

## Building the Lord's House #5

### A Promised Future

Haggai 2:20-23 7/29/2018

#### The Lord is able to Restore the Purpose & Promise Sin Has Destroyed

- Repentant Hearts brought Faithful Hands & God Blessed the Land
- But what of the Lord's Covenant Purpose for the Fallen Kingdom?
  - God graciously announced His presence & provision for their lives
    - I am with you. I will bless you.
    - His mercy & grace meant they'd experience Him in their lives
    - Would grace invite them to serve His eternal purpose?
- Many embrace grace for daily life but believe they can't be used
  - Because of the depth of past failings
  - Because of the threat of present scorn
  - Because of the fear of future failure

#### A Message for the Governor and Us All (v. 20-21a)

<sup>20</sup> Then the word of the Lord came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, <sup>21</sup> "Speak to Zerubbabel governor of Judah,

- A Second Word on the Day the Blessing of Obedience is Announced
- A message to Zerubbabel (Seed of/Begotten in Babel)
- Grandson of Jehoichin, Cursed & Captive King of Judah (Coniah)

<sup>30</sup> "Thus says the Lord, 'Write this man down childless, A man who will not prosper in his days; For no man of his descendants will prosper Sitting on the throne of David Or ruling again in Judah.' **Jeremiah 22:30**

- Governor for Persia's authority not King for the Lord's authority
  - The Gentiles rule the world instead of God's Chosen People
  - God's Holy Nation seems humbled forever
  - The Son of David's line seems broken forever

#### A Coming Day of Promised Shaking

(v. 21b-22)

...saying, 'I am going to shake the heavens & the earth. <sup>22</sup> I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms & destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots and their riders, and the horses and their riders will go down, everyone by the sword of another.'

- The Messianic Promises are intact even though all seems lost
  - The heavens and the earth will be shaken
    - 'prince of the power of the air' will be shaken
    - the established powers of the world will be shaken
  - I will overthrow the thrones and power of the gentile nations
- The King & Kingdom are Still Coming,
  - God's Purpose stands, all other kingdoms will fall
  - Even as persecution increases, we trust the coming Hope

#### Your Shame will become like a Signet

(v 23)

<sup>23</sup> 'On that day,' declares the Lord of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, My servant,' declares the Lord, 'and I will make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you,'" declares the Lord of hosts

- On that day, God will make Zerubbabel's shame into a signet
  - Understanding the signet as a seal of authority
    - All authority has been given to Jesus Christ
    - On that Day Christ will come and exercise it
  - Understanding the meaning and mercy of this message
    - The curse on Coniah has been lifted from Zerubbabel's line
    - Both genealogies of Jesus include Zerubbabel

<sup>24</sup> "As I live," declares the Lord, "even though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were a signet ring on My right hand, yet I would pull you off; <sup>25</sup> and I will give you over into the hand of those who are seeking your life, yes, into the hand of those whom you dread, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of the Chaldeans. **Jeremiah 22:24-25**

Will you trust He is able to restore the purpose & promise sin destroyed?

- Your past failings can be redeemed for His glory
- Your present scorn can be eclipsed by His power in you
- Your future failures cannot stop His purposes
- He has authority, therefore go build His Kingdom