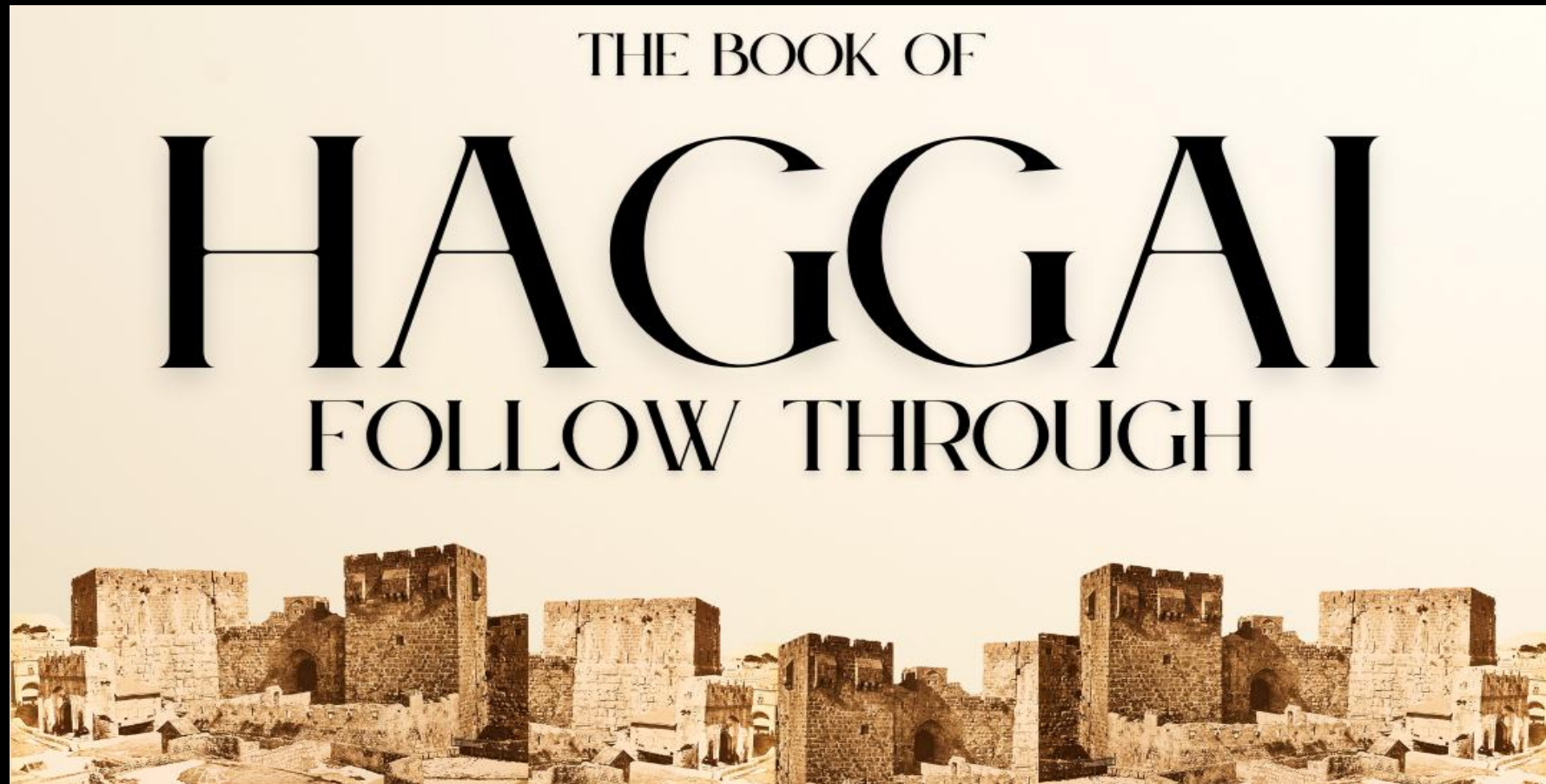
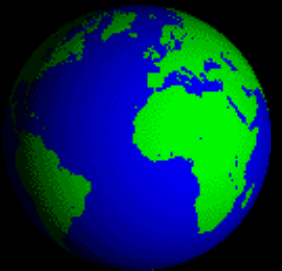


# Haggai - Jesus & Remnant: Putting First Things First



Past > Present > Future



[www.prophecydrive.org](http://www.prophecydrive.org)



Learn from the **Past** > Understand the **Present** >  
Prepare for the **Future**



# ***Inreach & Outreach Resource***



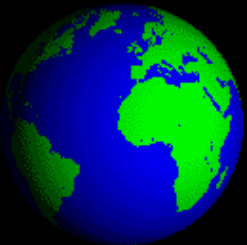
This booklet is an eye opener of what's happening in the world.

This 40 page A5 size booklet has the key aspects of the –

**PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE.**

It's available at the cost of printing & postage for bulk orders.

PDF is available on [ProphecyLive.org](http://ProphecyLive.org)

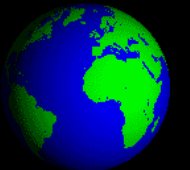


# ***Enter The Ark of Hope***

The Great Controversy between God and  
Satan is primarily over

**“WORSHIP”**

Who will you Choose?



# ***Get into the Ark*** **Sanctuary**



**And let them  
make me a  
sanctuary;  
that I may dwell  
among them.**

– Exodus 25:8

**Psalms 77:13**



# Health Snippet – Yam

## Health Benefits of Yam (Seek Medical Advice)

A yam is a large, starchy, edible tuber from the Dioscorea plant family, native to Africa and Asia. They feature thick, rough, bark-like skin and dry, starchy, white or purple flesh that is not sweet. They are different from sweet potatoes. These delicious tubers can be baked, boiled, steamed, roasted, fried, and pan-cooked.

**One cup (136 grams) of baked yams provides:** Calories: 158, Carbs: 37g, Protein: 2g, Fat: 0g, Fiber: 5g, Vitamin C: 18%, Vitamin B5: 9%, Manganese: 22%, Magnesium: 6%, Potassium: 19%, Thiamine: 11%, Copper: 23%, Folate: 6%.

1. Helps brain function: diosgenin promotes neuron growth.
2. Helps ease symptoms of menopause.
3. Have several antioxidants: cancer-fighting properties
4. May reduce inflammation: heart disease, diabetes, obesity
5. Helps blood sugar control: <fasting blood sugar & HbA1c.
6. Helps digestive health: resistant starch >digestive enzymes
7. The fiber in yams may promote weight loss as well.
8. Extract may protect against certain drug-resistant bacteria
9. Helps improve cholesterol levels.

**Side effects:** *nausea, vomiting, headaches & digestive issues.*

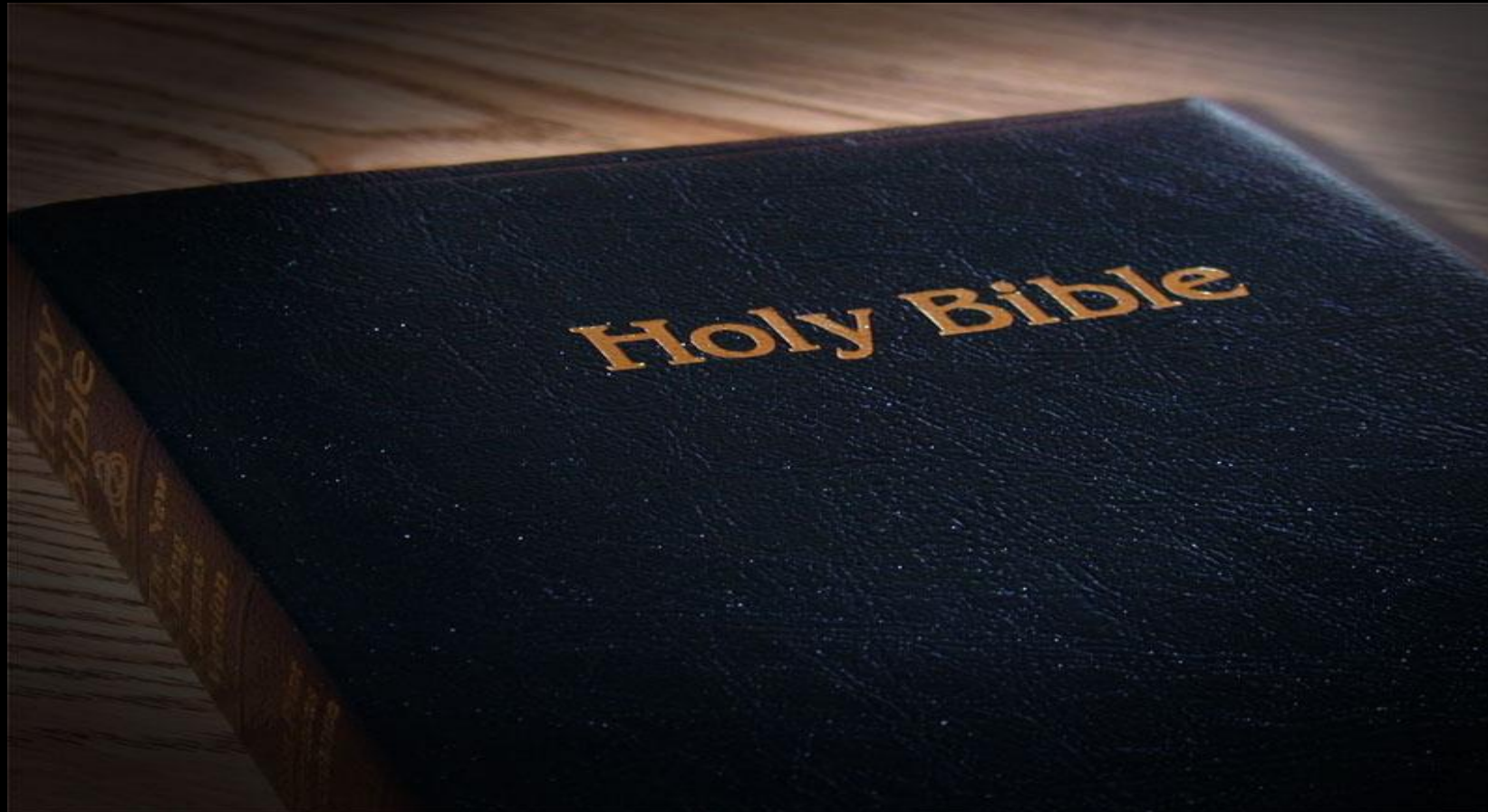
## Health Benefits of Yams



- Promote healing
- Improve bone health
- Lower blood pressure
- Treat eye diseases



# Can We Trust Bible Prophecy?



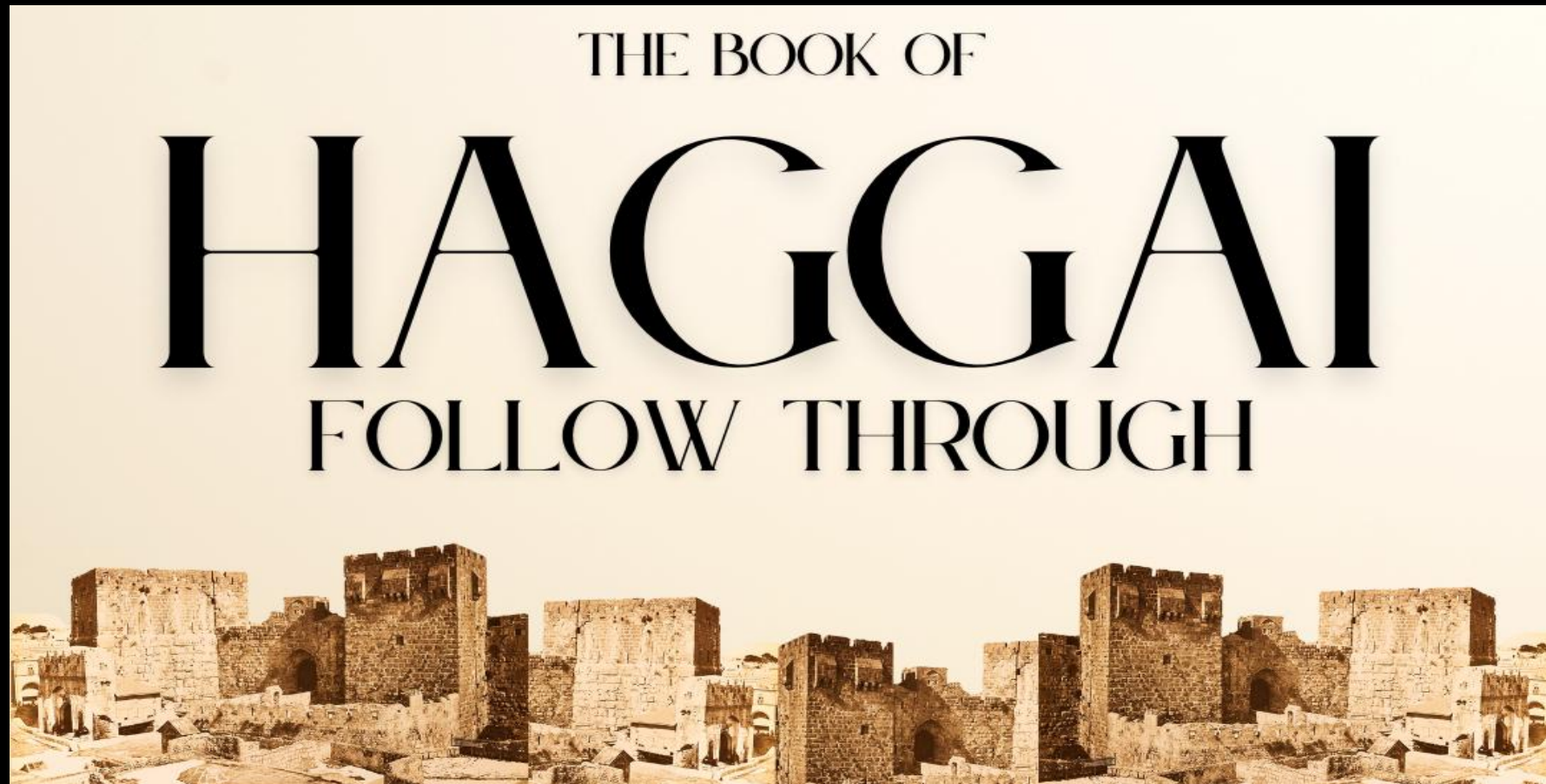
# Yes, we Can!

Go up to the mountains, bring  
wood and rebuild the temple,  
that I may be pleased with it  
and I will be  
glorified,  
says the  
LORD.

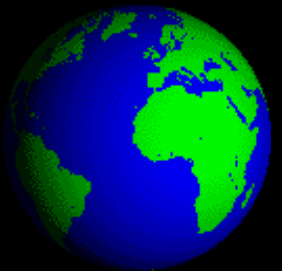
Haggai 1:8



# Haggai - Jesus & Remnant: Putting First Things First



Past > Present > Future



# Introduction

## 1. Putting First Things First: Rebuilding the Temple

Haggai addresses a post-exilic community that had become indifferent, prioritizing their own panelled homes while the Lord's house remained in ruins.

**Misplaced Priorities**: The people blamed difficult times for not building, but Haggai directly links their lack of prosperity (drought, low harvest) to their neglect of God's house.

**"Consider Your Ways"**: This call to self-examination is central, inviting them to analyse why their hard work yielded little profit.

**Rebuilding as a Priority**: The primary theme is the urgent requirement to place God's work at the center of their lives, making it the highest priority.



# Introduction

## 2. The Temple as a Symbol of God's Presence

The temple in Haggai is not just a building; it represents the dwelling place of God among His people and the Sanctuary doctrine (the plan of salvation).

**Neglect of the Temple:** A ruined temple symbolized a broken or neglected relationship with God.

**The Second Temple's Glory:** While the new temple seemed insignificant compared to Solomon's, Haggai prophesies its glory will be greater. The SDA Bible Commentary notes that this was fulfilled by the presence of Jesus (the Desire of All Nations) in that temple, making its glory superior to the first.



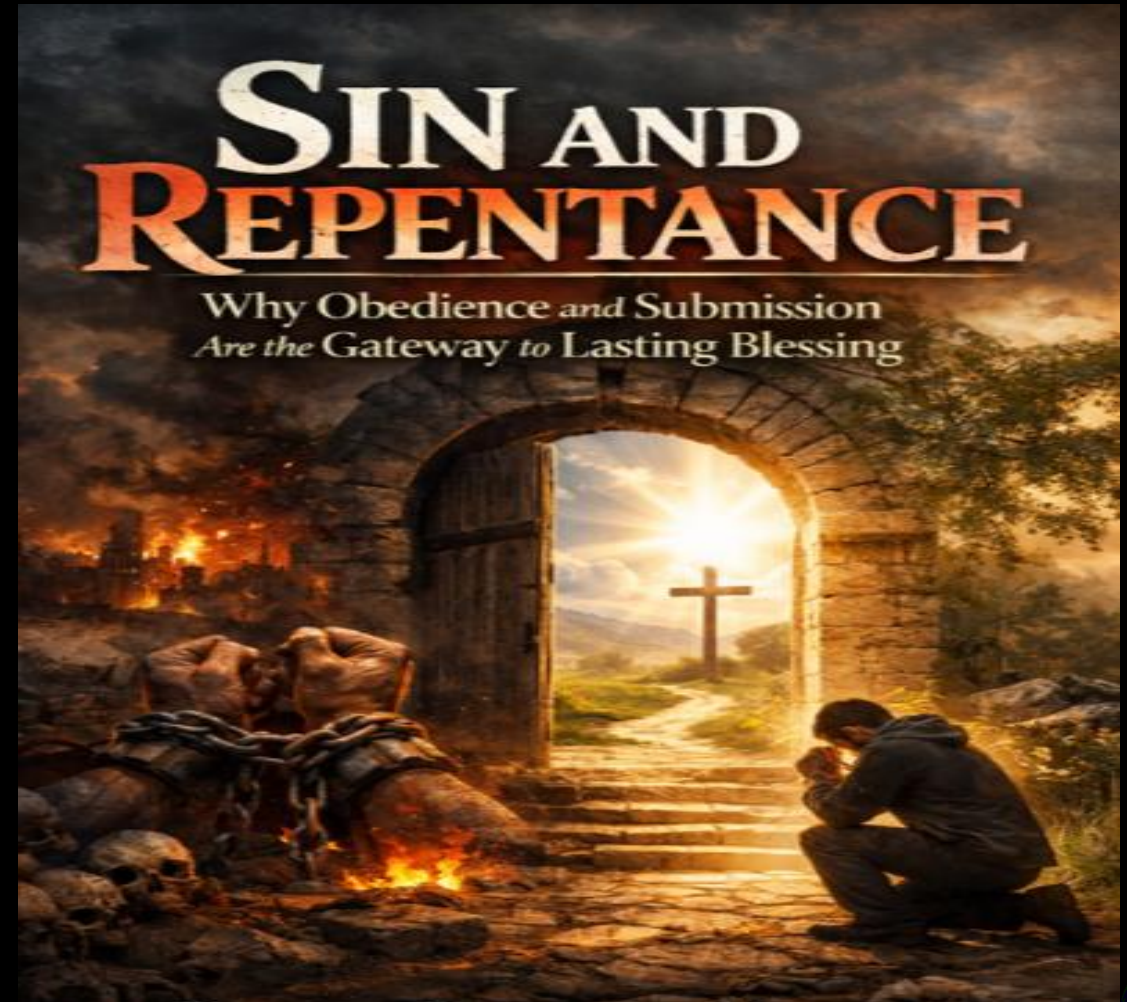
# Introduction

## 3. Repentance, Obedience, and Blessing

Haggai emphasizes that true reformation occurs when the people "fear the Lord" and obey.

**Obedience Brings Blessing:** As soon as the people acted on the message, the tone shifted from rebuke to encouragement, with the promise: "I am with you" ([Haggai 1:13](#)).

**Ritual Purity and Heart Work:** Haggai uses a parable ([2:10-19](#)) to show that simply building a structure isn't enough; their hearts must be clean. The work must be done with genuine, sanctified lives, not just outward actions.



# ***Introduction***

## ***4. Zerubbabel as a Type of Christ***

**The Signet Ring**: God promises to make Zerubbabel "like a signet ring" ([Haggai 2:23](#)). This as a promise to restore the Davidic line, looking forward to the Messianic king, Jesus Christ.

**Chosen Servant**: Zerubbabel is presented as a type or representative of the Messiah who would come to establish a lasting kingdom.



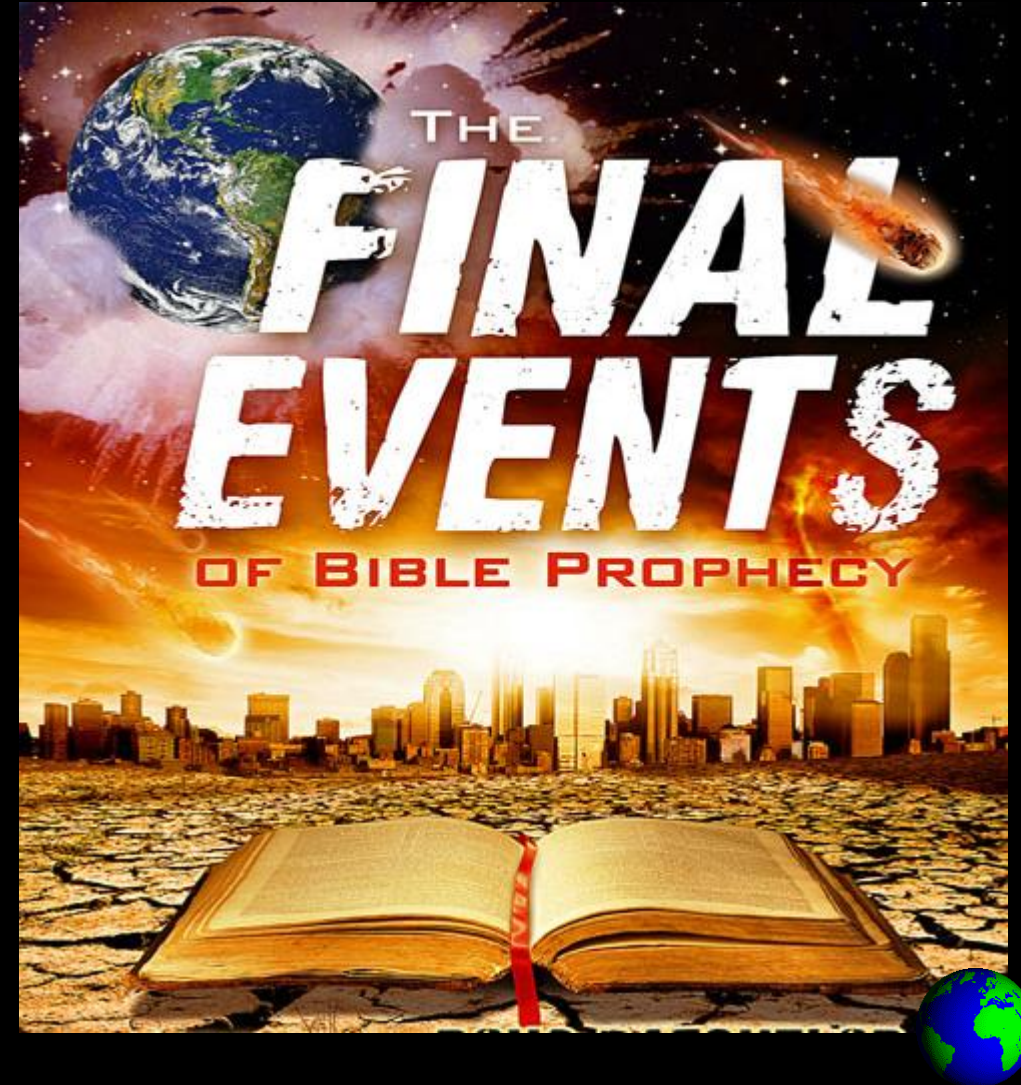
# Introduction

## 5. Eschatological Application (The Last Days)

The message of Haggai is viewed as directly relevant to the end-time "remnant".

"Shake the Heavens and Earth": [Haggai 2:6, 21](#) is seen as a reference to the shaking of nations, the Second Advent of Jesus, and the final establishing of His kingdom.

A Call to the Final Generation: Just as the exiles were called to rebuild the temple in a hostile environment, this as a call to the church today to complete the spiritual temple of God in preparation for the Second Coming.



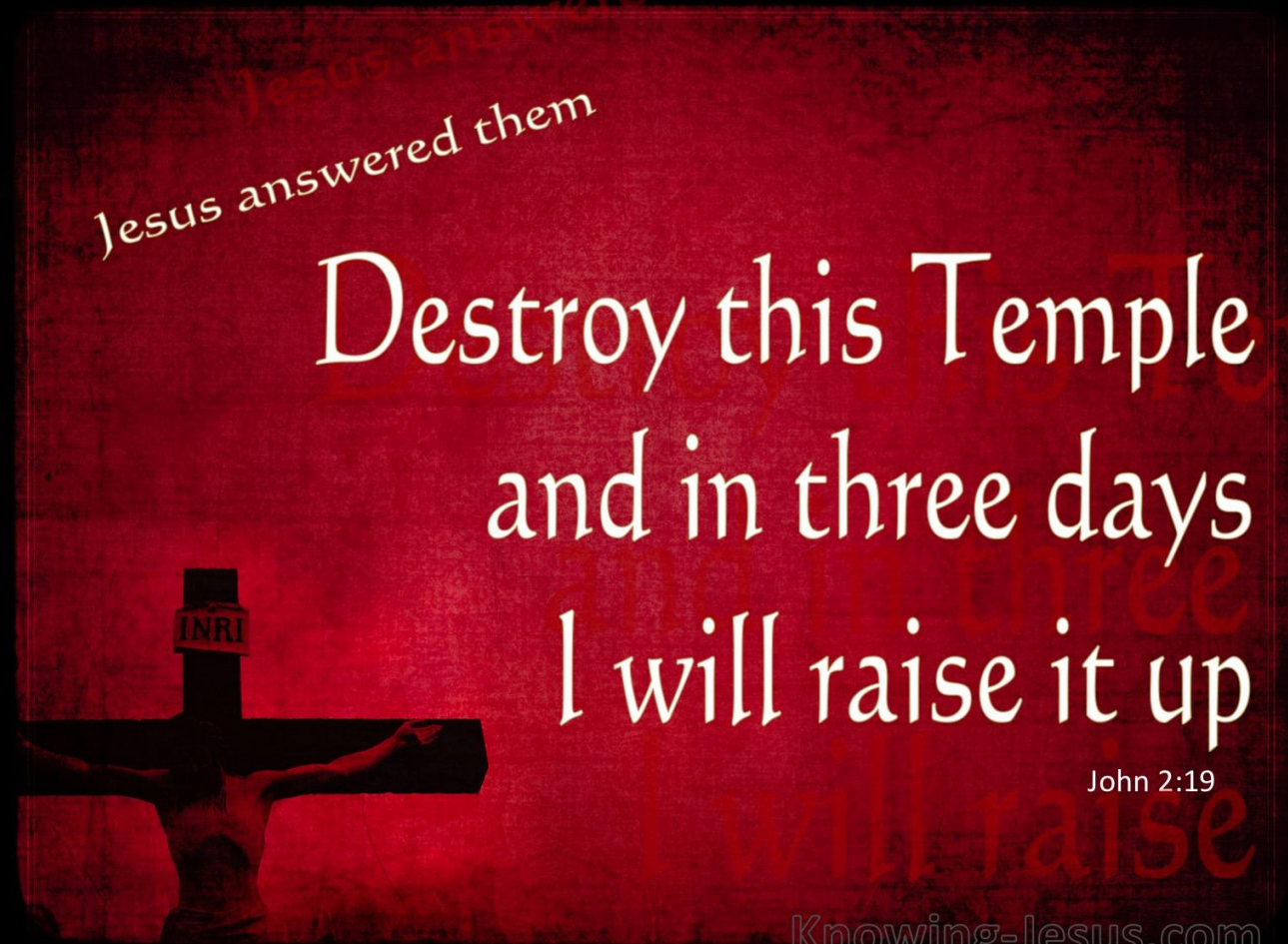
# 1 - Jesus in the book of Haggai

## 1. Jesus as the True Temple (*Haggai 1:4, 8-9*)

Neglecting the temple meant neglecting the center of God's presence and worship.

Today, putting our personal comfort, careers, or pleasures above our relationship with Jesus and the proclamation of the Gospel is "neglecting the house of the Lord".

The temple is a type of Christ (*John 2:19-21*).



# 1 - Jesus in the book of Haggai

## 2. Jesus as the Source of Blessing (Haggai 1:13)

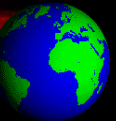
Haggai delivers the encouraging message: "I am with you, saith the Lord".

Jesus is the "Immanuel" (God with us). [Matthew 1:23](#)

When the church or an individual places Christ first, they are promised His enabling power (the Holy Spirit) to complete the work. Obedience to God's calling brings the blessing of His presence.

AND THEY SHALL  
CALL HIS NAME  
**IMMANUEL,**  
WHICH IS TRANSLATED,  
GOD WITH US.

MATTHEW 1:23



# 1 - Jesus in the book of Haggai

## 3. Jesus' Stirring Spirit (Haggai 1:14)

The text says, "the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel... and... Joshua... and... all the remnant".

This shows that the revival and reformation required to put God first cannot be achieved through human effort alone. It is Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, who stirs the hearts of believers to action, repentance, and dedication. [Philippians 2:13](#)



# 1 - Jesus in the book of Haggai

## 4. "Consider Your Ways" - The Call to Self-Examination (Haggai 1:5, 7)

This is seen as a call to spiritual self-examination. In the context of the end times, this echoes the message to the Laodicean church in [Revelation 3:17](#), where Christ calls on them to realize their true spiritual condition (poor, blind, and naked) rather than relying on material prosperity.

It is a call to align our priorities with Jesus' kingdom priorities to avoid spiritual "drought".

I COUNSEL THEE TO BUY OF ME  
**GOLD TRIED IN THE FIRE,**  
THAT THOU MAYEST BE RICH;  
**AND WHITE RAIMENT,**  
THAT THOU MAYEST BE CLOTHED,  
*and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear;*  
**AND ANOINT THINE EYES  
WITH EYESALVE,**  
THAT THOU MAYEST SEE.  
REVELATION 3:18 (KJV)  
**-SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD-**



# 1 - Jesus in the book of Haggai

## 5. Jesus the True Glory of the Temple (Haggai 2:7-9)

This calls the coming Messiah the "desire of all nations."—the one who satisfies the deepest needs of all humanity.

As the Shekinah glory (visible token of God's presence) did not reside in the second temple, its greater glory was the presence of the incarnate Son of God, who taught and worked within it, bringing true peace (shalom).

In the Old Testament the Shekinah Glory would dwell in the form of a pillar of

fire &

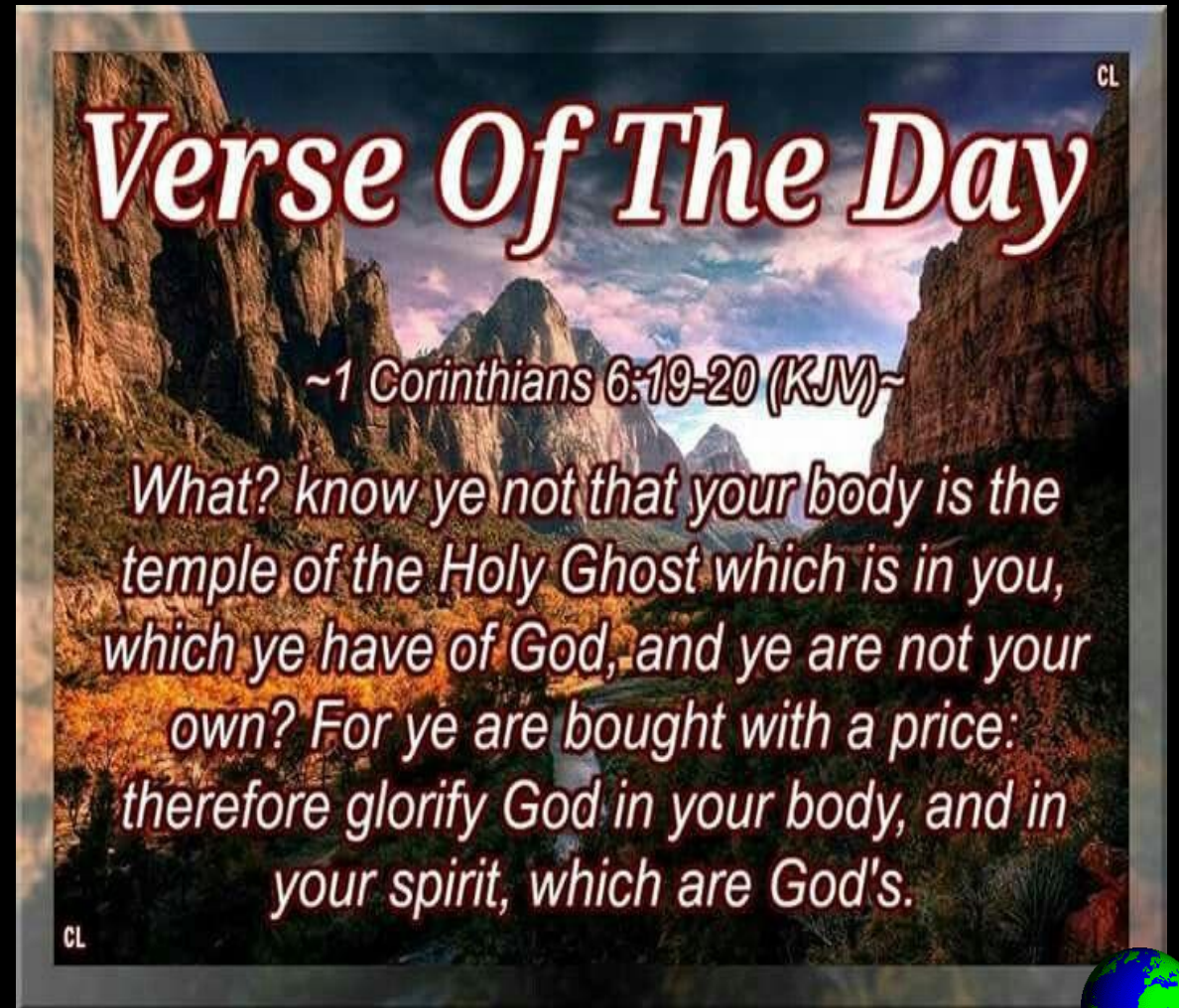
smoke.



# 1 - Jesus in the book of Haggai

## 6. Jesus in the Parables of Purity (Haggai 2:10-14)

This show that impurity is contagious, but holiness is not. This interprets this as a lesson that outward obedience or the physical presence of a temple cannot make a heart holy if that person is living in neglect of God. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**



# 1 - Jesus in the book of Haggai

## 7. Jesus as the True Signet/Messiah (Haggai 2:20-23)

As a direct ancestor of Jesus (Matthew 1:12), Zerubbabel is a messianic figure pointing to the coming Christ.

Jesus is the ultimate "signet," representing God's authority, chosen to rule as the true King.



# **1 - Jesus in the book of Haggai**

## **8. The "Desire of Ages" Connection**

Ellen G. White, in *The Desire of Ages*, echoes the promise of **Haggai 2**, emphasizing that Jesus came to a world that was searching for peace and truth, making Him the fulfillment of all true longing.

### DESIRE OF EVERY NATION

Christ Our Light and Hope



## 2 - Remnant in the book of Haggai

### 1. *Distraction and Delayed Obedience (Haggai 1:4)*

Despite their initial zeal, the remnant had allowed opposition and personal comforts (panelled houses) to take precedence over finishing the Temple for 14 years.

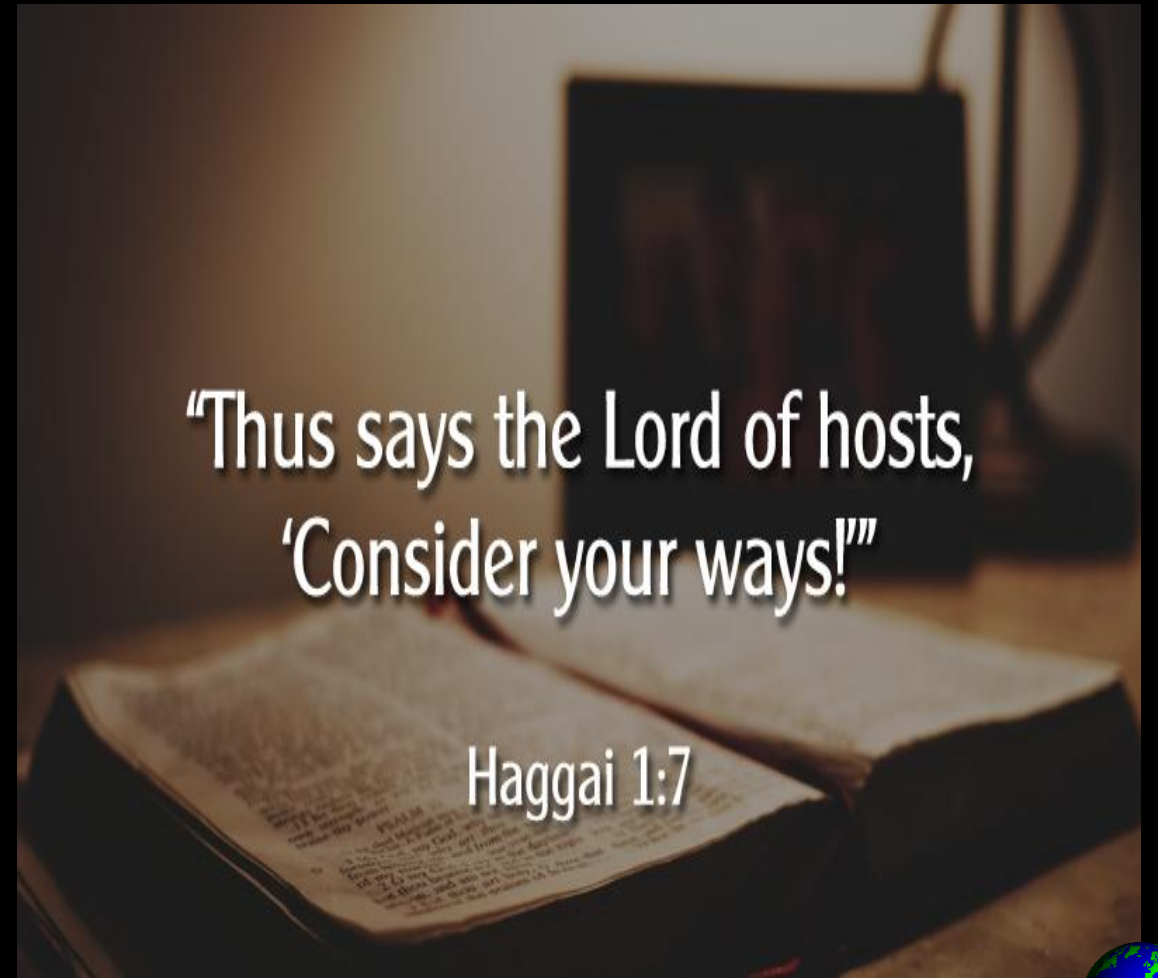
Just like many today, had become comfortable with a life without concerns for the work of God.



## 2 - Remnant in the book of Haggai

### 2. Reproof and Re-evaluation (Haggai 1:5, 7)

"Consider your ways" is seen as a wake-up call to the remnant to realize that their material hardships (famine, low income) were directly linked to their misplaced priorities—neglecting God's house while focusing on their own. [Hebrews 10:25](#)



## 2 - Remnant in the book of Haggai

### 3. The Response of the Remnant (*Haggai 1:12*)

Unlike earlier generations, this remnant responded positively. They feared the Lord and obeyed the voice of the prophet.

This obedience marks the faithful remnant, committed to God's purpose. [Revelation 12:17](#)



## 2 - Remnant in the book of Haggai

### 4. Stirred Spirit and Action (*Haggai 1:14*)

God "stirred up the spirit" of the leaders (Zerubbabel, Joshua) and the remnant leading to a revival that manifested in physical action—rebuilding the temple.

The final generation of believers who, despite being tempted by materialism and "Babylonian" comforts, will ultimately listen to the Three Angels' Messages, prioritize God's work. [Revelation 14:6-12](#)



## 2 - Remnant in the book of Haggai

### 5. The "I Am With You" Promise (Haggai 1:13)

Once they repented and resumed the work, God's message changed from rebuke to encouragement: "I am with you".

The remnant have the same assurance that God will be with them till the end. [Matthew 28:18-20](#)



## **2 - Remnant in the book of Haggai**

### **6. The Context of the Remnant (Haggai 2:1-5)**

God commands Zerubbabel, Joshua (the high priest), and the remnant to be strong and work, promising that His Spirit remains among them.

This emphasizes that God's faithful remnant often feels weak, few in number, and tempted by discouragement, yet they are called to "work" in faith.

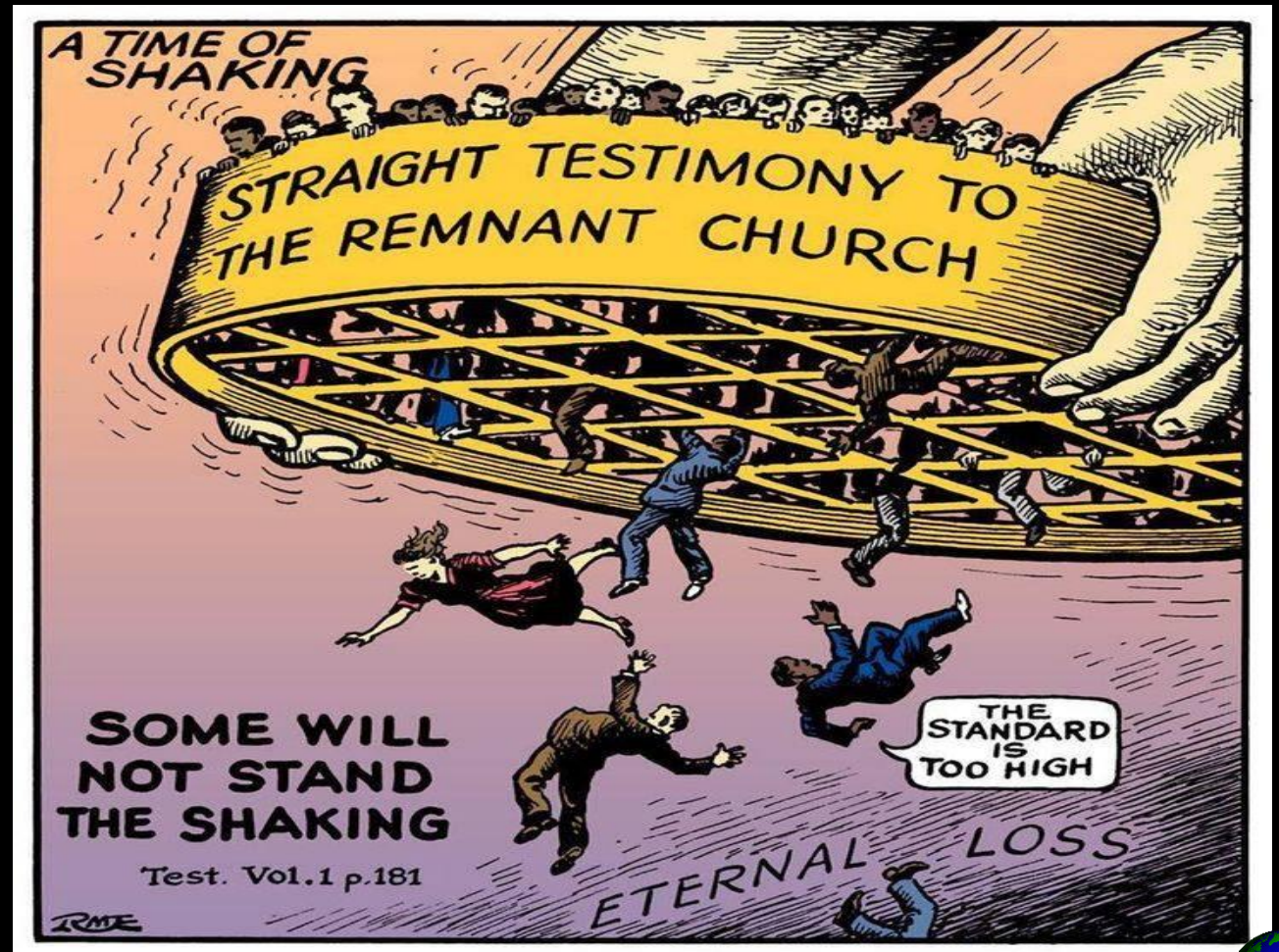
**1 Thessalonians 1:3**



## 2 - Remnant in the book of Haggai

### 7. The Promise of Future Glory (Haggai 2:6-9)

God declares he will "shake all nations". This as a prophecy of the final shaking of systems and nations before Christ's return, leaving only the remnant of God's kingdom standing. Hebrews 12:26-27



# **2 - Remnant in the book of Haggai**

## **8. The Condition: Holiness and Repentance**

### **(Haggai 2:10-19)**

Haggai uses a parable about priestly impurity to show that merely working on the temple does not make the workers holy.

The Remnant Church must be purified from the world. God emphasizes that "from this day on I will bless you" when they prioritize His work over their own. **1 John 3:3**

# HOPE

And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure

1 John 3:3

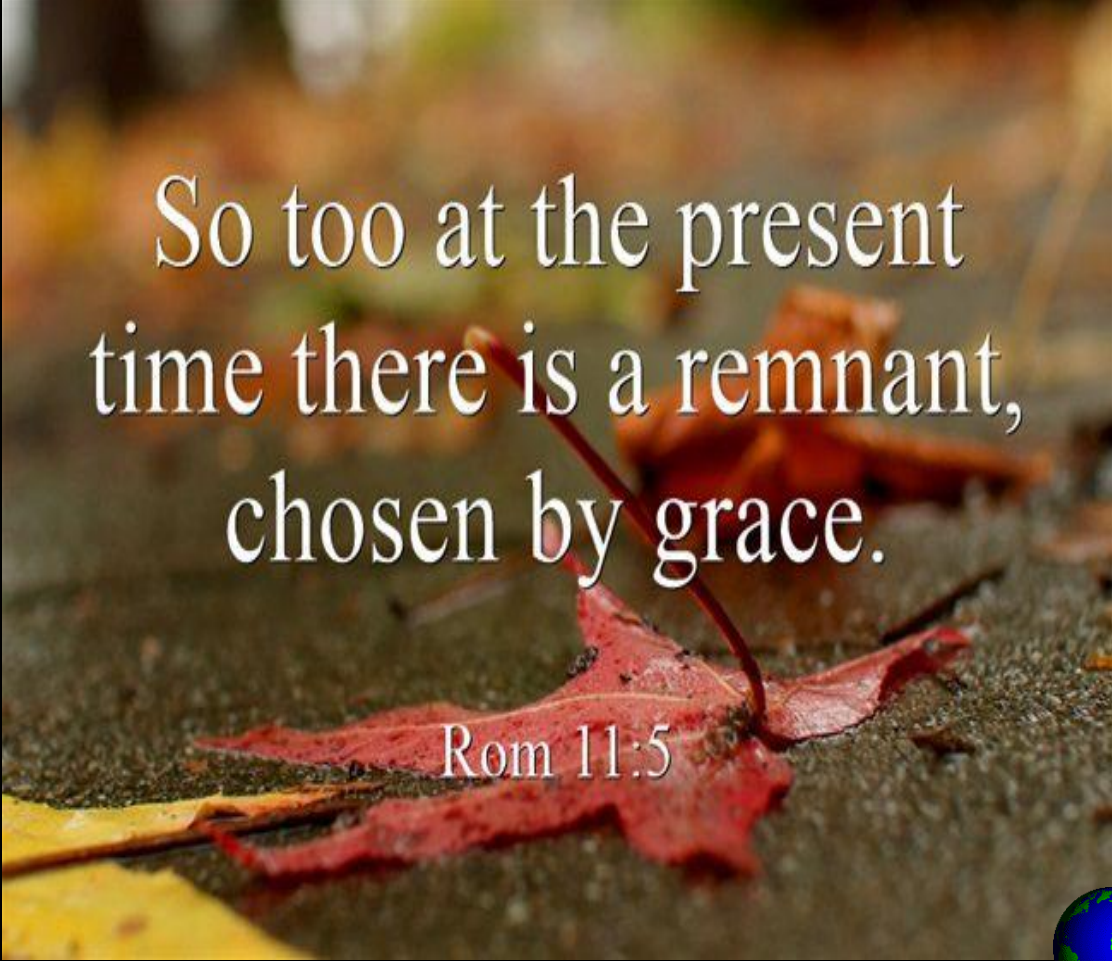


## 2 - Remnant in the book of Haggai

### 9. Zerubbabel as the Type of the Remnant Signet (Haggai 2:20-23)

"I will make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you".  
A signet ring represented royal authority (Jeremiah 22:24).  
This indicates that the remnant is God's chosen, trusted authority to carry out His work in the last days.

Romans 11:5



So too at the present  
time there is a remnant,  
chosen by grace.

Rom 11:5



# 3 - Lessons in the book of Haggai

## 1. Prioritize God's Work (Put First Things First)

The Problem of Misplaced Focus: The people returned from Babylonian exile but prioritized building their own "panelled houses" while God's house lay in ruins.

"Consider Your Ways": God calls on them to evaluate their priorities, noting that their selfish pursuits left them unsatisfied—"you eat, but do not have enough".

Our spiritual life and God's work must come before material prosperity. When God's house (the church) is neglected, spiritual growth suffers.

### "ETERNAL GOSPEL"

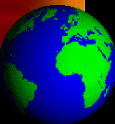
Revelation 14:6-13

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another Angel flying directly overhead, with an **ETERNAL GOSPEL** to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation & tribe & language & people.

**1** <sup>7</sup> & he said with a loud voice, "Fear God & give Him Glory because the hour of his judgment has come, & worship Him who made heaven & earth, the sea & the springs of water."

**2** <sup>8</sup> Another Angel, a 2<sup>nd</sup>, followed, saying, "Fallen, Fallen is Babylon the Great, she who made all nations drink the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality."

**3** <sup>9</sup> & another Angel, a 3<sup>rd</sup>, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the Beast & its Image & receives a Mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> he also will drink the Wine of God's Wrath, poured Full Strength into the Cup of his Anger & he will be tormented with fire & sulfur in the presence of the holy Angels & in the presence of the Lamb."



# 3 - Lessons in the book of Haggai

## 2. Obedience Unlocks God's Blessing

Covenant Relationship: Disobedience brought drought and economic frustration, with [Haggai 1:9](#) stating that when the people focused on their own needs, God "blew away" their efforts.

Reversing the Curse: When the people obey and begin building, God shifts from rebuke to blessing, saying "from this day on I will bless you" ([Haggai 2:19](#)).

Godly stewardship requires tithing and placing God's kingdom first, leading to both temporal and spiritual blessings.



# 3 - Lessons in the book of Haggai

## 3. Encouragement in the Midst of Small Beginnings

Shattered Expectations: The new, smaller temple felt unimpressive compared to Solomon's magnificent temple, leading to discouragement.

Presence Over Splendor: God encourages the workers with "I am with you" ([Haggai 1:13](#)) and promises that the glory of the second house will be greater than the first, because the "Desire of all nations" (Jesus Christ) would visit it.

True glory is not found in outward architectural splendor but in the presence of Jesus.



Do not fear, for I am with you;  
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you;  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10



# 3 - Lessons in the book of Haggai

## 4. True Holiness and Heart Work

Contagious Sin: Using a priestly analogy, Haggai shows that while impurity is contagious, holiness is not easily transferred ([Haggai 2:10-14](#)). Disobedience renders all efforts unclean.

Repentance Needed: The people cannot just go through the motions of building; they must have true repentance and a change of heart, as their past disobedience ruined their offerings. We must be careful that our spiritual actions are backed by a sincere, dedicated heart, not just external rituals.



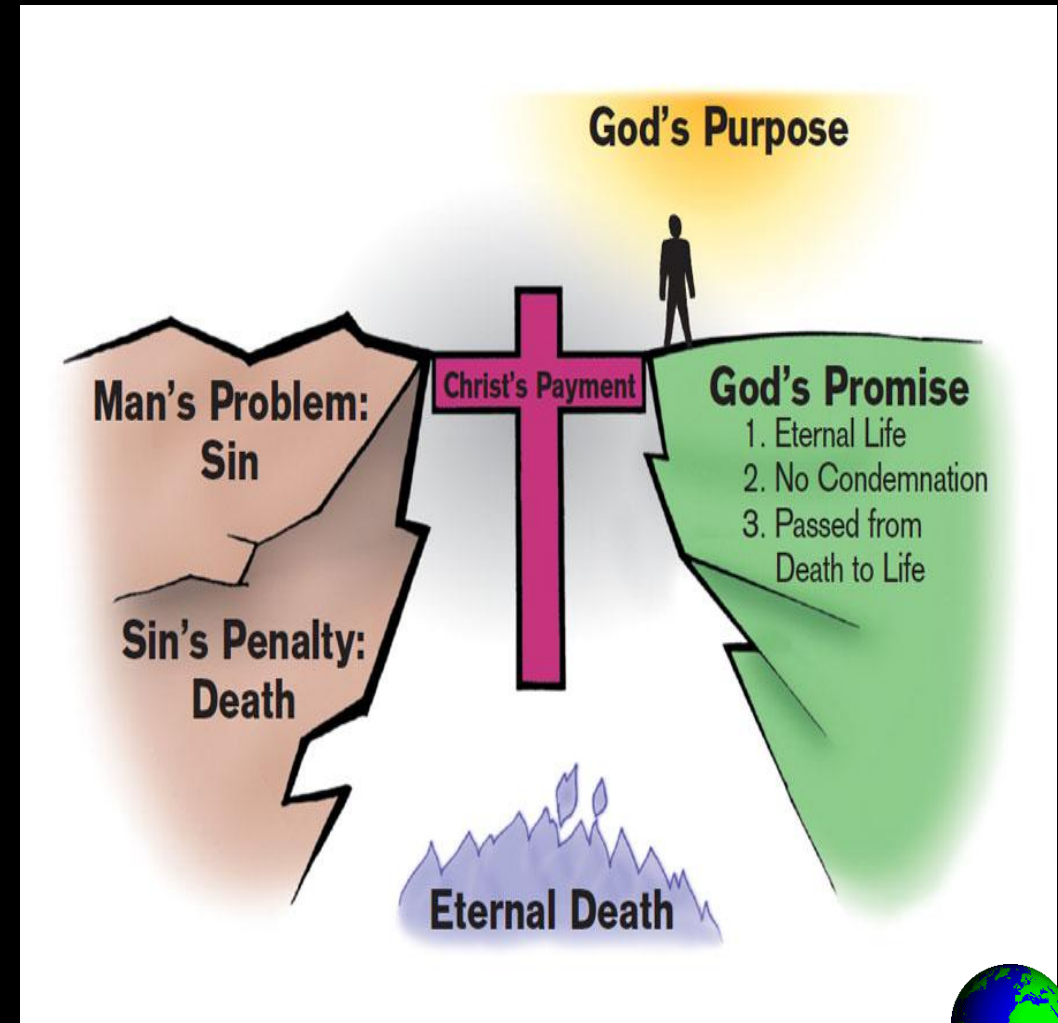
# 3 - Lessons in the book of Haggai

## 5. Trust in God's Sovereign Future

The Promise to Zerubbabel: The governor, Zerubbabel, is promised to be like a "signet ring," representing the restoration of the Davidic line ([Haggai 2:23](#)).

Future Hope: Haggai predicts that God will shake the nations and establish a lasting kingdom, pointing to the final victory of the Messiah.

This encourages the "remnant" to keep working in a hostile world, knowing that their work is part of a larger plan that God will finish.



# Conclusion

**"All His biddings are enablings"**: When God calls for a work, He provides the power to complete it.


**The "Temple" Today**: As in [1 Corinthians 3:16](#), believers are now the temple, and this text speaks to rebuilding our personal commitment to God.

**Response to Reproof**: Unlike many other occasions in the Bible, the people in Haggai's time responded to the message immediately, showing that it is never too late to reform.

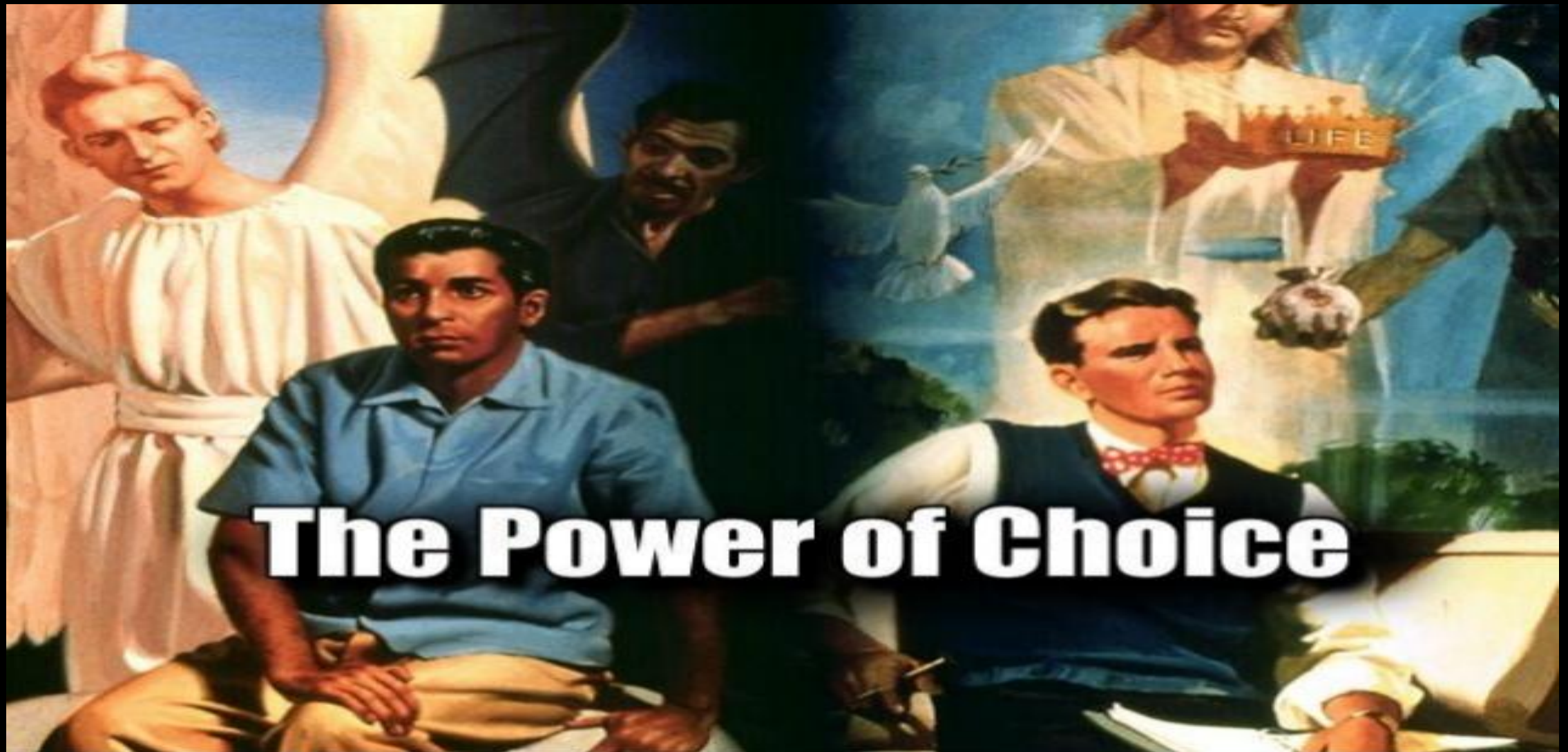


THE GOSPEL  
OF THE  
KINGDOM  
SHALL BE  
PREACHED TO  
THE WHOLE WORLD

Matthew 24-14

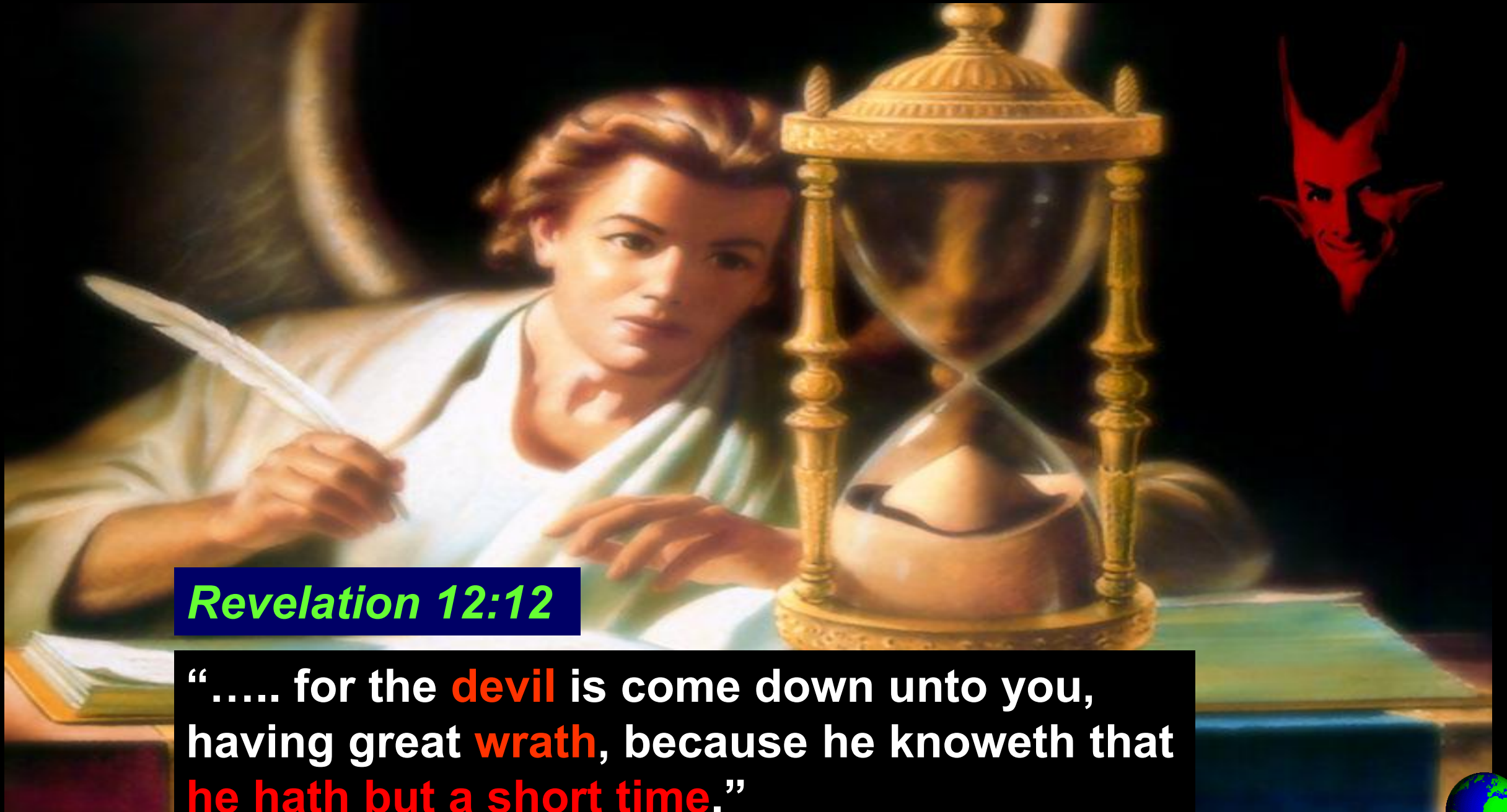


*God has given all:*



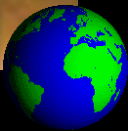
**The Power of Choice**





**Revelation 12:12**

“..... for the **devil** is come down unto you, having great **wrath**, because he knoweth that **he hath but a short time.**”



# Enter The Ark of Hope

1. Diet
2. Discipline
3. Decalogue

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

– John 10:16

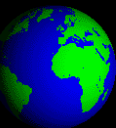
The Ark of the Covenant



**Psalms 77:13**



Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. –  
Revelation 3:20





**THE END**

**ARE YOU READY TO MEET JESUS?**