



THE MESSAGES OF HAGGAI “The Message of Assurance” Haggai 2:20-23

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Zerubbabel, the leader of the reconstruction project was evidently in need of assurance that he was on the right track. He got this from Haggai—and more. Zechariah joined in as well.

I. A Reassuring Message Regarding the Immediate Future. Zechariah 4:1-14

- A. The vision of the lampstand. vv. 1-5, 11-14
 - 1. The significance of the lampstand—the Temple, Jerusalem.
 - 2. The brilliance of its shining—7 lamps or 49?
 - 3. The means of its shining—two olive trees.
 - 4. The identity of the olive trees—Joshua the priest, Zerubbabel the governor.
 - 5. The secret of its supply—the golden oil. v. 12
- B. The oracles of the Lord. vv. 6-10
 - 1. The Lord’s work is done “not by might, nor by power” but by the Spirit.
 - 2. When the Lord works, mighty mountains are removed.
 - 3. The Lord uses people who are in touch with His Spirit.
 - 4. The Lord completes what He starts—a cause for great rejoicing.
 - 5. Those who despise small beginnings will be silenced.
 - 6. The “eyes of the Lord” keep careful watch on His work.

II. A Reassuring Message Regarding the Intermediate Future. Haggai 2:20-23

- A. The significance of the signet. See 1 Kings 21:8; Daniel 6:17; Esther 8:8
- B. The tragic withdrawal of the signet. Jeremiah 22:24-30
- C. The promise of restoration to Zerubbabel.
 - 1. Grandson of Jehoiachin.
 - 2. Descendant of David.
 - 3. Ancestor of Jesus Christ. See Matthew 1:11-13
 - a. Chosen One. Isaiah 41:8; 42:1-7
 - b. Servant. Isaiah 49:5-6
 - c. King. Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:1-11
- D. The building of the Kingdom. Matthew 4:17; 5:3; 6:10; 12:28; 24:14
- E. The completion of the temple. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 6:16-18

III. A Reassuring Message Regarding the Ultimate Future. Revelation 21:1-27

- A. There will be “a new and a new earth.” v. 1
- B. There will be a “new Jerusalem” “the Holy City.” v. 2
- C. There will be a throne on which is seated the Alpha and Omega. v. 5
- D. There will be no temple, no night, no tears, and nothing impure.

Point to Ponder: The last chapter has been written. Those who know—tell.