



# THE SHIFT

Introduction to Habakkuk.

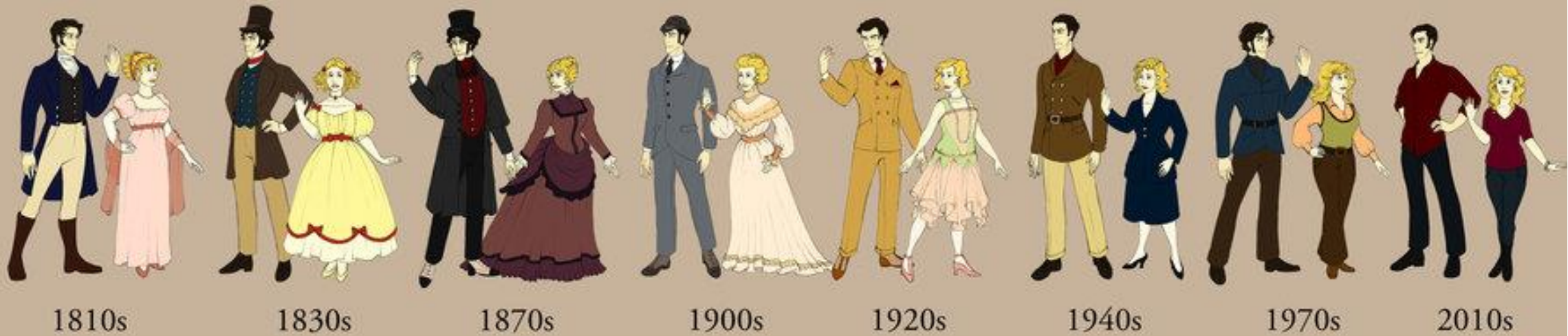
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Foreword  
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Friends, Lovers, and  
the Big Terrible Thing

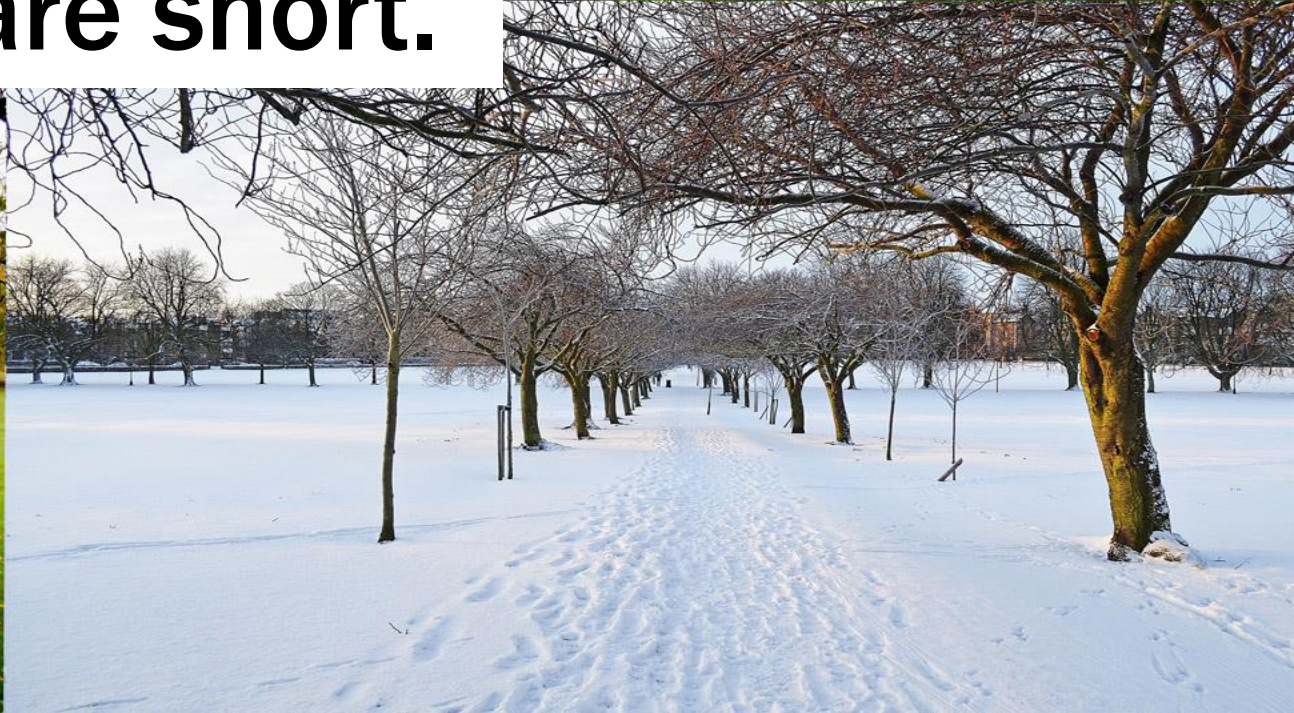
**Era = distinct period of history.**







**Seasons are short.**





# HABAKKUK

**Habakkuk 2:2** *‘Then the Lord replied: “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it....”*

# 1. FEEL IT / OWN IT

**Habakkuk 1:2-4** *'How long, O Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.*

*Therefore the law is paralysed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.'*

# 1. FEEL IT / OWN IT

- Before God blesses you with a plan, He will burden you with a problem to solve.
- God's purpose is for us to feel another's pain.
- We bring that to the One Who carries our sorrows (Isaiah 53:4-6)

## 2. DESIRE

**Habakkuk 1:5** *'Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe even if you were told...'*

- Can God use calamity to bring about His purposes?
- Are God's purposes always good?



## 2. DESIRE

**Hebrews 12:22-24; 28** *But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the first born, whose names are written in heaven.*

*You have come to God, the judge of all men, to spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.*

*Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.*

## 2. DESIRE

**Habakkuk 2:1** *'I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what He will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.'*

- Position yourself.
- Hear what God is saying.
- Consider your response.



# 3. PASSION



- ‘Passion’ – fervour, ardour, obsession, excitement, enthusiasm, zeal, delight, Lewis Braille.

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**Psalm 69:5-9** *'You know my folly, O God; my guilt is not hidden from you.*

*May those who hope in you not be disgraced because of me, O Lord Almighty; may those who seek you not be put to shame because of me O God of Israel.*

*For I endure scorn for your sake and shame covers my face.*

*I am a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mothers' sons;  
For zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who  
insult you fall on me.'*



# 3. PASSION

**Acts 15:16** “...*restore again the tabernacle of David...*”

- Paul’s passion was to reach his world for Christ.
- Even imprisonment could not stop him.

- There is a shift in our society.
- What is God saying?
- Feel it / own it.
- Run with it.