

Minor Prophets
Haggai
Lesson 3

Text: **Haggai 2:20-23**

I. Look Ahead, Vs.20-23

A. A Message to Zerubbabel,

i. **Zerubbabel,**

Jeremiah 22:24-30 “As I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;²⁵And I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of *them* whose face thou fearest, even into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans.²⁶And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.²⁷But to the land whereunto they desire to return, thither shall they not return.²⁸Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol? *is he* a vessel *wherein is* no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they know not?²⁹O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.³⁰Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man *that* shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.”

II Kings 24:9 “And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done.”

ii. **God still Uses Zerubbabel,**

B. God Sends a Word of Encouragement,

i. **You may be small, But Your God Is Not,**

ii. **You are My Ambassador,**

II Corinthians 5:20 “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God”

iii. **There is a day coming,**

C. Practical lessons form Haggai,

i. **God initiates, Sustains, and encourages His work through His word,**

ii. **The Work of God is Team Work,**

Ephesians 4:15&16 “But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:¹⁶From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

I Corinthians 3:9 “For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry,*ye are* God’s building. ”

iii. **There is always Hope,**

Hebrews 4:16 “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

iv. **God should take First Place in all Our Lives,**

Matthew 6:33 “**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**”

v. **Without the Presence of God, we labor in vain,**

Philippians 2:13 “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure. ”