

Haggai 2

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Book of Haggai: 2 Chapters/3 Messages

- **Ch 1**

1. **Message #1:** Sept. 520 BC. 66-70 yrs. after Temple destroyed
 - Stop making excuses
 - Consider your ways
 - Seek God first: Build My Temple

After 14 Yrs of Procrastination: The Word of the LORD comes through Haggai
23 Days Later the People are Excited/Working/Stirred by the Spirit of God

- **Ch 2**

1. **Message #2:** Oct. 520 B.C. Coming Glory of the Temple
2. **Message #3:** Dec. 520 B.C. From this Day Forward

I. Coming Glory of God's House

1 In the seventh month, on the twenty-first of the month the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet...

Message #2 Dec. 520 BC

Feast Time in Jerusalem: Haggai: lit. Festival of the LORD
Day of Atonement *and* Feast of Tabernacles

- **Day of Atonement:** AKA Yom Kippur. Cleansing of sin. Covering of sin.
- **Feast of Tabernacles:** AKA Feast of Booths. Reminder of God's deliverance

Fear of the LORD/Obedience to the LORD/Joy of the LORD
The Word of the LORD came by Haggai: The LORD anticipates problems...

2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Sheal-tiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying: 3 **'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory?**

Q. Who remembers Solomons Temple?

A. Young people 70 years ago/Elderly now

- Those that remember Solomon's temple were at the laying of the new foundation...
- Compared the old to the new...

Ezra 3:10 When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to **praise the Lord**, according to the ordinance of David king of Israel. 11 And they sang responsively, praising and **giving thanks to the Lord**: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel." Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. 12 **But** many of the priests and

Levites and heads of the fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first temple, **wept with a loud voice** when the foundation of this temple was laid before their eyes. Yet **many shouted aloud for joy**, 13 so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard afar off.

You who remember Solomon's Temple...

3b ...And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing?

When we continually reflect on the *so-called* good old days
We will miss what the LORD is doing in our lives today

Zechariah 4:10 ...who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. **They are the eyes of the LORD**, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."

We are called to be faithful in what we might think are little things...

2 Chronicles 16:9 For the **eyes of the Lord run** to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of **those whose heart is loyal to Him.**

Those living in the past: Hindering those wanting to move forward
Morale was sinking/Mental/Spiritual/Emotional/Physical fatigue setting in

The LORD speaks...

4 Yet now **be strong, Zerubbabel,** says the LORD; 'and **be strong, Joshua,** son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and **be strong, all you people** of the land,' says the LORD, '**and work**; for **I am with you,**' says the LORD of hosts. 5 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so **My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!**'

Do not Fear! Be Strong! Continue the Work! How?
Know that I Am still w/you *no matter how you feel*

We walk by faith and NOT by sight
What looks like nothing to others is something to Me

When we know God is with us
There is nothing a man/woman cannot do

Deuteronomy 31:22 Therefore Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel. 23 Then **He** [God] **inaugurated Joshua** and said, "**Be strong and of good courage**; for you shall bring the children of Israel into the land of which I swore to them, and **I will be with you.**"

Ephesians 6:10 ...be strong in the LORD and in the power of **His might.**

When we walk in Obedience/Walk by Faith
The LORD is w/us...The LORD is our Strength

The words/discouragement of scoffers tempted the people to fear/question
Maybe God is not in this... This is what happened 16 yrs before

I AM with you. Do not fear. Get to work!
Application: Stop listening to scoffers/Get on w/My work

6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts: '**Once more** (it is a little while) **I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;** 7 and I will **shake all nations...**

▪ **Housekeeping:** Four Temples in Jerusalem

1. Solomon
2. Zerubbabel
3. Anti-Christ
4. Jesus

The work you're doing now is part of My Eternal plan
You don't see it...One day you will

In the next 500 years Jesus will visit this Temple
2000 yrs later Jesus will return here/Shake the earth/Establish His Kingdom

7b ...and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.

Future temple glory awaits...Yet the LORD says to the discouraged
I will fill THIS TEMPLE with glory. How little will the work seem then?

Malachi 3:1 "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the LORD, whom you seek, Will **suddenly come to His temple**, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.

- **1st Coming this Temple:** John the Baptist prepares for Jesus
- **2nd Coming to the new Temple:** 2 Messengers prepare for Jesus

The glory of the temple you are building will be greater than the glory of Solomon's temple because God in the flesh will come to this temple. 2000 years later the glory of the Millennial Kingdom's temple will be greater than Solomons because Jesus will dwell there. And BTW, its beauty will blow away that of Solomon's temple... [NJC]

8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 9 'The **glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,'** says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place **I will give peace,'** says the LORD of hosts."

If I wanted Silver/Gold to show My glory I would have given it to you
Yet this Temple shall be *more glorious than Solomon's* because Jesus will be here

Later, In this place I will shower the world w/My peace/Wisdom/Righteousness
How little does the work seem to you now? We never know

Shut down the scoffers/Get to work
Put a stake in the ground...

II. From this Day Forward Stake in the Ground

10 On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, **the word of the LORD came by Haggai** the prophet, saying, 11 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Now, ask the priests concerning the law, saying, 12 "If one carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any food, will it become holy?" ' " Then the priests answered and said, "No." 13 And Haggai said, "If one who is unclean because of a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?" So the priests answered and said, "It shall be unclean."

Message #3 Dec. 520 BC
The Word of the LORD came by Haggai beginning w/questions

If holy touches unholy does the unholy become holy? No.
If the unclean touches the unclean will it become clean? No it will still be unclean

14 Then Haggai answered and said, " 'So is this people, and so is this nation before Me,' says the LORD, 'and so is every work of their hands; and **what they offer there is unclean.**

Haggai reminded them that their presence back in the Promised Land doesn't make everything they do holy. If the priorities of our heart are wrong, nothing we do is really holy to God.
[Guzik]

Complacency became contagious as the temple sat in ruins for 14 yrs
God used difficult situations/circumstances to get the people's attention

15 'And now, **carefully consider from this day forward:** from before stone was laid upon stone in the temple of the LORD— 16 since those days, when one came to a heap of twenty ephahs, there were but ten; when one came to the wine vat to draw out fifty baths from the press, there were but twenty. 17 I struck you with blight and mildew and hail in all the labors of your hands; **yet you did not turn to Me,' says the LORD.**

The people are again discouraged
Again they have life-changing choice

Carefully consider from this day forward...
I offer you New Mercies/New Start. Consider it...

Romans 6:20 For when **you were slaves of sin...** **21 What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed?** For the end of those things is death. **22** But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and **let us reason together,**" Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. **19 If you are willing and obedient,** You shall **eat the good** of the land; **20 But if you refuse and rebel,** You shall **be devoured by the sword**"...

Deuteronomy 30:15 "See, **I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,** **16** in that I command you today to **love the Lord your God,** to **walk in His ways,** and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, **that you may live** and multiply; and the Lord your **God will bless you in the land** which you go to possess.

- Carefully consider your next steps starting right now....
- Proverbs 18:1 [Para] He who refuses good council rages against sound wisdom

Consider/Learn from the Past
Disobedience led to Misery...Obedience to Blessing/Joy

Ponder how stubborn you were...Repent

18 'Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid—**consider it:** **19** Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But **from this day I will bless you.'** "

Consider now from this day forward...Consider a second option than what you feel
Set a stake in the ground to obey/walk in faith

Then I will consider this day forward to bless you
IOWs Obedience leads to great blessing!

Zechariah 8:9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: '**Let your hands be strong,** You who have been hearing in these days These words by the mouth of the prophets, Who spoke in the day the foundation was laid For the house of the LORD of hosts, That the temple might be built **...12 'For the seed shall be prosperous,** The **vine shall give its fruit,** The ground shall **give her increase,** And the heavens shall give their dew— I will cause the remnant of this people To possess all these.

When we *press on/press through* discouragement *w/obedience/faith*
We're able to strengthen others that are weak/w the strength God gave to us

Isaiah 35:3 Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. **4** Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "**Be strong, do not fear!**"

IV. Practically King Zerubbabel

20 And again the word of the LORD came to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, 21 "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: '**I will shake heaven and earth.** 22 **I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms**; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots And those who ride in them; The horses and their riders shall come down, Every one by the sword of his brother.

Directly to Zerubbabel Governor of Judah
[2x] I will shake the Earth/I will Overthrow Kings/Kingdoms. All of them...

Hebrews 12:26 ...whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." 27 Now this, "**Yet once more,**" indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that **the things which cannot be shaken may remain.**

The present state of things will be Changed/Regenerated
Renewed at the Kingdom of Christ

- **Regeneration:** gr. *Palingenesia* new birth, reproduction, renewal, recreation
- **Regeneration occurs after Judgment...**
 1. *Earth was regenerated* after the *Flood judgment*
 2. *We are regenerated* at Salvation after *Jesus took our judgement* [Titus 3:5]
 3. *Earth will again be regenerated* at the second coming judgment...

Matthew 19:28b ...in the **regeneration**, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Before Regeneration of the Earth is the Last Shaking of the Nations
Destruction of all earthly kingdoms

Daniel 2:31 [Dan to Neb] "You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. 32 This image's head was of fine gold [Babylon], its chest and arms of silver [Medo-Persia], its belly and thighs of bronze [Greece], 33 its legs of iron [Rome], its feet partly of iron and partly of clay AC Kingdom]. 34 You watched while a stone [Jesus] was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Revelation 11:15 [Fulfillment of Daniel] Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "**The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!**"

23 '**In that day,**' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will **make you like a signet ring**; for **I have chosen you,**' says the LORD of hosts."

In the Regeneration/after I overthrow Kings/Kingdoms
I will make you Zerubbabel like a King

- **Signet Ring:** Token of royal authority, e.g. throne, a crown, or a scepter.
- **NOTE:** After captivity there were no kings until Herod the Idumean puppet king of Israel. Zerubbabel was the closest thing to a king till Jesus came.

Because Zerubbabel was a descendant of the last legitimate king of Judah and in the line of Jesus, he could be legitimately recognized as the ruler [though not king] of the returning exiles. [Guzik]

IOWs Zerubbabel, You will have high standing in the Millennial Kingdom
What you thought was a insignificant is part of My Eternal Plan

- **Chapter 1**
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Walking in Obedience/Faith leads to the blessing of God w/us
Consider that now/From this day forward...Consider it