



MY SPIRIT ABIDES

Haggai 2:1-9

PENTECOST SUNDAY 2016



Haggai 2:

1 On the twenty-first of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet saying, 2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people saying, 3 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? Does it not seem to you like nothing in comparison? 4 'But now take courage, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD, 'take courage also, Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and all you people of the land take courage,' declares the



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LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' declares the LORD of hosts. 5 'As for the promise which I made you when you came out of Egypt, My Spirit is abiding in your midst; do not fear!' 6 'For thus says the LORD of hosts, 'Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. 7 'I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 8 'The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,' declares the LORD of hosts. 9 'The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and in this place I will give peace,' declares the LORD of hosts.'

A TIME OF RETURN

- Israel has returned to the land...
 - Ezra has been given opportunity
 - Returning to a “foreign place”
 - People are focused on themselves... (Ch. 1)
 - Discouraged, hopeless, reacting to events
- Does God have a word for us?
 - Governor, Priest and People! (vs. 2)

A TIME OF MEMORIES

- People returning
 - Some remembered the “OLD” Temple
 - It was like ‘nothing’ in their eyes...
 - We don’t see things clearly!!!
 - Not the Temple, but what is IN the temple!!!
 - Be strong 3x!! **hazak** – take courage
 - “I AM with you”

A TIME OF REMEMBERING



- God remembers!
 - Not only brought them back to the land...
 - Covenant from the time of Egypt!
- **MY SPIRIT** is among you!
 - Though all the failures and sin...
 - God had NOT MOVED!
 - Prophets, promises, plan of God: unchangeable

A TIME OF SHAKING

- Once more!
 - Has this happened yet?
 - Heavens, earth, sea, land, nations...
 - Desire of nations – fill this house with glory!
 - Silver and gold? **GLORY!!!**
 - Then end will be greater than before!!!
 - God has the end game...

A TIME OF PEACE

- In all the discouragement and failures...
 - “I will give peace.”
 - The place of your fear, frustration, failure
 - It will take 16 years to complete...
 - 1,000 as a day!!!
 - In His Glory, peace!



Don't you know that you yourselves are
God's temple and that God's Spirit
lives in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

