

Haggai Lesson 5

Review

First Sermon (1:1-15)	Second Sermon (2:1-9)	Third Sermon (2:10-19)	Fourth Sermon (2:20-23)
Conviction	Courage	Cleanliness	Consummation (Completion)
<p>When our priorities are wrong, God will not bless - Put God First</p> <p>Haggai 1:5,7 “...Consider your ways” Are you earning wages to put them in bags with holes?</p> <p>When our priorities are right, when we respond with obedience, the blessing is the promise of His presence Haggai 1:13 “I am with you”</p>	<p>Don't be discouraged in your service for the Lord when you don't see immediate, visible fruit - God looks at the heart!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be strong and work • God will provide for His work God will have His glory • God will give His peace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contamination and Consecration • Consequence • Covenant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divine Conquest - Certainty of the fall of earth's kingdoms • Divine Certitude - Certainty of Christ's kingdom
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Haggai's 4th Sermon: Consumation (Completion)

Outline

- A. Divine Conquest - Certainty of the fall of earth's kingdoms
- B. Divine Certitude - Certainty of Christ's kingdom

Introduction

Matt 25:3 “... when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?”

- false Christs
- hated of all nations for my name's sake.
- wars and rumours of wars
- nation rise against nation
- false prophets
- love of many waxes cold
- betray and hate each other

- The Jews had already demonstrated that they were easily discouraged and fearful about the future.
- Sometimes involvement in a part clouds the vision of the whole, and discouragement sets in when all that is seen seems so insignificant. - - We like to know what is happening!
- So God reassures us -in His own way - that the future is certain - and in His hands

A. Certainty of the fall of earth's kingdoms

And again the word of the Lord came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying, Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying,

I will shake the heavens and the earth;

- the Lord declares that with uninterrupted and unhindered activity He will cause all creation to shudder.
- heavens and earth - literary device to describe all creation

***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.***

- Judgement against Gentile nations that reject God, that "plot and scheme of ways to tear off the fetters and bonds of divine control."
- The Lord will destroy the kingdoms of this world. They will fight against each other. He will disarm them.

Read Psalm 2

Psalms 2:1-3

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying,

Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

Psalms 2:4-5

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

B. Certainty of Christ's kingdom

***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.***

Zerubbabel is a type of Christ (the antitype)

"real historical person, event, or thing used as an object lesson or symbol to foreshadow or predict the actual, future realization or fulfillment of the pictured truth." = "picture-prophecy" - predict the antitype, the main topic of the revelation

A shadow that prompts us to look for the real object

1. Zerubbabel as a messianic person
 - God's servant (picture of the Ideal Servant)
2. The signet as a messianic object
 - Symbol of authority
 - Guarantees the unconditional certainty of God's covenant with David that his "greater Son" will rule
 - Genesis 49:10 "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."
 - Ezek 21:26,27 "Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him."

Certainty of Christ's reign (Ps 2:6 "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.")

Application:

Zerubbabel and the Jews had a lot of believing to do. And so do we!

Jews	Us
<i>Situation:</i> Exiles (defeated people) returning to their country Surrounded by enemies	<i>Situation:</i> Strangers and pilgrims (Heb 11:13) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were

<p>Constantly at war or at risk of war</p>	<p>persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.</p> <p>Surrounded by the world (Jn 15:18,19)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. <p>An uncertain world /age (Matt 24:6,7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
<p><i>Mission:</i></p> <p>Building the temple Separation from the nations</p>	<p><i>Mission:</i></p> <p>Building the church – Making disciples of every nation (Matt 28:19, 20)</p> <p>Separation from the world (1Jn 2:15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
<p><i>Action required:</i></p> <p>Obedience Work</p>	<p><i>Action required:</i></p> <p>Obedience (Jn 14:5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If ye love me, keep my commandments. <p>Work (Jn 6:27)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.
<p><i>Faith required:</i></p>	<p>Zechariah 4:6</p>

<p>God will supply God will bless God will be with them God will defeat their enemies (as He has promised)</p>	<p>Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.</p>
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God is with His people today

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Romans 8:31

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

God's seal is on His people

2 Corinthians 1:22

Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Eph 1:13,14

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

We are chosen to build

John 15:16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Faith is required to build

Sometimes involvement in a part clouds the vision of the whole, and discouragement sets in when all that is seen seems so insignificant.

God assures us that the future is certain and is in His control

2Cor 1:20 "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

(ESV: For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.)

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)