



**Series: The Minor Prophets**

**Lesson: 43. Haggai, pt. 2 – Shaking the Nations**

**Passage: Hag. 2:1–9**

- **The People's \_\_\_\_\_ (vv1–3)**
  - The people were saddened that the new temple would not be as grand as the old.
  - They faced a similar dilemma when they laid the foundations 16 years earlier.

*Ezra 3:10–13 – Now when the builders had laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests stood in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord according to the directions of King David of Israel. <sup>11</sup>They sang, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, saying, “For He is good, for His lovingkindness is upon Israel forever.” 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. <sup>12</sup>Yet many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers’ households, the old men who had seen the first temple, wept with a loud voice when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, while many shouted aloud for joy, <sup>13</sup>so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the shout of joy from the sound of the weeping of the people, for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the sound was heard far away.*

- The context of each probably played a big part in their responses.

- **God's \_\_\_\_\_ (vv4–5)**

- God doesn't want us to pretend \_\_\_\_\_ don't exist, but He does want us to buckle down and fulfill His will anyway.

- We can accomplish that because He is with us!

- God reminds them of His promise when He left Egypt:

*Ex. 29:45–46 – I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God. <sup>46</sup>They shall know that I am the Lord their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the Lord their God.*

*Is. 63:11–14 – Then His people remembered the days of old, of Moses. Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of His flock?*

*Where is **He who put His Holy Spirit in the midst of them,***

*<sup>12</sup>Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, Who divided the waters before them to make for Himself an everlasting name,*

*<sup>13</sup>Who led them through the depths?*

*Like the horse in the wilderness, they did not stumble;*

*<sup>14</sup>As the cattle which go down into the valley,*

*The Spirit of the Lord gave them rest.*

*So You led Your people,*

*To make for Yourself a glorious name.*

- Today, His Spirit is 'in our midst' by dwelling \_\_\_\_\_ us!

*1 Cor. 3:16–17 – Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.*

- **God's \_\_\_\_\_ (vv6–8)**
  - 'Shaking' things in Scripture can refer to the paradigm-shifting nature of the work God will do (cf. Jer. 50:46).
    - God will 'shake the nations' by having them bring their wealth to tiny, humble Israel.
    - 'Shaking the nations' also refers to God's sovereignty over them (cf. Is. 30:28).
  
  - 'Shaking the heavens' and more is also strongly associated with the \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Is. 13:13; Matt. 24:29; Mark 13:25; Luke 21:26).

*Heb. 12:25–29 – See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven. <sup>26</sup>And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup>This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for our God is a consuming fire.*

- There are both near and far fulfilments to this prophecy.
  - Short-term: Israel received the wealth of nations to help rebuild the temple (cf. Ezra 6:8–10; 7:11–22).
  - Long-term: The temple will receive the wealth of the nations as part of Israel's glorified state in the \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Is. 60).
  
- Everything already belongs to \_\_\_\_\_, so no one should be surprised that the physical means to accomplish His will will be provided.
  
- **God's Desired \_\_\_\_\_ (v9)**
  - Short-term: \_\_\_\_\_ was in the second temple!
  
  - Long-term: There will be a third temple! (cf. Ez. 40-47)
    - It will be a source of life and healing (cf. Ez. 47:1, 12).
    - After the Millennium, it will no longer be necessary (cf. Rev. 21:22; 22:1–2).
    - It will be full of glory from the wealth of the nations and the rule of Christ!
  
  - It will be a place of \_\_\_\_\_ [*shalom*].

## What Do We Do with This Text?

1. No matter how difficult the task seems, if you are following Christ, remember that \_\_\_\_\_!
2. God still has a whole lot of blessing left to do, but He has provided many fulfilments along the way to demonstrate His \_\_\_\_\_ and strengthen our \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Remember that we serve a God whose ultimate plan results in true \_\_\_\_\_ for His people

**Blanks:** Discouragement, Encouragement, hardships, inside, Provision, end times, Millennium, God, Outcome, Christ, peace, He is with you, faithfulness, faith, peace