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The Book of Haggai

Hag. 2:1-9

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Hag. 2:1 In the seventh *month*, in the one and twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,

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,

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?

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:

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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.

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*;

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.

8 The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

9 The 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.

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A. The Present, 2:1-3

1. A Special People, 2:1

Hag. 2:1 In **the seventh month**, in the one and twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,

1 Kgs 8:2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which *is* **the seventh month**.

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2 Chron. 7:8 Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.

9 And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

10 And on **the three and twentieth day of the seventh month** he sent the people away into their tents, **glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.**

11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

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2. A Struggling People, 2:2

Hag. 2:2 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,

3. A Sorrowing People, 2:3

Hag. 2:3 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?

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Zech. 4:8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

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Ezra 3:8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD.

9 Then stood Jeshua *with* his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, *with* their sons and their brethren the Levites.

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10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because *he is good*, for his mercy *endureth* for ever toward Israel. And **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 chief of the fathers, *who were* ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and 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 noise was heard afar off.

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B. The Past, 2:4-5

Hag. 2:4 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:

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.

1. An Application of Covenant Position, 2:4

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a. Be Strong, 2:4a – “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...”

1 Chron. 28:9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and **serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind**: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

10 Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: **be strong, and do it.**

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1 Cor. 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, **be strong**.

2 Sam. 10:12 **Be of good courage**, and **let us play the men** for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good.

b. Be Sure, 2:4b – “...**for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:**”

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1 Chron. 28:20 And David said to Solomon his son, **Be strong and of good courage, and do *it***: fear not, nor be dismayed: **for the LORD God, *even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee***, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

2. An Appeal to Covenant Principle, 2:5

Hag. 2:5 *According to* the word that **I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt**, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.

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Ex. 19:4 Ye have seen what **I did** unto the Egyptians, and *how* **I bare you** on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

5 Now therefore, **if ye will obey** my voice indeed, and **keep my covenant**, then ye shall be **a peculiar treasure unto me above all people**: for all the earth *is* mine:

6 And ye shall be unto me **a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation**. These *are* the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

C. The Prospect, 2:6-9

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Hag. 2:6 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*;

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.

8 The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts. **it is a little while**

9 The 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.

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1. The Lord and His Power, 2:6-7a

Hag. 2:6 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*;

a. Shaking All Nature, 2:6 –

“...and **I will shake the heavens**, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*...”

b. Shaking All Nations, 2:7a –

“And I will shake all nations...”

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2. The Lord and His Presence, 2:7b-c

Hag. 2:7b-c "...and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. "

a. In Grace, 2:7b – "...and the desire of all nations shall come..."

Hag. 2:9 The 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.

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Mt. 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: **I came not to send peace, but a sword.**

Dan. 8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and **by peace shall destroy many**: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

Dan.11:21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: **but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.**

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Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.**

7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

b. In Glory, 2:7c – “...and **I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.**”

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3. The Lord and His Possessions, 2:8

Hag. 2:8 The silver *is* mine, and the gold *is* mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

4. The Lord and His Peace, 2:9

Hag. 2:9 The 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.

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Conclusion

1 Pet. 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that **ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**

1 Thess. 5:3 For **when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them,** as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

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6 Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but **let us watch and be sober.**

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, **be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.**

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

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