

Building the Lord's House #3

Courage for the Work at Hand

Haggai 2:1-9 7/15/2018

The Lord Encourages Obedience Despite a Reminder of Past Failures

On the twenty-first of the seventh month, the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet saying, ² "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people saying,

- Feast of Trumpets (1), Day of Atonement (10) Feast of Tabernacles (15)
- Commemorating the Lord's Journey with them in the Wilderness
- Anniversary of Consecration & Glory Filling of 1st Temple (2Chr 7)
- Reminder of Destruction of Temple & Departed Glory (Ezekiel 10)

Don't Let the Fear of Insufficiency Derail your Obedience (v. 3-4)

³ *'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not seem to you like nothing in comparison? ⁴ But now take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the Lord, 'take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage,' declares the Lord, 'and work; for I am with you,' declares the Lord of hosts.*

- Does what you've rebuilt from the rubble seem like nothing?
- Former temple's glory was external
- God is Glorious, Edifice was glorious, People were corrupt
- Take Courage & Work, for I am with you

Don't Let the Fear of Abandonment Derail Your Obedience (v. 5)

⁵ *'As for the promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt, My Spirit is abiding in your midst; do not fear!'*

- Reminder of Promise
- My Presence will go with you (Exodus 33:12-14)
- My People for My Glory (Exodus 19:5-6)
- My Messiah is Coming
- Reminder of Presence
- The Lord's Spirit is Abiding with them

The Promise of Future Realization of the Power of the Lord (v 6-7)

⁶ *For thus says the Lord of hosts, 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. ⁷ I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the Lord of hosts.*

- All Creation will Shake before me
- All Nations will Submit before me
- I Will Fill This House With Glory

The Promise of Future Realization of the Provision of the Lord (v. 8-9)

⁸ *'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,' declares the Lord of hosts.*

⁹ *'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says the Lord of hosts, 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares the Lord of hosts."*

- Treasure is the Lord's to bring. He will Deliver it in His Time
- Glory is the Lord's to reveal. He will Display it in His Time
- Peace is the Lord's to give. He will Disperse it in His Time