trial/ruin
- > **In Habakkuk** - our Sovereign God brings His justice to Judah and against Babylon

**IN THE PROPHETS, WE ARE AWED BY GOD'S SOVEREIGN ACTIVITIES**

*"There is no attribute more comforting to His children than that of God's sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe trials, we believe that sovereignty has ordained our afflictions, that sovereignty overrules us, and that sovereignty will sanctify us all...for it is God upon the throne whom we trust." - Surgeon*

**CHAPTERS 1&2 - A DIALOGUE BETWEEN GOD AND HABAKKUK**

1:2-4 Habakkuk voices his complaint to God about the ongoing injustice and violence among God's people in Judah

1:5-11 God tells Habakkuk that He is going to do something utterly amazing... something Habakkuk is not going to believe.

1:12-2:1 Habakkuk objects and is still

(v.13a) He objects on the basis of God's c\_\_\_\_\_

(vv.13b-15) He objects on the basis of Babylon's w\_\_\_\_\_

2:2-20 God replies to Habakkuk

**God's W**\_\_\_\_\_ is supreme - its final - write it on tablets

**God's P**\_\_\_\_\_ is supreme - the time is already appointed

**God's K**\_\_\_\_\_ is supreme - He knows the enemy far more than the enemy knows himself (soul is puffed up, desires are not upright)

**God's S**\_\_\_\_\_ is supreme - through faith God produces endurance, steadfastness, and integrity in those He calls and makes righteous - so that they can remain loyal to God regardless of the circumstances.

**God's J**\_\_\_\_\_ is supreme - it will certainly come, wait for it

→ 5 Woes that accuse Babylon of sin & state coming judgment

**God's A**\_\_\_\_\_ is supreme - the earth is silent before Him - v.20

*"In the beginning Habakkuk was all distressed, expressing his doubts. Then God responded and revealed His decision. That didn't help Habakkuk a bit. Instead it intensified the sheer dismay that he felt. What did he do then? He quietly waited on the Lord (2:1), and then the Lord made a powerful declaration about his own holiness and righteousness." -- Stuart Briscoe*

### CHAPTER 3 - HABAKKUK SINGS TO THE LORD ON A STRINGED INSTRUMENT

\* recounting God's sovereign deeds (1-15)

\* recognizing what is about to happen (16)

\* rejoicing in God's sovereign strength (17-19)

*"In modern language Habakkuk would be saying: though my job goes and my health fails, and the forces of evil seem to have things their way; and even though the economy doesn't work the way I want it to, and the election doesn't work out the way I hope, and I'm not appreciated among my friends, and everything goes wrong... I won't stop rejoicing in you Sovereign Lord. For you are my rock and you are my strength." - Briscoe*

### HOW WILL YOU FINISH HABAKKUK'S SONG IN YOUR LIFE TODAY?

- \* no bud \_\_\_\_\_
- \* no fruit \_\_\_\_\_
- \* no crop \_\_\_\_\_
- \* no food \_\_\_\_\_
- \* no flock \_\_\_\_\_
- \* no herd \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Yet I will \_\_\_\_\_
- \* God is my \_\_\_\_\_