

Haggai 2

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2 In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying, **(This is 3 weeks after the end of chapter-1)**

² Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, **(Zerubbabel means - born in confusion, but he came out when he heard the truth)**

³ Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? **(This temple is no comparison when compared to the temple that Solomon built. That's how people saw it)**

(God doesn't care about that. HE just wants us to do right and to live righteously. We all fail at times but God wants us to keep trying and He will bless us for it)

⁴ Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts: **(and work - Knowing God's Word is not enough. You have to do God's Word to be blessed)**

⁵ According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. **(There is nothing to fear if God is with you)**

(God freed the Israelites from bondage from the most powerful nation of the world, at that time <Egypt>. No nation can stand against God. Pharaoh learned that lesson the hard way) See Exodus-29:45

⁶ For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; **(shake – this word shake means to shake for the last time. That will happen at the end of this Age) see Psalms-46:1-11, Zechariah-14**

⁷ And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. **(The desire of all nations is Jesus Christ – God, when He was in the flesh. All nations desire the Savior. That will happen at the Millennium)**

NOTE: (There is only one God – He had many offices – the Father – Creator; Jesus - the Savior; the Holy Spirit – the Comforter; Melchizedek – the man who walked with Abraham; the Angel of the Lord – God in angelic form, etc. HE can be whoever and whenever He wants)

⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. (God created everything. HE owns everything)

⁹The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts. (The latter temple in the eternity is the Father and the Son <two offices of God>, not a building. God is greater and more glorious than any building made by man) see Revelation-21:22-23

(Only God, as the head of the world can bring us all true peace and happiness. HE cannot be corrupted. HE is all fair and just. HE is all knowing. HE will reign as King of kings, Lord of lords forever)

¹⁰In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

¹¹Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

¹²If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No. **Leviticus-6:27**

¹³Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. (body = nefesh <Hebrew> - means soul, not body – bad translation)

(Spiritually dead <a soul>, like physically dead <a body>, is considered unclean)

See Ezekiel-37 (God said to preach to the dry bones – to teach them God's Word, so that spiritual life can come back into them)

(They were living people who were spiritually dead. They knew nothing of God's Word, nor did they care about Him. They think that this flesh life is all there is. Our spiritual life will be so much better and greater than anything in this flesh existence)

¹⁴ Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean. (A house of God that does not teach the Word of God is unclean – like most churches, today. They preach sermons, written by preachers, instead of teaching the Word of God, chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

¹⁵ And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:

¹⁶ Since those days were, when one came to an heap of twenty measures, there were but ten: when one came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty. (They received poor harvests because they were not blessed by God – because they refused to learn God's Word; and to live by it)

¹⁷ I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD. (God tried to get their attention because they were straying into sin and perversion. Through all of that correction, they still refused wake up and get back into the Word of God. Had they done that, they would have been blessed and prosperous)

¹⁸ Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it. (Think, meditate, in order to understand God's plan)

¹⁹ Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you. (If your seed is still in the barn, then you haven't planted it in your fields yet. So what do you expect to harvest? What are you waiting for?)

(If you understand God's Word and don't help others to learn it, what do you expect to reap? How will other people be saved if you don't help them learn?)

(IF you get into God's Word and live by His commandments, God will bless you. You will be prosperous and happy. God's blessings give us peace of mind)

²⁰ And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

²¹ Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; (Zerubbabel - he who was born in babble, but came out of confusion when he heard the Word of God)

(God will shake Heaven and Earth at the end of this Age)

²² And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. (God will defeat the enemy in the great battles of Armageddon and Haman-Gog)

(Those who love and obey Him have nothing to worry about. God protects His own. Salvation is open to everyone who chooses to learn God's Word; and lives by God's commandments)

²³ In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts. (A signet is the king's seal – in this case, the seal of God. These are the Elect, chosen by God, before the foundation of this Age)