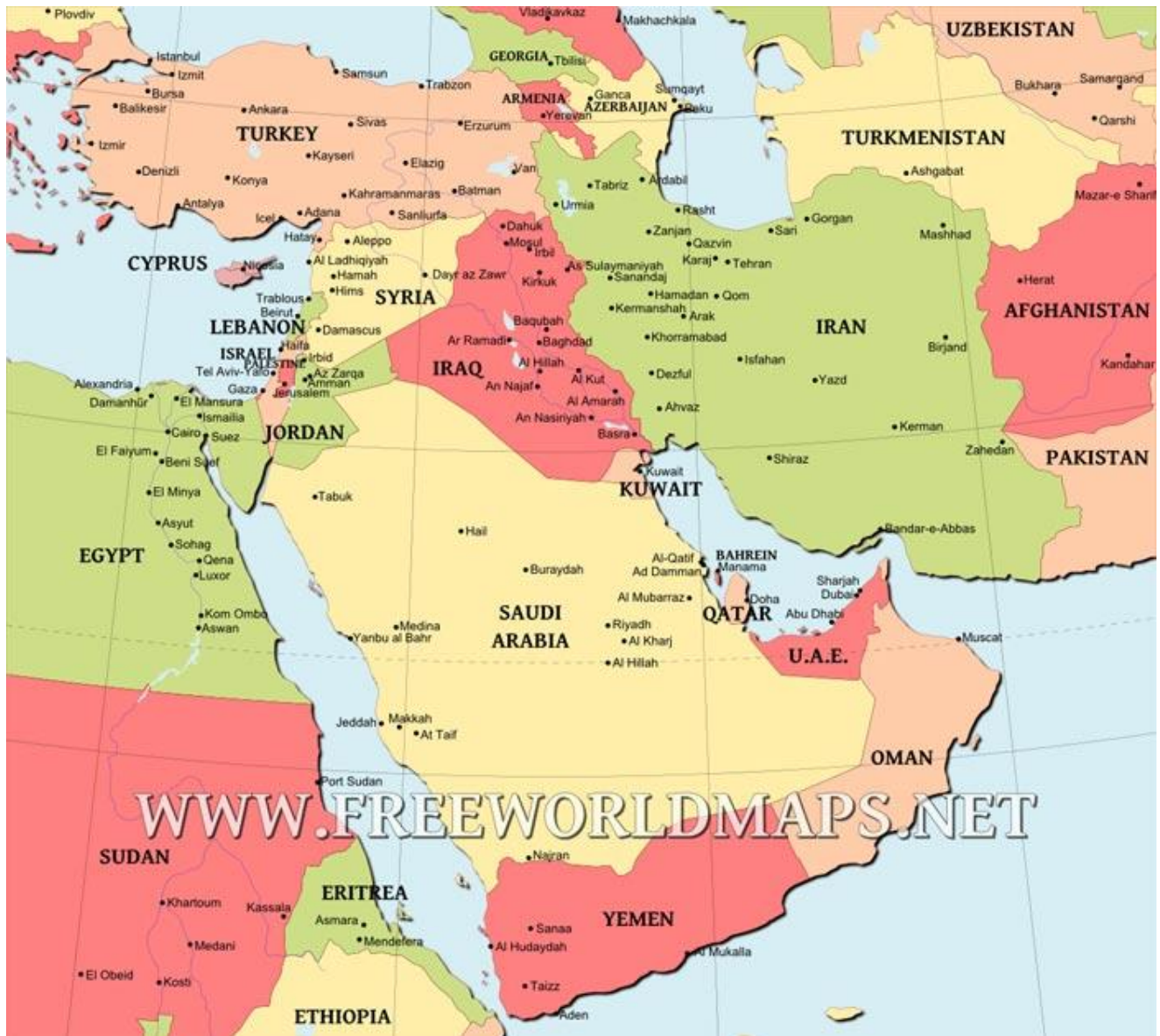
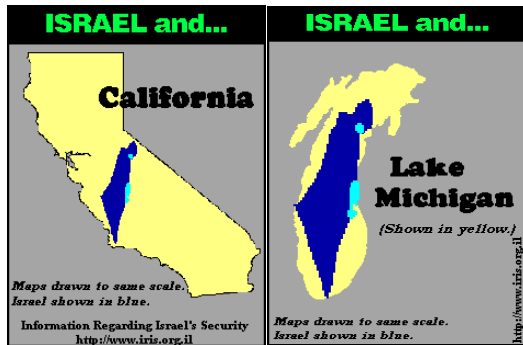
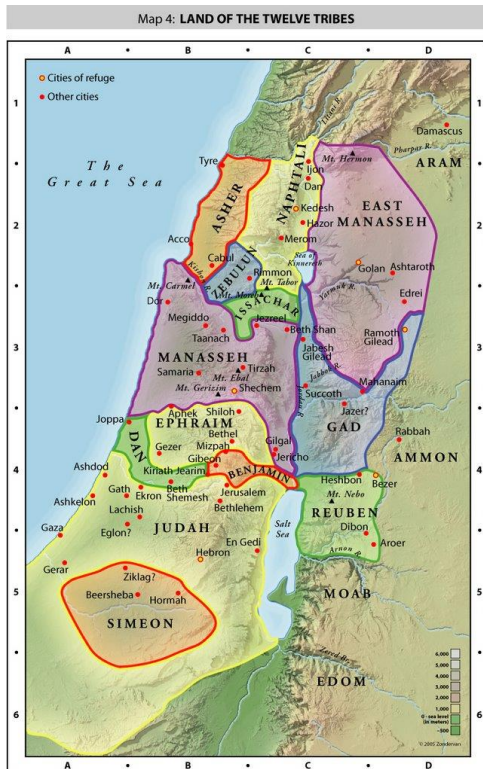


Discouraged Lesson 3 Handout - Is God Unfair?



Genesis 16:11-12 reads,

The angel of the Lord said to her further, “Behold, you are with child, and you will bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because the Lord has given heed to your affliction. He will be a wild donkey of a man, his hand will be against everyone, and everyone’s hand will be against him; and he will live to the east of all his brothers.”



Habakkuk 1:1–4 (NLT)

¹ This is the message that the prophet Habakkuk received in a vision. ² How long, O LORD, must I call for help? But you do not listen! “Violence is everywhere!” I cry, but you do not come to save. ³ Must I forever see these evil deeds? Why must I watch all this misery? Wherever I look, I see destruction and violence. I am surrounded by people who love to argue and fight. ⁴ The law has become paralyzed, and there is no justice in the courts. The wicked far outnumber the righteous, so that justice has become perverted.

Habakkuk 1:5

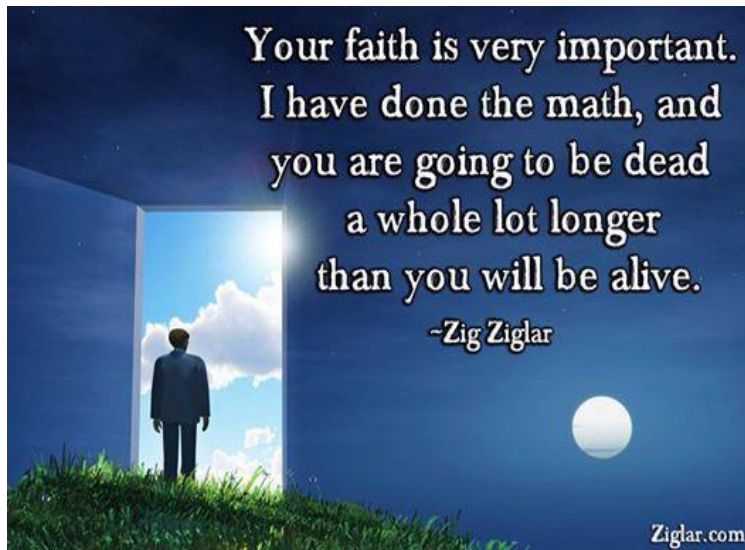
“Look among the nations! Observe! Be astonished! Wonder! Because I am doing something in your days— you would not believe if you were told.”

“God is doing something (even though it seems He is not in control) that I would not believe if someone told me”

Habakkuk 3:17–19 (NLT)

¹⁷ Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty,
(even though children are suffering and learning to hate, even though there are wars and bombs and child soldiers and sex traffickers, even though my marriage isn't that great, my health is failing, my children are doing stupid stuff)

¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! ¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.



Romans 8:22–23 (NASB95)

²² For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. ²³ And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Psalms 139:13–18 (NASB95)

¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was

not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; ¹⁶ Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them. ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand. When I awake, I am still with You.

Acts 17:26 (NIV84)

²⁶ From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

John 16:33 (AMP)

³³ I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace *and* confidence. In the world you have tribulation *and* trials *and* distress *and* frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

Luke 7:22

²² So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive

sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.

Luke 7:23 Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Psalm 115:3 (NLT)

³ Our God is in the heavens, and he does as he wishes.

Daniel 2:21 (NLT)

²¹ He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars.

