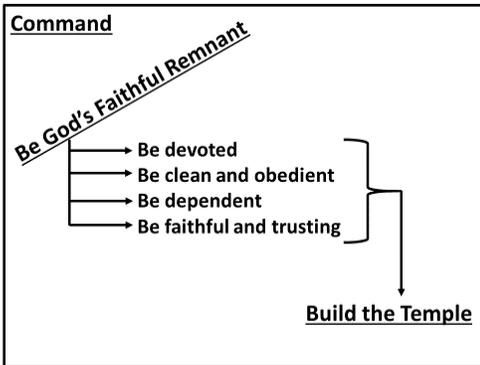


# Haggai 2.20-23 / Faith Bible Church / 11.22.20



Two of Haggai's prophecies emphasized \_\_\_\_\_: the people were to live as God's faithful remnant, devoted to God, clean and obedient for God, dependent on God, faithful and trusting toward God. All this would lead them to build the temple, which would fulfill earlier prophecies and allow the people access to God and the opportunity to offer proper sacrifices.

God emphasized \_\_\_\_\_ in the prophecy in Haggai 2.1-9: the new temple would be glorious, because God was going to bring about a new exodus-like deliverance, in which he would shake up the heavens and the earth, make the Gentile nations pay tribute to him, and bring peace and freedom to Jerusalem. Earlier prophecies make clear this refers to the second coming of Jesus, the Messiah [or Christ], as Israel's king.

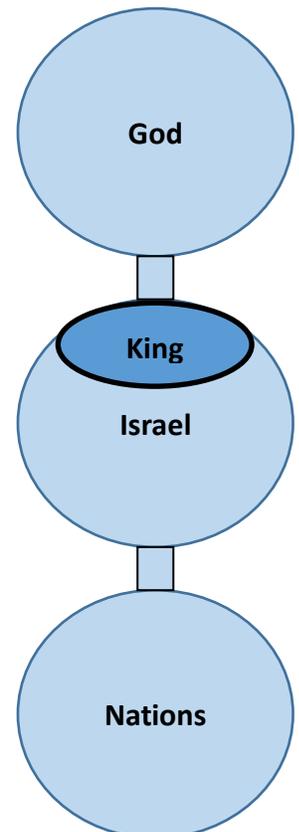


\_\_\_\_\_ represents both his ancestor David and his descendent Jesus in Haggai 2.20-23. God echoed his earlier promise: He will shake up the heavens and the earth, overthrow the governments and militaries of the Gentile nations, and reestablish the Davidic monarchy to represent him on Earth.

God promised David his dynasty through his son \_\_\_\_\_ would be permanent, in the Davidic Covenant of 2 Samuel 7.8-17. God later elaborated that one descendent of David would be the promised Messiah, who would reign forever as God's ultimate chosen representative. This Messiah is called "Prince of Peace" in Isaiah 9 and "Son of Man" in Daniel 7. We know this Messiah as Jesus [Matthew 21.9; Luke 1.32-33].

In Isaiah 42, God called the \_\_\_\_\_ his servant. When God had Haggai call Zerubbabel his servant and chosen one, God assured Zerubbabel that the Davidic Covenant was still valid, that the Messiah would come as one of Zerubbabel's descendants to sit on David's throne.

The King of \_\_\_\_\_ was the highest representative of God on Earth, so God sometimes referred to him as his signet ring, which was a seal that represented the authority of a person. God said in the end he would make Zerubbabel like his signet ring, indicating that the line of David, through Solomon, through Zerubbabel, would forever represent God, because the Messiah would be their descendant.



This reversed the curse God had placed on \_\_\_\_\_, who was the grandfather of Zerubbabel and the king who gave up Jerusalem to the Babylonians. In Jeremiah 22.24-23.1, God said he would remove that king as his signet ring representative.

God said he would destroy the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ power of the Gentile nations; earlier God said he would seize their wealth, which they would pay in tribute. God will shake up nature and nations to bring Israel peace and freedom, with the Messiah as king and thus God's ultimate representative on all the Earth.

\_\_\_\_\_ would do all this, so it did not matter that the people were few, weak, and ruled by the Persians. They were to walk by faith and obedience, trusting God to deliver.

After his resurrection, Jesus said \_\_\_\_\_ had all authority in Heaven and on Earth [Matthew 28.18]. Jesus also said when he returned, he would sit on his glorious throne [Matthew 25.31].

Though Jesus has all authority and all power and thus is a fearsome figure, it is he who offers us grace and reconciliation with God. We accept this grace, this salvation, through faith in who Jesus is as the divine Son of God who came to be the human Messiah-savior [Christ] and faith in what Jesus accomplished for us in that he died to pay the penalty for our sin so we could be reconciled with God and was resurrected from the dead in victory over death, sin, and evil. See Ephesians 2.1-10; Titus 3.4-7; John 3.16-18.

All of scripture comes together in Christ, in the theme of God bringing himself glory by establishing for himself a representative people here on Earth, who will reflect his character, represent him, reproduce his image, and rule in his name. To overcome sin and evil and their consequences, Christ has come and will come again.