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Her recent publications include *A Prophet Like Elijah?: A Narrative-Theological Reading of the Elijah Cycle*. Paternoster Biblical Monographs Series. UK: Paternoster, 2011; *South Asia Bible Commentary* (editor and contributor). Grand Rapids, Mich: Zondervan, 2015; *Altogether Lovely: A Thematic Intertextual Reading of the Song of Songs*. Minneapolis, Minn: Fortress Press, 2017, and *Ruth*. Asia Bible Commentary Series. Langham Global Library, 2019. Her ongoing writing projects include *South Asia Study Bible* (editor and contributor) and *Contribution to Five Views on Jesus in the Old Testament*. Counterpoints series, Zondervan.

Besides writing for both academia and the Indian church, she enjoys her dogs and garden. Havilah is married to Pandu Dharamraj, and they have two married children and a grandson.

#### **Areas of Focus:**

- - • Biblical Narrative
  - • Old Testament Poetry
  - • Narrative Preaching
  - • Storytelling for Ministry

#### **Education:**

- - • PhD in Old Testament, University of Durham, UK
  - • MSc in Biochemistry, University of Bangalore
  - • MA in Christian Studies (SAIACS)