



“Prioritize Our Lives - Work Together”

-The Book of Haggai

Date: 3-3-24 Lesson: 3

“The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former”

MISSION PRIORITY #2

“Support and expand theological education”



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A. THE TEXT

(Haggai 2:6-9) (6) For thus says **the Lord of hosts**: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. (7) And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, 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 shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.**”

B. THE KEY PEOPLE and THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

1. Darius the king – Hystaspis ruler of Persia (522-486 B.C.)
2. Haggai the prophet (**Ezr 5:1-2; 6:14**)
3. Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah – Sheshbazzar (**Ezr 1:8**)
4. Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest
(taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar in **1 Chr 6:15**)
5. The remnant of the people
6. The last day of the Feast of Tabernacles- 21st day of the 7th month = Oct. 17, 520 B.C.
7. From 333-330 B.C. Alexander the Great would defeat the Persians, nations rise and fall.

C. THE STUDY NOTES

1. Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. This recalls the judgment on Egypt at the Red Sea (**Ex 19:18; Job 9:6; Is 10:25; 14:16,17; Ezek 38:19; Heb 12:25-29**)
2. And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures “desire” of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts.
(**Ex 40:34,35; 1 Ki 8:10,11; 1 Sam 9:20; Dan 9:23; Mal 3:1; Matt 24:27-39; 2 Pet 3:10-14**)
3. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. (**1 Chr 29:2,7; Ezr 6:5**)
4. The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. (**Is 60:17**)
The Messiah will come and bring the greatest glory (**Is 11:10; 60:7; Lk 2:27, 32, 46**)
5. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.
(**Lev 26:6; Nu 6:26; Ps 85:9 Is 60:7; Lk 2:14,29; John 14:27; 20:21-23; Eph 2:14; Col 1:20**)

D. LUTHER’S COMMENTARY ON HAGGAI CHAPTER 2

“So that the treasures of all nations shall come in. Read “treasure” or “what is treasureable” among all nations. We can take it as a passive or an active. I take it in the form that befits all nations, that is, as a treasure that had to be published through the Gospel. So he speaks of a most pleasing treasure, of which the Gentiles were so unaware that they were unable to desire it. In this way he indicates that the kingdom has to be spread throughout the world to all nations, as Christ also says in the last chapter of Luke (Luke 24:47): “And that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, etc.”

....Surely we have received from them nothing other than the preaching of the Gospel, which is the noblest treasure and desirable good.

And I shall fill this house with splendor. He spreads the word of this treasure more widely that the people may know that they are going to worship the Lord in the new temple along with the Gentiles. The splendor of that latter temple was that Christ adorned it with His presence and preaching, even though it was enough splendor that also the Gentiles gathered together to that latter temple as they were converted to the faith.”

E. MISSION PRIORITY #2

Support and expand theological education

What does this mean?

Making lifelong disciples through the faithful catechesis of individuals and families rests upon the solid foundation and ongoing theological education of our pastors and church workers. Residential seminary education for our pastors and advanced scholarly study for our theologians are vital for the health and well-being of the church and her evangelization of the world (2016 Res. 6-02).

Solid, rigorous theological education that emphasizes the study of the Scriptures in their original languages and faithfulness to the Lutheran Confessions is indispensable for passing on the Christian faith and life to the next generation of Christians through faithful catechesis.

The pastor must be “able to teach,” and he must “hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it”

(1 TIM. 3:2; TITUS 1:9; TABLE OF DUTIES).

“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it” **(LUKE 11:28)**. “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” **(ROM. 10:17)**. Faithful service, mercy and love for one’s neighbor and the world around us flow out of faith in Christ that is born from and sustained by God’s Word.

Such theological education enables catechesis to focus rightly upon the application of the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions to contemporary life and a defense of the Christian faith against challenges from societal trends and false doctrine.

The task of theological education serves ongoing teaching and catechesis and involves the local congregation and school, families and individuals, as well as pastors, church workers, seminaries, universities, colleges, international schools, the boards and commissions of the Synod, and our Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs).

Scripture reference: 2 Timothy 3:10–4:5

NEXT WEEK 3-10-24 LESSON 4

“With every work of their hands” (Haggai 2:10-14)

SEVEN MISSION PRIORITIES

MISSION PRIORITY #3

Perform human care in close proximity to Word and Sacrament ministries

