

so that those who came by would see it all written there, clearly put so that it would be obvious for all to see. Just like putting up a great big sign - make it plain that he may run that reads it. That the one that knows what God says may direct his life and his life and his attitudes in accordance with what God says.

What is the answer? The answer is in the next ch. and the main emphasis we find stressed in the next two verses. "For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie; though it tarry wait for it, because it will surely come, and will not tarry. Behold, his soul that is lifted up is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.

That is the first of these 3 vv. in this ch., the 14th goes with it "~~For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.~~"

And the 20th, the last: But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him."

So the message is, We do not understand all the ways of God but we must live by faith. What faith? What does the word faith mean? This word faith has two meanings in the HEBREW. It can mean the faithfulness, the fidelity, the dependability, or it can mean putting trust in the faithfulness, the dependability. It means that those who truly believe in God can live by their faith in God, but it is not simply a quality of faith, but it is a faith in Him who is faithful. The Lord is in His holy temple, as the ch. ends, let all the earth keep silence before him.

As in the book of Job we do not know the full answer. But the best way to know the answer is to come to know God. God is righteous. God is holy. God works all things together according to His plan, and He has a plan for it all, a plan for our lives. It may be His plan that things go well and we receive many good things in our lives. So praise Him for it and use them for His glory. It may be His plan that we have persecution. It may be His plan that we seem to be failures. ~~It may be his plan tht though we work and toil and struggle to serve Him we seem to accomplish nothing.~~ But if that is His plan for an individual so long as that individual is faithful, let him rejoice in God's dependability. Let him know that the One who has faith in Jesus Christ can know that God is working all things together for his good purposes and in the course which is best. And God gives us just a little glimpse of the future here in v.14: "The ~~xx~~ earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." This v. is almost verbatim in Is.11 where it ~~teel~~ tells about that time when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb and the little child shall lead them -- that time when all violence shall be removed from this earth and when our Lord Jesus Christ shall rule over this earth and reestablish Edenic conditions. We can look forward to it and know that God will accomplish His purpose though our individual part in that purpose we may not know, but God knows.

The actual future of our nation, we may not know. But God knows. And God has His plan and His plan is Good. And as the ~~fi~~ chapter ends,