

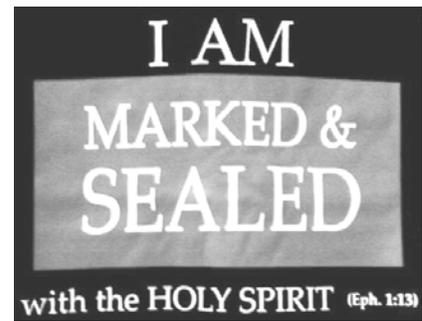
## THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

### "Theology of Glory vs. Theology of the Cross"

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#### A. THE TEXT (Haggai 2:20-23)

**The word of the Lord** came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month,

(21) "Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, **I am** about to shake the heavens and the earth, (22) and to overthrow the throne of kingdoms.

**I am** about to destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations, and overthrow the chariots and their riders. And the horses and their riders shall go down, every one by the sword of his brother.

(23) On that day, **declares the Lord of hosts**, I will take you, O Zerubbabel my servant, the son of Shealtiel, declares **the Lord**, and make you like a signet ring, for **I have chosen** you, declares **the Lord of hosts.**"

#### B. THE STUDY NOTES

1. The work of Haggai the prophet (**Ezra 5:1; 6:14**)
2. Zerubbabel – his kingship (**Ezra 2:2; 3:2,8; 4:2,3; 5:2; Neh 7:7; 12:1,47; Zech 4:6-10**)
3. New Testament – The Messianic line and family tree of Jesus includes Zerubbabel (**Mt 1:12,13; Lk 3:27**)
4. To overthrow like Sodom and Gomorrah (**Gen 19:25; Am 4:11**)  
and Pharaoh at the Red Sea (**Ex 15:1,4,19,21**)  
God overthrows all his enemies (**Ps 46:9,10; Mt 24:7**)
5. On that day = the Day of the Lord  
(**Is 2:11,17,20; 10:20,27; Zech 2:11; 13:1; Zeph 3:9,11;**  
**Acts 2:20; 1 Cor 5:5; 1 Th 5:2; 2 Th 5:2; 2 Pet 3:10**)
6. My servant was Zerubbabel but truly fulfilled in the Messiah (**Is 41:8,9,42**)
7. The signet ring was his seal for used in the wax of official documents (**Jer 32:10**)
8. The true seal is Jesus in the Holy Spirit and would be the mark on all believers  
(**Jn 3:33; 6:27; Rom 4:11; 2 Cor 1:22; Eph 1:13,14; 4:30; 2 Tim 2:19; Rev 5:1; 7:3**)
9. Chosen by God – David – Jesus – Us  
(**Is 42:1; 2 Sam 7:11-16; Ps 78:70; John 4:22; Col 3:12; 1 Th 1:4; 1 Pet 2:4-10; Rev 17:14**)

## C. THE MEANING FOR US

1. The Day of the Lord – how do we prepare for its coming?
2. If we have been sealed by God in Jesus for eternal life, what comfort does this give us?
3. Since we have been chosen by God here in time and for eternity, why does that define who you are now?

## D. LUTHER' commentary of Haggai

21. *Speak to Zerubbabel, the governor.*

At the end he adds a promise regarding Zerubbabel. The Lord declares this to comfort both the king and the people. He clearly announces here the same change which he had earlier declared about a change of all things. This occurs through the Word of the Gospel in the hearts and consciences of men.

23. *Like a signet ring,*  
that is, "like a ring that bears the signer's identification."

*For I have chosen you.*

This applies not so much to the person of the king as it does to the person of Christ, who was born out of his loins, because "salvation is from the Jews," as John writes (John 4:22). Therefore, Christ, who came from the Jews, changed everything with His coming, namely, through the preaching of the Gospel. You see, as long as Zerubbabel lived that change did not occur. It came after his death when the new King, Christ, was born. To Him be praise and glory. Amen.

## E. FUTURE STUDIES:

1. Easter Sunday – March 27 – class in the sanctuary –  
"The Evidence for the Resurrection" and the Holy Land slides
2. Sunday April 3 – begin a new study:  
**"The Fruit of the Spirit - The Nine Biblical Attributes – Sanctification"**

### HAGGAI

	<p><i>"First day of the sixth month" (1:1)</i></p> <p><b>First Message:</b></p> <p>Rebuild God's temple</p> <p>Rebuke</p> <p>Reflection</p> <p>Divine discipline</p> <p>Repentant response</p> <p>"I am with you"</p> <p>CHAPTER 1</p>	<p><i>"Twenty-fourth day of the sixth month" (1:15)</i></p> <p>Almost a month of silence</p> <p><i>"Twenty-fifth [day] of the seventh month" (2:1)</i></p> <p><b>Second, Third and Fourth Messages:</b></p> <p>Encouragement and Hope</p> <p>"Take courage!"</p> <p>"I will bless you!"</p> <p>"I have chosen you!"</p> <p>CHAPTER 2</p> <p><i>"Twenty-fourth [day] of the ninth month" (2:10)</i></p>
Time	Twenty-three days	Over two months
Emphasis	Practical, negative, confronting	Spiritual, positive, comforting
Scope	Present condition of Jerusalem temple	Future glory of God's house
Theme	We must put God first in order to experience His blessings.	
Key Verses	1:4-5; 2:7-9	
Christ in Haggai	Christ's presence in this temple, which was further expanded and adorned by Herod, is "the latter glory . . . greater than the former" (2:9). Jesus is "our peace" (Ephesians 2:14). His death on the cross has made us at peace with God now, and His future rule in His glorious Kingdom will establish worldwide peace (Haggai 2:9). The righteous leader Zerubbabel is also a type of Christ and part of Jesus's genealogy.	

