

MANUSCRIPT STUDY HANDOUT
HAGGAI: BUILDING FOR HIS GLORY

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LESSON 7: HE UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM & THE SIGNET RING
PASSAGE: HAGGAI 2:20-23

MARGINS / NOTES	SCRIPTURE TEXT
Date: Dec. 18, 520 BC Same day as 3rd message Private word to Zerubbabel Leader carry burden	20 The word of the LORD came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month:
Divine Sovereign Action "I will shake..." Exiles feel like pawns But serve the God of power (Heb.12:25-27)	21 "Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that I am going to shake the heavens and the earth.
Promise of Power and Peace Gentile strength destroyed Warriors fall by brother's sword - Divine peace given (John 14:27)	22 I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother.
Presence & Restoration "O Zerubbabel, My servant Chosen & love by God	23 "'On that day,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,' declares the LORD,
The Restored Signet Ring Royal authority restored Reversing Jeremiah 22:30 Jeconiah curse bypassed Messianic Line (Matt.1:12)	'and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,' declares the LORD Almighty.

DISCOVERY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **THE SHAKING AND THE UNSHAKABLE KINGDOM (vv. 20–22):** The returning exiles felt like small, vulnerable pawns in a world dominated by powerful empires. God promises to overthrow earthly armies—not by Israel's weapons, but by His sovereignty (even turning enemy swords against one another) to bring true peace (John 14:27). As Hebrews 12:25–27 reminds us, God shakes creation so that only what is unshakable remains. When life, news, or culture feels chaotic, how does knowing you are "on the winning side" change how you labor for God's house today?
2. **BEYOND FORGIVENESS: RESTORED AUTHORITY & THE SIGNET RING (v. 23):** In Jeremiah 22:30, God placed a curse on King Jeconiah (Coniah), ripping off the signet ring of Davidic royalty. Here, God names Jeconiah's grandson, Zerubbabel, His "chosen servant" and restores the signet ring—entrusting him with divine authority and preserving the legal line to Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:12). God doesn't just forgive a repentant people; He restores their purpose and relationship. Where in your life do you need to stop living like a "forgiven orphan" and start walking in the restored authority and love God offers His chosen ones?