



HAGGAI

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NOTES

Strength for Today and Bright Hope for Tomorrow

Haggai 2:20-23

We've been studying through the book of Haggai and now have just four verses left. This one last message isn't directed to all of the exiles; it's directed specifically to Zerubbabel, their governor who would have been their king if not for the disobedience of those in his family before him. We're going to see that these final four verses, though short, are oozing with hope for the people of God.

To end the book of Haggai, God sends Haggai to Zerubbabel (v. 20) and He makes two promises:

- A. *"One day I will overthrow all earthly authority" (v. 21-22).*
- B. *"On that day, I will restore the authority of the line of David – and it's going to be through you, Zerubbabel" (v. 23).*

Through Zerubbabel, we discover:

1. *God can redeem those with a bad name.*
2. *Our hope rests in the God who is sovereign over all kingdoms and in the certainty that He will fulfill what He has promised.*
3. *God's chosen people choose to prioritize what matters most for all eternity.*

Study Guide

Reflect + Discuss + Apply

1. How does it change the way we live today knowing with certainty that on the final day, God wins?
2. What is God promising to Zerubbabel in these verse? What does it mean that God will make Zerubbabel “like my signet ring”?
3. If these verses are pointing ultimately to an event at least 2,500 years later - the final day of victory when the consummation of the kingdom comes - how would this be an encouragement to Zerubbabel and the people of God in that day?
4. How encouraging is it to know that those who have repented and trusted Christ are God’s “chosen ones”? How can you reflect today on God’s compassionate love for you?
5. Read verses 20-23 again. Notice that God, through Haggai, promises the return of peace – in the destruction of the weapons of warfare that were wielded against them. Have you experienced God’s promise of peace?
6. Why are these verses and the promises within them such a fitting way to end the book of Haggai?
7. What needs to change in your life in response to the teaching and exhortations in the book of Haggai? How will you go about making those life changes?