

The Book of Haggai

Chapter 2

I In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,

Haggai 2:1

- 1 month after chapter 1

*2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,
3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?*

Haggai 2:2-3

- Look at what you had..
- ... or are holding onto now.
- Does that which lay ahead seem poor in comparison?

4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: **for I am with you,** saith the LORD of hosts:

Haggai 2:4

- Remember:
- They had not been granted permission to rebuild!
- The Samaritan threat remained very real
- Nothing in their circumstances changed!

Faith

I Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

Faith

²⁰ And Jesus said unto them...

If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Matthew 17:20

- The greatest mountain is the kingdom of self!

5 According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: **fear ye not.**

Haggai 2:5

- I will never leave you or forsake you
 - Hebrews 13:5
- I am with you always...
 - Matthew 28:20

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⁷ **And I will shake all nations,** and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2:6-7

- The shaking?
- The desire of nations?

The Shaking

The Ionian Greeks had been subjected to the rule of the Persians under Cyrus about 540 B.C.. In 501 B.C., about 20 years after the date of Haggai's prophecy, they rebelled against Persia, bringing on a Persian invasion of Greece about a decade later. Darius, the king at this time, led a great army but was defeated at Marathon in 490 B.C.. Darius' successor.

The Shaking

Xerxes marshalled an even larger army (1.8 million men) and the largest army ever seen. But in 480 B.C. the Greeks scattered the Persian navy and defeated the Persian army at both Thermopylae and Plataea. A year later the reassembled Persian navy was again defeated.

The Shaking

As the Persian Empire began a gradual collapse, Alexander the Great led the Greek armies over the Bosphorus against Persia and defeated the Persian armies at Granicus in 334 B.C., Issus in 332 B.C., and Arabela in 331 B.C. After Alexander's death, the Greek empire broke up and was eventually replaced by Roman rule of the Mediterranean countries.

- Chuck Missler

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- The shaking – of the world's kingdoms
- *'Those who you now fear will soon be removed – but my Temple will stand'*
- The prophetic (long term) application?

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Haggai 2:6-7

- Jesus?
- Wealth?
- Antichrist?
- Double fulfilment (1st & 2nd Coming)

8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2:8

- The two principle areas of concern:
- Fear – of the ‘nations’ (what man might do)
- Fear – of not having enough resources
- Israel were concerned about the Persian Empire and whether they could complete the project.
- God reminds them of Psalm 50:10

9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2:9

- “The latter glory of this house...”
- *“But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple” (Matt 12:6)*
- God will do this... Will *you* be a part?
- Cf. Gideon’s army

10 In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

11 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying,

12 If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No.

Haggai 2:10-12

13 Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean.

14 Then answered Haggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean.

Haggai 2:13-14

Holiness

- Important principle:
- Holiness cannot be communicated by contact.
- Un-holiness can be (cf. Num 5:2,3; 9:6-10; 19:11-22).
- Good work does not make us holy
- *The heart of the issue is the issue of the heart!*

15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD:

16 Since those days were, when one came to an heap of twenty measures, there were but ten: when one came to the pressfat for to draw out fifty vessels out of the press, there were but twenty.

Haggai 2:15-16

17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD.

Haggai 2:17

18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it.

Haggai 2:18

- Why was this day so important?
- It was the day the 'desolations' ended

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- The interval is 25,200 days,
 - 70 years of 360 days each.

(Cf. 2 Kings 25:1; Jeremiah 52:4)

Unexplained Prophecy?

Ezekiel gives us a mathematical prophecy concerning the judgment on the Nation:

Unexplained Prophecy?

¹ Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, even Jerusalem:

² And lay siege against it, and build a and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about.

Ezekiel 4:1-6

Unexplained Prophecy?

3 Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.

Unexplained Prophecy?

⁵ For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, **three hundred and ninety days:** so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

⁶ And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah **forty days:** I have appointed thee each day for a year.

Unexplained Prophecy?

- Ezekiel prophecies a total of 430 years of judgment against Israel as a Nation
- 70 years are accounted for in Babylon
- We are left with 360 years of judgment unaccounted for.
- However we are given a clue in Leviticus 26...

Unexplained Prophecy?

14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

15 And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant:

16 I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart:

Lev 26:14-18

Unexplained Prophecy?

16b and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

18 And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.

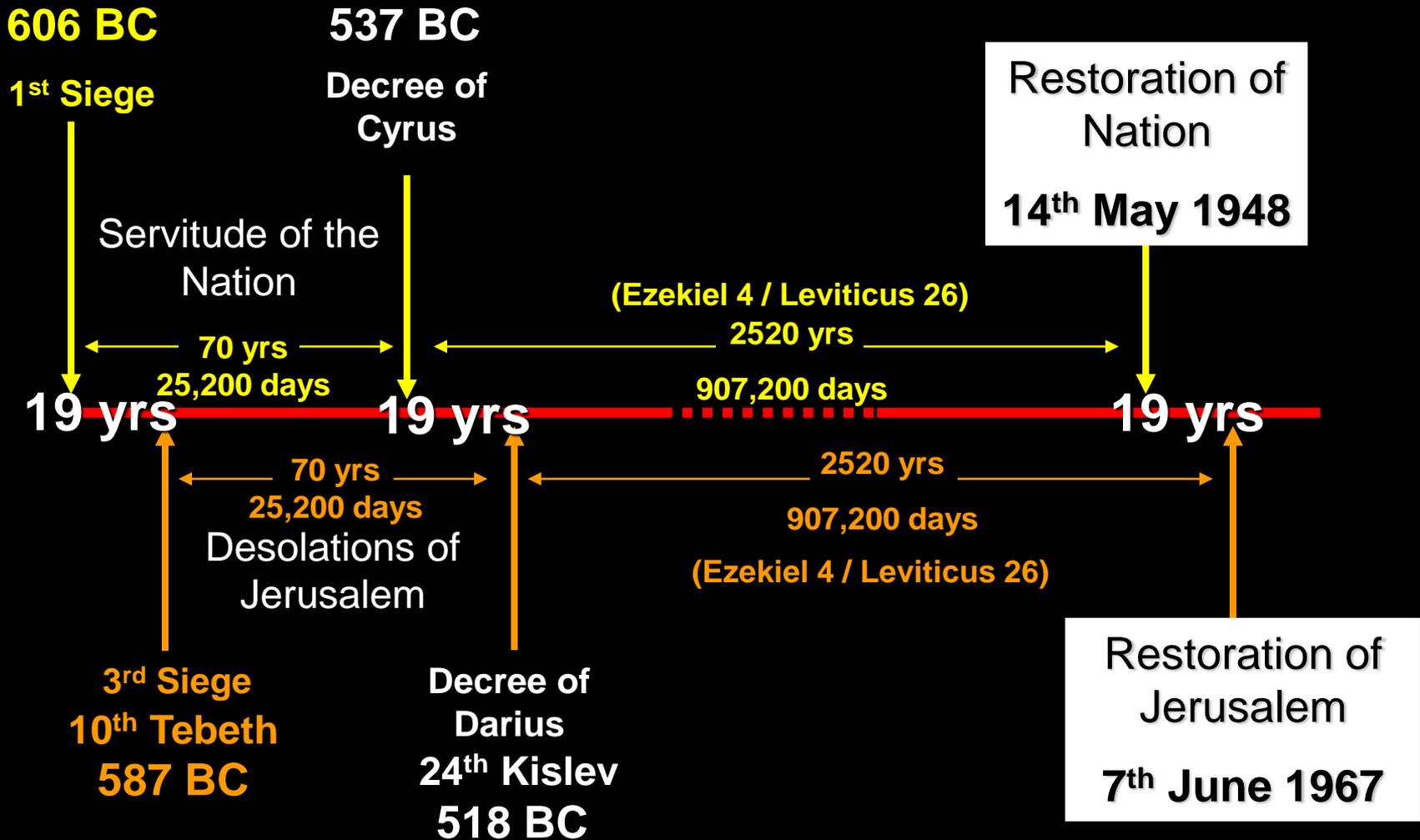
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- This 'seven time more' is repeated four times in this one chapter (v18, 21,24,28)
- As prophesied, Israel were punished for their disobedience with 70 yrs in Babylon
- But that still leaves 360yrs unaccounted
- Israel still did not 'hearken unto Him'
- So if we apply Leviticus 26 as indicated...

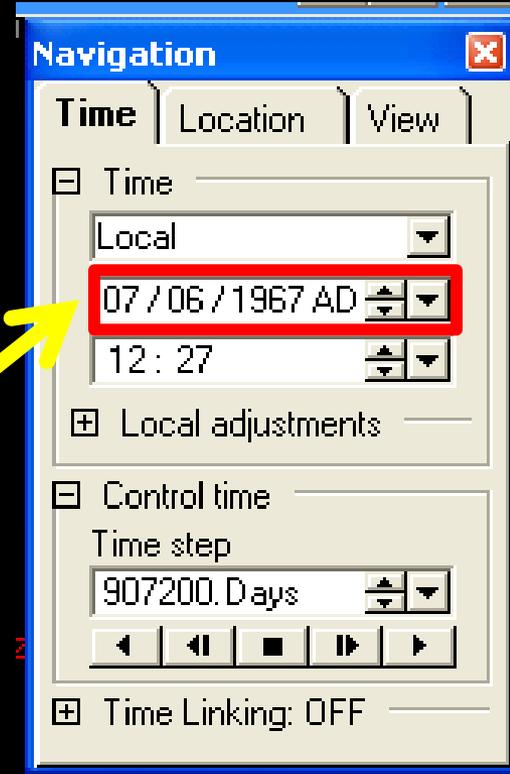
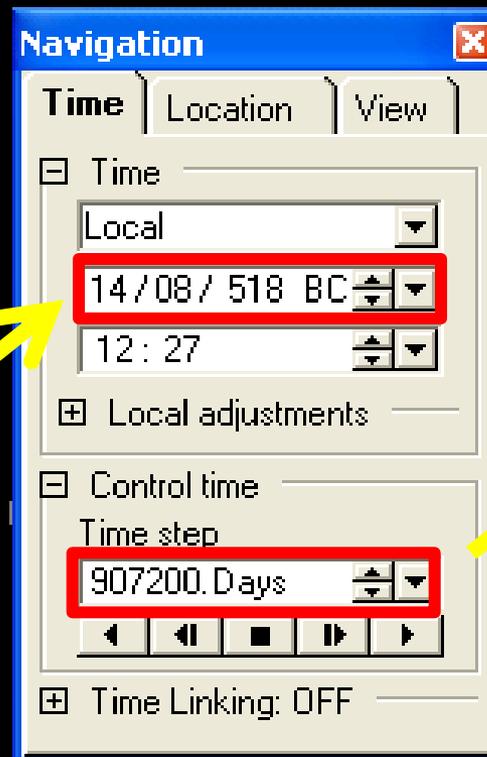
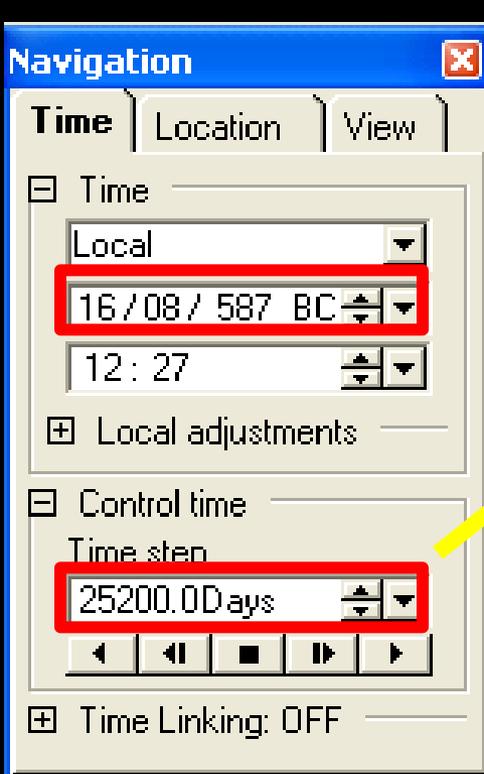
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- If we multiply the remaining 360 years x7
- We find a potential 907,200 days until Ezekiel's prophecy would be fulfilled.

Precision of Prophecy



Desolation of Jerusalem



Servitude of the Nation

Navigation

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19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.

Haggai 2:19

- God had a plan and purpose
- The people has an opportunity to be a part of it

20 And again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying,

21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth;

Haggai 2:20-21

22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

Haggai 2:22

The Shaking

- 25** See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:
- 26** Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

Heb 12:25-28

The Shaking

- 27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.*
- 28 Wherefore we receiuing a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serue God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:*

Heb 12:25-28

Lance Lambert – ‘Prophecy’

Do not fear neither be dismayed for that which is coming upon the face of the earth, for I am with you, says The Lord. Nevertheless I have a serious controversy with the nations. They are seeking to divide My Land says The Lord, the land that I covenanted to give to Abraham and to his seed after him through Isaac and Jacob, as an everlasting inheritance. This I will not allow without devastating judgment upon those nations who pursue this plan.

Lance Lambert – ‘Prophecy’

I have arisen with intense and furious anger and will not back down until I have destroyed their well being. I will cause their economies to fail, and their financial system to break down, and even the climate to fail them! I will turn them upside down and inside out and they will not know what has hit them, whether they be super powers or not. For I am the only One, the Almighty God and besides me there is none to compare.

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Do they believe that in their arrogance they can contradict and nullify covenants that I the Almighty have made? Do they believe that they can change what has gone forth from My mouth with impunity? It is My Word and My decree that has gone forth concerning the seed of Abraham. It will not be changed by man. I and I alone am Almighty. Do not fear!

Lance Lambert – ‘Prophecy’

For this reason a new and a far more serious phase of judgment is commencing. Do not fear, it is I who is shaking all things. Remember that in Me you have peace but in the world tribulation. Trust Me! I am shaking all things so that which cannot be shaken may remain. When all your circumstances become abnormal, discover in Me your peace, your rest and your fulfilment.

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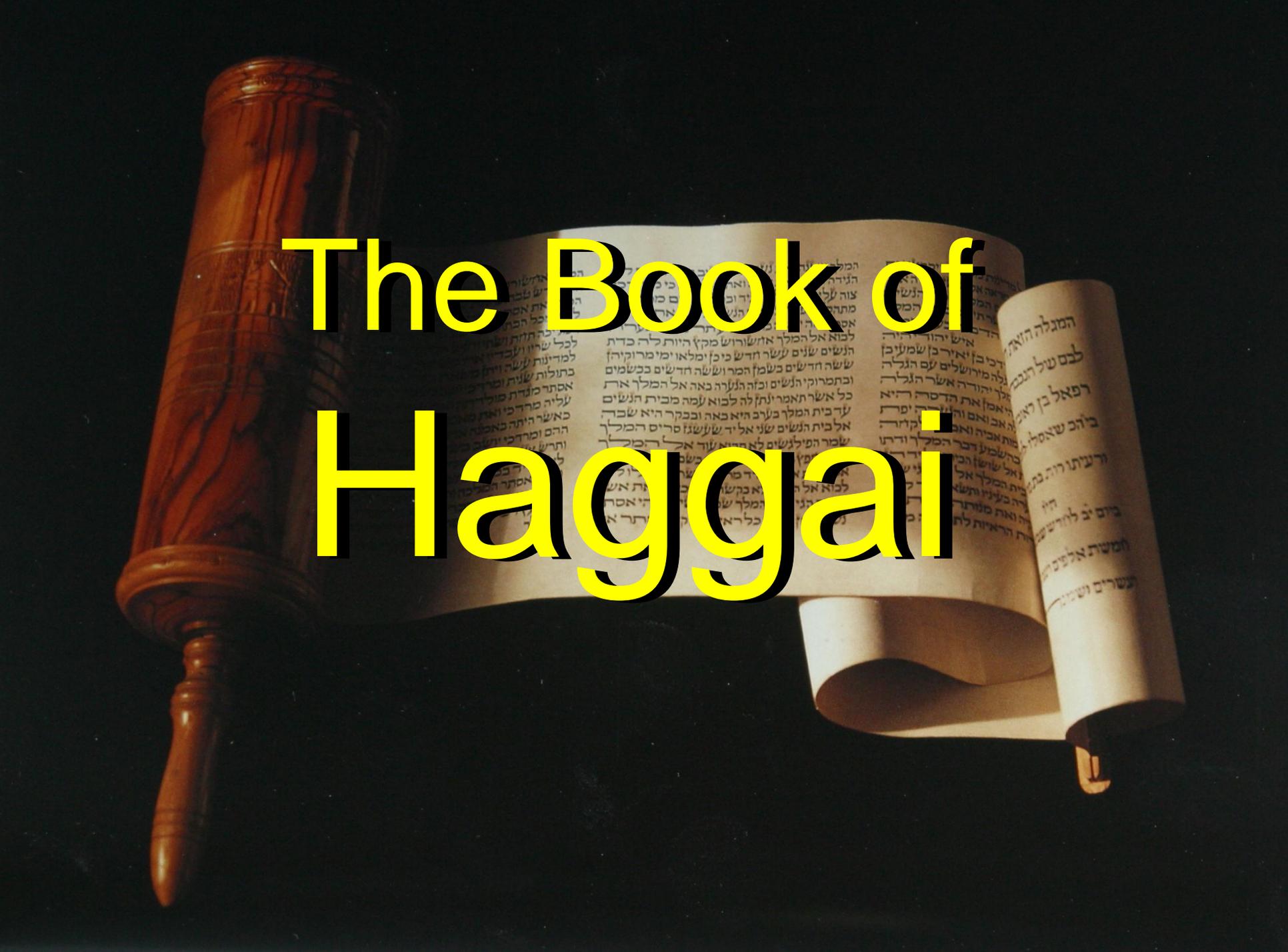
In this phase the old and powerful nations will become as if they are third world countries, super powers will no longer be super powers but countries such as India and China will arise to take their place. A great company of the redeemed will come out of these two countries. In all this change, do not fear.

Lance Lambert – ‘Prophecy’

I know your weakness and your tendency to fear, but do not be dismayed at these things. In the midst of all this shaking, this turmoil and strife, there are two peoples that lie at it's heart, the true and living church and Israel. I will use these matters, these events, to purify one and to save the other! Do not fear, above the storms, the shaking, and the conflict, I am the Everlasting and Almighty One. In Me you cannot be shaken, you can only lose what is not worth holding!

²³ In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

Haggai 2:23



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