

**02 – Haggai 2:1-9 – Kingdom perspective**

How do we reflect the glory of the sovereign Lord of all the universe to the people in this world?

**Haggai so far**

... built themselves great houses but ... no real effort to rebuild the house of God

... response had been wonderful.

17<sup>th</sup> Oct 520 BC = 21<sup>st</sup> Day of the seventh month.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - festival of trumpets.
- 10<sup>th</sup> - day of atonement
- 15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> - festival of tabernacles

... right at this time, 400 years earlier ... Solomon dedicated the temple.

**Haggai exposes a problem with the rebuild**

Haggai 2:3, “who among you saw the former house in all its glory?”

verse 3 ... “looks like nothing”.

Verse 4, “be strong ... and work ... for I am with you”.

Verse 5 ... his Spirit remains with them.

**What God is going to do**

- 1) verse 6 ... God says that he will shake the heavens and earth the sea and the dry land.

he “will fill his house with glory”

see 1 Kings 8:10 ... God descends on the Holy of Holies

- 2) Haggai 2:9 ... and there will be peace.

**For us today**

- 1) Not (all of it is) a promise to us

- 2) God’s promise of greater glory revealed

... not tied to the physical temple rebuilds

... perfectly fulfilled in the coming of Jesus ... because ...

Firstly, Jesus displays God’s presence and God’s glory perfectly.

John 1:14 “*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*”

**Revelation 21:22-26, in heaven there is no physical temple**

**Secondly, ... there will be peace.**

**John 10:10 ... life in all abundance.**

### **3) The Glory of God today**

**Jesus fulfils the purpose of the temple.**

**John 2:19 ... destroying the temple and rebuilding it in three days.**

**1 Peter 2:11-12 *“Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us”***

**Other NT passages 1 Cor 3:5-17, 2 Cor 7:1, 1 Cor 6:18ff, Col 1:9-14**

#### **A danger here**

**God’s glory is better displayed by what has led to me pursuing godliness in the first place.**

**1 Peter 3:15 ... always be prepared to give a reason for the hope that we have but to do it with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience.**

### **4) The building project we are called to by God ...**

**... called by God to take the gospel to the end of the earth.**

**... what discourages you in the task**

**... how does Haggai’s message today encourage you and spur you on to start doing so?**