Post-Exile Literature—9 Haggai—3

## THE MINISTRY OF HAGGAI THE COMING GLORY (Haggai 2:1-23)

## I. The ENCOURAGEMENT of the Lord (Haggai 2:1-9)

- A. Timing: the  $2^{nd}$  year of the King Darius, the  $21^{st}$  day of the  $7^{th}$  month
- B. Source: from the LORD, through the PROPHET
- C. Target: Zerubbabel, the GOVERNOR; and Jeshua, the HIGH PRIEST, and the REMNANT
- D. Message of ENCOURAGEMENT
  - 1. This was not a NEW building, but a RESTORATION of the original
  - 2. He was acknowledging their DISAPPOINTMENT
  - 3. He encouraged them to "WORK, for I AM WITH YOU!"
  - 4. He promised, "My Spirit is ABIDING in your MIDST"
- E. A look AHEAD
  - 1. God will SHAKE CREATION
  - 2. God will disturb ALL the NATIONS to bring their WEALTH to Israel
  - 3. The latter glory of the Temple will be GREATER than the former
  - 4. God will bring ULTIMATE and lasting PEACE

## II. CAUSE and EFFECT (Haggai 2:10-19)

- A. Timing: the  $2^{nd}$  year of the King Darius, the  $24^{th}$  day of the  $9^{th}$  month
- B. The principle of the CLEAN and the UNCLEAN
  - 1. Contact with something sanctified DOES NOT sanctify the unsanctified
  - 2. Contact with the unclean DOES defile the uncontaminated
- C. Message of application
  - 1. Everything Israel TOUCHED became DEFILED
  - 2. Before reconstruction began, God SMOTE everything they did
  - 3. "From this day on I WILL BLESS YOU"

## III. Zerubbabel and the MESSIAH (Haggai 2:20-23)

- A. Timing: the  $2^{nd}$  year of the King Darius, the  $24^{th}$  day of the  $9^{th}$  month
- B. Target: ONLY Zerubbabel, the governor
- C. Message (cf. 2:6)
  - 1. God promises JUDGMENT on the NATIONS
  - 2. It includes the DESTRUCTION of all OPPOSITION
  - 3. God declares that He has CHOSEN Zerubbabel "My SERVANT"
  - 4. God promises to make Zerubbabel "like a SIGNET"