

Christ Fellowship

Series. Minor Prophets
Lesson 22
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“Haggai”

Healing False Fear! Restoring Scarred Souls!

I. The setting (Hag 2:20-21a)

Sin and its consequences are serious! It has left its mark in my life.

II. Zerubbabel's fear removed: through the Lord's Plan and his Special Part in that plan. (Hag 2:21b-23)

A. Zerubbabel's fear is removed because the Lord has a plan. (Hag 2:21b-22)

cf. Dan. 2:34-35; 44-45; Ezek. 38:21; Zech. 14:13

B. Zerubbabel's fear is removed because he has a Special Place in the Lord's Plan (Hag 2:23)

“take” — Gen. 24:7 and Josh. 24:3 (Abraham); Ex. 6:7 and Deut. 4:20 (Israelites); Num. 3:12 (Levites); 2 Sam. 7:8 (David); 2 Kings 2:3 (Elijah's death); 14:21 (Azariah); 23:30 (Jehoahaz); Amos 7:15 (Amos).

2 Kings 24:8-17 - Jeconiah / Jehoiachin was the culmination of evil rule and he did evil in the sight of the Lord (v. 9). He was taken captive to Babylon. In Jeremiah 22:24, he is judged worthless to the Lord and promised that he would not prosper nor would his descendants prosper sitting on the throne of David. The judgment of “childless” is the epitome of lack of blessing in the life of a man. This does not mean he had no children, for he had seven sons. It is a mark of no prosperity through his lifetime and the lifetimes of his offspring. Sin is serious!

While 1Chronicles 3:16-19 state that Zerubbabel was actually the son of Pedaiah while elsewhere he is consistently called the son of Shealtiel. Probably what occurred was that Shealtiel died childless and his brother Pedaiah performed the levirate marriage custom (Deut. 25:5-10). This means that Pedaiah's first born (by Shealtiel's widow) would be considered the son of Shealtiel, legal heir to his name and property. (It is also possible that Shealtiel was childless and named his nephew as his heir.) As firstborn, Zerubbabel was heir to the throne of Israel, within the line of David (Matt. 1:12; Luke 3:27), yet he was marked by the sin of his grandfather.

The Lord's divinely chosen servants
have precious value and eternal significance.