

A HELPFUL METAPHOR AND MINDSET FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING IN MODERN AMERICA

Study # 10 “The Hope of an Exile”



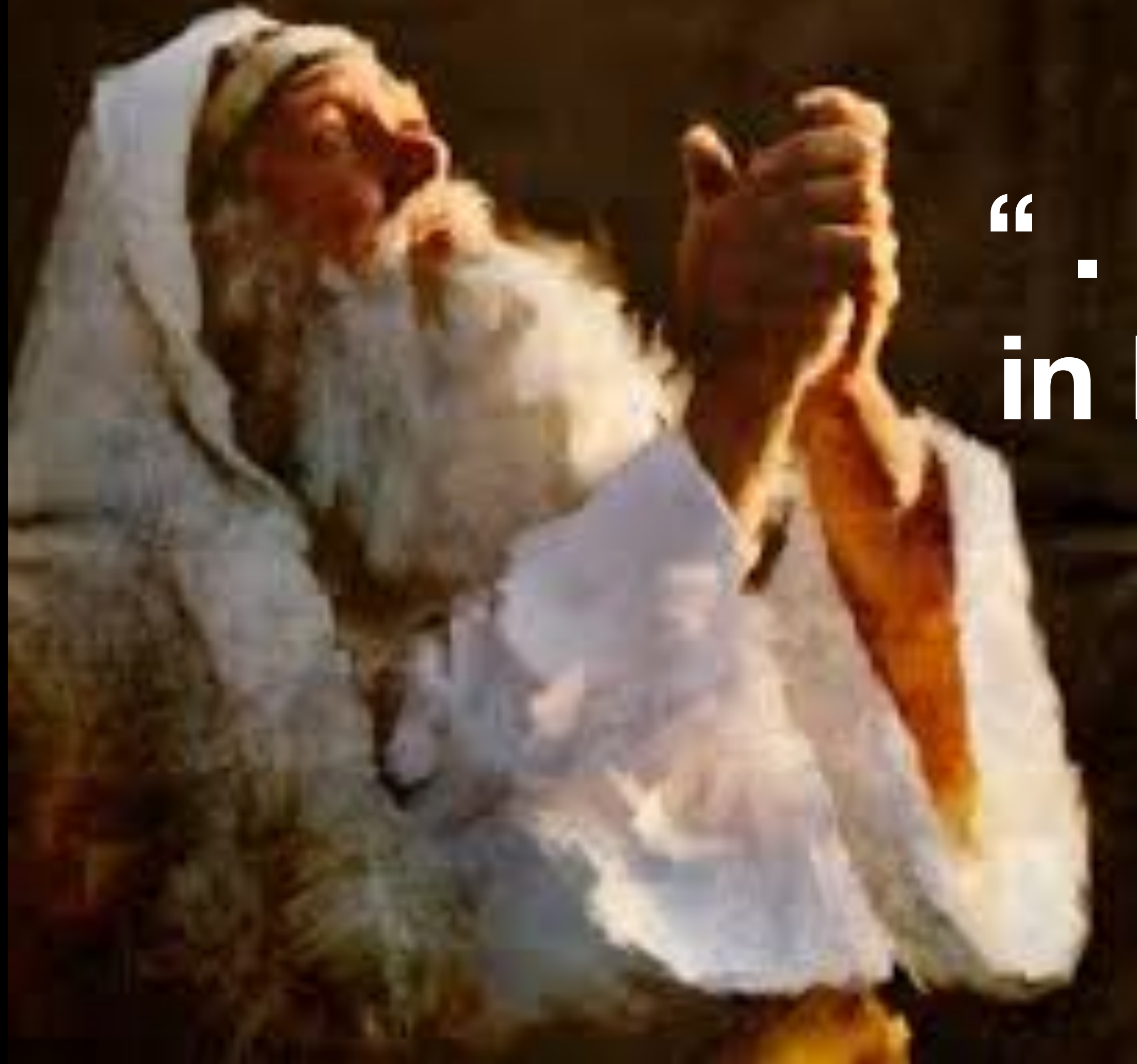
**What is different
about her?**

the hope of an exile





**Cunieform dream tablets to aid in
oneiromancy.**



**“ . . . but there is a God
in heaven Who reveals
mysteries . . . ”**

Dan. 2:28



**No Temple, long way from Jerusalem,
but not “far from God” in prayer.**



**“Prayer is the lisping of the believing infant,
the shout of the fighting believer, the
requiem of the dying saint falling
asleep in Jesus.” Spurgeon**

**Daniel was given both the
dream and its interpretation**





We can be clear and “know”
who/what the **head of gold** is.

We can be clear and “know”
who/what the **“stone cut
by no human hand”** is.

Interpretation of other kingdoms . . . maybe not so
clear ?

Faith in a pagan society cannot survive unless it
has **faith in the final triumph of God**

There is **one** King
and Kingdom . . .



that is **forever.**



The apostle John was given to “see” unseen realities on the island of Patmos. Rev. 11:15



Every knee will bow and tongue confess the truth about Jesus

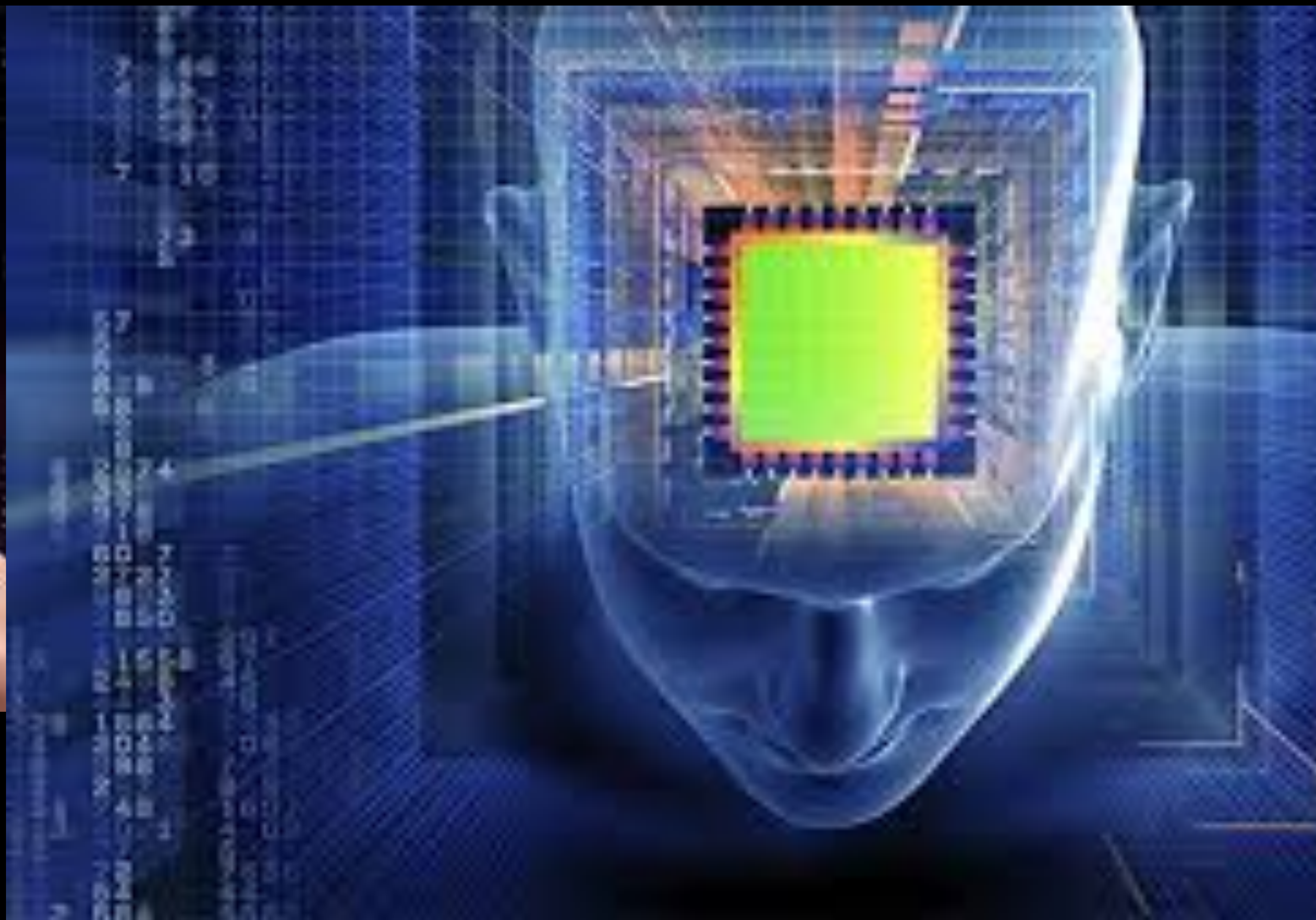
Babylon's **hope** for the future ?



**lots of reasons to be anxious, afraid,
overwhelmed, insecure**



**75 years of the UN bringing nations
to the table and bringing peace to our world ?**



Can we trust science to solve our problems and lead us to a brighter future ?

“Hope” in Babylon



**As boy and teenager lived “forward-tilting”
life with lots of hopes and dreams.**





As middle-aged man and older man begin a “backward-titling life with lots of potential for regrets, grief, wondering how things would have been if made different decisions.





**Aware in final season of life that
our death begins to stalk us.**



Time again for forward-tilting, leaning, looking living.

***galuts* filled with the hope of glory**



“But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.” Prov. 4:18



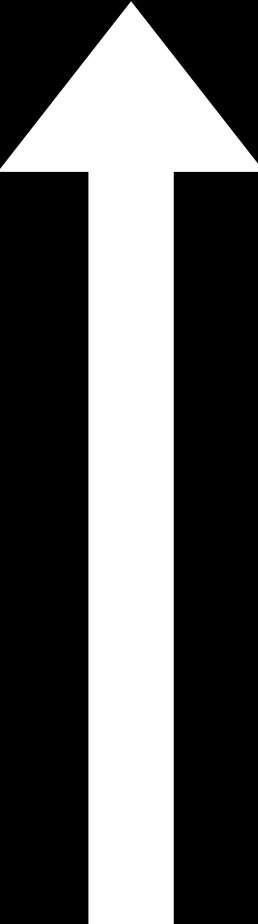
**“ . . . my soul is bereft of peace;
I have forgotten what happiness
is; so I say, ‘My endurance has
perished; so has my hope
from the LORD ’” Lam. 3:17-18
. . . until . . .**



**I remember, call to mind. “The steadfast
love of the LORD never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end.”**

Lam. 3:21-22

Truth/Hope



intra nos ?



Self

extra nos ?



Listen to our “hope” theme song.

HOMework

Reflect on the part that hope plays in your daily living.