

“THE FINAL OVERTHROW” – HAGGAI 2:20-23

INTRO: *securities in an insecure world (jobs, homes, future...what’s going to happen to my family?)*

***God keeps His plan safe even through the coming commotions, when our world is shaken, when the nations are rising & falling...GOD IS STILL ON THE THRONE & HIS PLAN STAYS FIRM.*

I. THE COMING KINGDOM: (V. 20-22)

A. ZERUBBABEL’S POSITION: (20-21)

(20) same day as previous message (Chislew: Nov./ Dec.) (3 ½ months since first message)

(21) message to Governor Zerubbabel: (last to Joshua – priest; this time to royal authority)

- This last message is about Kingdom of God (ultimate rule) God would protection & preserve monarchy of David, Messiah would come.

- Governor Zerubbabel is living under Persian King Darius, building a Temple for God, facing enemy threats, changes all around him. As a leader you can easily think ...what of my people? What of the promises & plan of God for Israel, for Messiah? Will the promises given to the forefathers really come about? I’m living in a day of “new beginnings”, “rebuilding”, of “small things”.

Zech. 4:10 *For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.”*

** God works on the leader, to work in the leader. He allows difficulties, trials, small things, that
1) faith may be exercised 2) character may be built 3) God may be glorified in all things.*

B. GOD’S PLAN: (22)

- 4 “I will...” statements: “God’s Establishment of His Kingdom - Messiah”

CREATION: (21B)

“I will shake heaven and earth.” (2:6-7 – same shaking occurs)

- men may shake men, nations may bring fear and terror in hearts – intimidation, force, but only God, King of Kings, can shake the heavens and earth...*

Psalm 46:6 *The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted.*

Isaiah 40:15 *Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, And are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing.*

When Jesus comes to set up His kingdom there will be a great “shaking” in creation:

Matthew 24:29-30 *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

Zechariah 14:4,9 *And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south. And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be-- “The LORD is one,” And His name one.*

NATIONS: (22)

“I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms”/ “I will destroy the strength of Gentile kingdoms”

- Persian Empire would fall to Grecian, Grecian fall to Roman, Roman crumble apart & then in last days be unified again (One World Empire), yet Messiah would overthrow that one.
(Daniel’s interpretation of Neb’s dream - image)*

Daniel 2:34-35 *You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.*

Daniel 2:44-45 *And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it*

broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold--the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

**how easily things change...man's kingdoms rise and fall (God sets up one and puts down another)... every kingdom of man thinks they will never fall... (History shows us that when a nation rejects God, they follow their own ways and it eventually ends in destruction)

- Zerubbabel remember, "God is in control – ultimate plan"

Zech 4:6 "not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit..."

"I will overthrow the chariots..." (strength/ power/ military might of nations)

(ex. Exodus 14: Egypt – overthrew chariots & riders by natural causes)

(ex – 2 Chr. 20:22-23 - Jehoshaphat battling Ammon, Moab, Mt. Seir: God overthrew

enemies by civil war- turned on themselves – "They helped to destroy one another")

*God deals with His enemies in various ways...in righteousness, holiness, and in truth. FACT: His plans cannot be thwarted by men.

- God will deal with the Gentile nations when He comes to rule: battle of Armageddon

Revelation 19:11-21

- Zerubbabel remember: "God will protect His descendants amidst all the overthrow of empires till the Messiah comes to rule forever."

II. THE CHOSEN KING: (V.23)

A. THE OWNED SERVANT:

- Words spoke of his descendants, not actual person...God was looking down the road.

Ezekiel 34:23 I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them--My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd.

Jeremiah 30:9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, And David their king, Whom I will raise up for them.

- Zerubbabel didn't become renown leader, yet he was the representative of the royal line of David's house...from him would come the Messiah's promised throne.

- Zerubbabel becomes a type of Christ (Messiah) leading people out of bondage; build a Temple; protecting people from enemy.

- "My Servant" not derogatory demotion in leadership; but honorific title (Moses, Joshua, Job... ultimately Jesus – Acts 4:27)
- I am His servant, "owned" because He bought me.

B. THE WORN SIGNET RING:

- Signet ring:
 - o seal, mark of royal authority, delegate – made laws valid.

Gen. 41:47 – Joseph was given Pharaoh's ring (authority, legal mandates)/ Daniel 6:17 – King Darius sealed Daniel into lion's den with His own signet ring/ Matthew 27 – Pilate stamped the tomb shut (no change of sentence – legal authority)

valued possession - constantly carry & care for, mark of ownership.

Song of Solomon 8:6 [The Shulamite to Her Beloved] Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.

- Zerubbabel would be given a position remaining inseparably connected with God like a ring... (authority, ownership) but it pointed to JESUS...ONE from Father's right hand, ruling over all things by His word!

C. THE CHOSEN SAVIOR:

- "chosen you" (selected you): safety in God's love... covenanted people... words of promise: God here reverses the sentence upon King Jehoiachin (Jeconiah) for his impiety led to captivity:

Jeremiah 22:24 "As I live," says the LORD, "though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, were the signet on My right hand, yet I would pluck you off;

- from cast off to chosen, place of blessing. Zerubbabel honored God; God honored him.

- “Chosen you” = further view of the Messiah (chosen One)

Isaiah 42:1 *"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.*

Matthew 12:18 *"Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.*

- Jesus is the Servant of God, the manifested Seal of God, Chosen Savior. When we look at Him we know all that the Father is like (Jn. 1:18 – He has declared Him) When we are IN Him we are called servants of the Lord (Rom.6), are sealed by His Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13), and are called (“chosen” of God (1 pet. 2:4)