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You have not yet been realized then if you think God's partial to Israel you're wrong because the third chapter the first seven verses woe on the wicked in Israel. Woe to her that is filthy and polluted to the oppressing city. She obeyed not the voice meaning the voice of God. She received not correction not from the Lord in order she trusted not in the Lord, she drew not near to her God. It must be Israel. [Inaudible] princess within a roaring lion not a very complimentary picture. Her judges are evening wolves. They gnaw at the bones till the marrow. They put away some of the goodies for the next day. Yes, there you have it. Woe on the wicked. Basis of their guilt is fourfold. There it is in Verse 2. They not receive not trusted not, draw not near. Tell you. There is a clear statement never is the indictment is in doubt. Tell us what it is that God is displeased with. Although all of this corruption existed. God didn't say he had forsaken them. Look at verse five of Chapter 3 The just Lord is in the midst of her. [Inaudible] Every morning that they bring his justice to light, he feeleth not for the unjust. He knows no shame. The wicked don't know shame even before even the living God.

So out broken so out spoken. God's judgment on other nations were warnings to Israel. But they didn't take any warning and what God dealt with in Israel was a warning to the nations. Now Chapter 3 Verse 8 that has reference to the calling to what. It is therefore wait upon me so the Lord until the day that I rise up to the prey for my determination is to gather the nations, this is a plural, that I may assemble the king, support upon them mine indignation. This is way ahead
even. You say he talks about the present. And then he goes with a tremendous sweep in time chronological to that. Yes, that's logical. You must do this in the light of what's yet to come. This is not the end of it. God has not yet, hear me wouldn't finish the end the conclusion. Yet why? Because he's gracious. God wants to populate heaven. The Devil wants to populate hell. And it takes time to populate heaven. That's why missionaries are dying on the foreign fields and other godly ones in the homeland and elsewhere giving their lives for the gospel of [inaudible] to pour upon them mine indignation. Gather the nations that I may assemble the kings and pour upon them mine ending. Zechariah is about indignation you say oh I don't like I don't like to hear. God doesn't like it either.

Did you get a lot of pleasure out of whacking the little ones? No. To call upon them mine indignation even [inaudible] for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. What's going to stop God when he deals righteously in judgement just as he does in every other activity of his? Blessed. You nurse. Yes fourfold guilt in verse two. It existed that God hadn't forsaken them, verse five. But they didn't know any shame. They had never yet become. That we read of in three eight until the day that I rise up to the [inaudible], thank God. This is still a time when God says come because there is going to be a day. As sure as you're sitting there beloved, when God is going to say depart from me, depart from me. The judgment of the nations, Christ will say depart from you wicked everlasting fire.

Oh, that will be the end of the times of the gentiles. It was an end to the time of Israel. This is not the time when Israel is in the middle of God's dealings. God's dealings are what Israel as an object toward the nations is an object but this is specifically the day, in the light of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the day when God's spirit is telling the church. I wake up but arise. This is not a day for sleep. This is a day for activity. And then in chapter 3 verse 9 to
20. What do we have glory after Judgement. Glory unto judgement. Oh, there's gonna be an abolition of all idolatry. We'll all speak one language it doesn't mean we're all going to be speaking English. That would make it easier for us wouldn't it, but it wouldn't make it easier for the Chinese would it? Let's not be selfish now. Verse speaks of the abolition of all idolatry in a pure universal worship of God alone. In verse 9. He is speaking of the Gentiles for then will I turn to the peoples a pure language.

Then the all call upon the name of the lord to serve him with one consent that we're using correct language worshipful language Verse 10 speaks of the Jews from beyond the rivers Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed. Scattered Israel shall bring mine offering. God loves only two segments of the human family, Jews and Gentiles. Why? Because that's why they are divided. They're divided into Jews and Gentiles. And may I just say this as I said before God doesn't have any favorites. Do you know before there were ever any Jews. They were all the descendants of Adam and Eve were gentiles. If you don't believe, it read the 10th chapter of Genesis. Yes. They were all Gentiles, and the only reason, talk about a passage on mission, of vision that's Genesis 12:1-3. I want a nation to use it as a fulcrum to use it as a central focal point to spread everywhere.

Just like you have here. [Inaudible] And you put a little bit of glue or perfume or whatever it may stay that way it may just sink through there. But I tell you if you want it to do an expansive thing, WACK! Then it's just everywhere and that's what happened in the Gospels. Well you say well this is the most marvelous thing that ever happened. [Inaudible] were redemption messiah has come. The Lord said yes I know that but I also said do you when I was here that you get out and tell somebody else that, that's the reason for the persecutions in the early chapters of Acts. They didn't want to go! They loved it so well. And the Lord said I'll see to
that. Yes. God loves them all. In heaven they're not going to be Jews and Gentiles they're all
gonna be saved. They're all gonna be saved ones. Yes. So verse nine speaks of gentiles. And by
the way don't hang your head when you hear the word Gentile there's nothing derogatory about
that as I said it comes from a Latin word, gens, gentiles, this means nations any more than Jews,
of course Jew has an extra meaning it's from Yehudah, praised one because God wanted his son
to come from them not because they were so marvelous. But he had to come from somewhere
and Messiah couldn't be born from. And I say it reverently from a half a dozen mothers, he had
to have one. That's why you have the Virgin Mary and even that by miracle of course. God why?
Because he is the only individual in all of history that was or ever will be who will combine
inseparably inextricably

Deity and humanity. Here it is. All the Israel as well as the Gentiles are going to be
humbled. Ah the Chastening hand of God. And then look at verse twelve. I will also leave in the
midst of them and afflicted and poor people they shall trust in the name of the Lord. That's in
chapter 3 and verse 12. Reminds us of Ezekiel 36. Israel will sing as never before. What songs? I
throw water on the wells of salvation, Isaiah 12 and the great song of praise. And remember
when the Sabbath was over, father would come home from the synagogue they'd take. He would
take the cloth they'd always had a Sabbath, special tablecloth and push it aside. And then have
the cup of wine to conclude the Sabbath. And always made sure some of the drops on the table to
show the overflowing joy. Yes. The overflowing joy of the Sabbath rest. God had given. And
here Israel will sing as never before, yes. Songs of Praise. Great Songs of Praise. That's the
greatest music in the world in our cannon. This prophecy of Zephaniah is the last prophet before
the exile.
What do you mean by exile? Well there was a northern kingdom that went off. But there was the southern kingdom that went off. It 586 B.C. And from 586 subtract 70 you get 516. And that's where the work of Ezra Nehemiah came in rebuilding the temple that had been destroyed. Now what does Zephaniah do. He strikes the two notes so often struck by all the prophets that beautiful [inaudible] what? The sufferings and the glory that followed. Now you're all teachers thank God and you know you always want to seek out those things that can be [inaudible] And do you know how all human history and divine history can be condensed under two post-signs, two focal points: sufferings and glory the sufferings of Christ. The coming glory. The sufferings of Israel and the glory the suffering of nations and the glory. Sufferings and glory the suffering of the individual. I reckon that the sufferings of this time said Paul are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us. Sufferings and glory.

Trouble is we want the glory first. And Lord if you don't mind leaving out the suffering that's okay with me too. No no no let's quit dictating to God. We're not old enough. We've been born too late for that. And if we were born way way early. God is from eternity. Think of the experience God has, and the wisdom. He knows all things not consecutively he knows them all simultaneously. Yes. Sufferings and the glories that follow. Now we come to dear Haggai. I know a dear friend chemistry; his name is Haggai there not too many that have that name. It actually is a plural in Hebrew. Haggai means either my piece. Or the [inaudible] one of the three post captivity books of the Prophets Haggai is the first. What are the three? Well interestingly enough, they do come at the end of the twelve Minor Prophets. Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Haggai. Don't just say “Haggi”, it's Haggai.

Hey guys if a word in English has three syllables will you please pronounce three syllables. I think I'll just about be driven out of my gourd when I hear people who are supposed
to be educated. Talk about "preparatory" There ain't no such word in English "preparatory". There is a word preparatory and you and I have no right to cut off syllables. Some may have along nose and might want to cut off some of that but proboscis but don't cut off syllables. When you speak English, speak English. When you're speaking, French speak French and so on. Yes. Isn't it going to be marvelous in heaven we can talk in any language we want? And all to the glory of the Lord. Every mouth's gonna praise him. So of the three post captivity books Haggai is the first one, what's his theme? It's not going to be on judgement it's on the building of the temple. You say why is there so much of the temple, the Temple of Solomon. The temple of Zerubbabel, temple of Nehemiah.

Why so much on that? Why, let me ask you why God started in Exodus with [inaudible]. That's my Hebrew name Sol-el, Solkie, so they called called me Charlie. He in Exodus 32, Bizalel which means in the shadow of God the great National Museum in Jerusalem is called The Bezalel Museum the National Museum in Israel. Now why is God... here is the tabernacle of Moses well you say maybe it want to give him an idea of hominess. Yeah but it didn't stop there. The Temple of Solomon, beloved was on a 2 to 1 scale of the mosaic Tabernacle. So you have the tabernacle of Moses. You have the Temple of Solomon. After that destroyed you, have what you have. The restoration Temple yes. And then that one is destroyed in 70 A.D. by the Romans. Well you say why is that? Well may I ask you a very simple question don't become displeased and disgusted with me? Why do you meet in a church when you can meet out in God's beautiful nature? I mean when it's not raining you can meet out there. Because God wants to give us, hear me, a picture of a homeliness of family concept. Yes.

And as a matter [inaudible] and besides we cannot live our life just in the ethereal [inaudible] so God says I will have you predicting and prophesying concerning a tabernacling of
God. He tabernacled among us and we beheld his glory, John 1, as of the only begotten of the father full of grace and truth. God is not like the isms, isms, and spasms of our day. He likes things to be tacked down, yes. You have a human body. It belongs in a domicile. It belongs in a home. Just take a little one, may not even be able to talk and you've been out visiting and so on been away from home and so on. Even that little one you go in after the little ones going to sleep and enjoying a long breath. So happy to be home. Even if he can't talk, oh yes home. Home. Beloved, biblical truth. Christianity is not an unstructured concept it's a structured one. Too many people have so many unstructured ideas from an unstructured brain. That's not the Bible.

So the three-post captivity books of the prophets. This is the first one. The temple is gone. God wants us to have something visible. Also, some people say well why can't BSF just go on the street corners and so on. There has to be a central point. There's a central nervous system to the body to give out the orders and so on. So the prophet’s name means my feasts or my festivals. [Inaudible] Nothing is known of this personal history. Why? Don't spend your life, beloved; life is too short don't spend your time on things God hasn't revealed. Some people are so worried about the things he hasn't revealed the things that bother me are the things he has revealed and I don't have enough insight and all and dependence to get it. Now this dear Prophet Haggai is mentioned in Ezra 5:1 and 6:14. He began his prophecy 2 months before Zachariah. Compare Haggai 1:1 and Zachariah 1:1. What are the historical circumstances?

Always tie it down to something so that you can latch onto it and handle it. It was the matter of the foundation of the temple having been laid and like people, oh, they're so enthusiastic. You've been in churches a long while haven't you beloved. When it comes to talking about the sanctuary and all that and oh as they say gung ho about it but come back two weeks later when it means work. Well I'm busy. I have some. What shall I say? Business deal
and the scripture tell us about one of those I’ve married a wife and I cannot come, well why don't you bring her along. You were always with her when you were dating her. People lost enthusiasm they lost it after opposition and work was discontinued. Amazing how these early resolves melt with the noonday oncoming noonday sun. You know how long it was discontinued, shame on them. 14 years. It wouldn't have taken that long to build it. So stirred up by Haggai. Thank God by Zechariah also. The people resumed the work. They began their prophetic ministry in 520 B.C... Who were the they?

Haggai and Zachariah both and that was about 520 B.C. that's pretty much the date. Why. Because it was in the reign, look at that first verse of the first chapter of Haggai, only two chapters. It's the second shortest after Obadiah, there's only one. Second, in the second year of Darius the king in the sixth month in the first year of the month. My that's precise. The year, the month, and the day. Whenever the Bible does that, the Bible is not there to pad the account. It's there for a reason. Why? Show you in a moment, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet under Zerubbabel. Who is he the son of Shealtiel governor of Judah. Yes. He was a notable one. Not only religious leaders but men of God. Zerubbabel. You know what that name means, Zerubbabel Sown in Babylon. Means he was born in Babylon during the time of the captivity. Shealtiel, governor of Judah and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, not Joshua the son of nun, this was a long long time after that.

The high priest saying what do we have here we have here my dear friends the fact that the people had lost their enthusiasm for about 14 years now come these two men of God and they begin their prophetic ministry in 520 B.C. in the reign of Darius Hystaspes . Sometimes spelled Hystaspes h-y-s-t-a-s-p-i-s. Who was he? He was a Persian king; doesn't that blow a trumpet somewhere? In the offing. What does it mean? You read these other prophets. Their properties
are dated by kings of Judah and Israel. [Inaudible] says with a resounding call the times of the
Gentiles have begun. Israel, you were given your chance you failed. I took you back again and
again and again as I did as a loving husband would a wife that has forsaken her husband. Now. It
is the times of the Gentiles. The temple was completed, thank God to Haggai, to Zechariah.
Temple was completed in 516 B.C. That meant from 586 to 560. There are your 70 years of
Babylonian captivity. Ezra 5, 1 and 2 will give you the picture. Ezra 6:14.

Now what do we have in Haggai Chapter 1 verses 1-11 exhortation to build. Beloved
don't get too upset because they say Well so-and-so is a good Bible teacher, he or she. But they
just always exhorting, just biblical you see? People are either fully asleep or half-asleep and just
a small amount of them awake, up, and at 'em. And if they fall asleep and you nudge them a
little, will you let me sleep quietly. I don't like to be disturbed too many like that. Yes.
Exhortation to build, 1:1-11. Come on get with it. The time has not come you see, the time the
Lord's house shall be built. Never time to do God's work, don't have time. Then and came the
word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet saying is it time for you all ye to dwell in your panel
houses. You expend all kinds of energy and everything else and you allow this house, God's
house to lie waste. Consider your ways oh that word consider. That's a key word along with
build. Consider

Set your mind to it, assimilate set your mind to it, exhortation to build, then the execution
of the message verses 12 to 15 of Chapter 1. Then Chapter 2. 1-9. God never puts a task before
you and tells you what the difficulties may be and just leave you at your own resources. No.
What is there? There's encouragement in the task. Chapter 2 1-9. Silver's mine, look at verse
eight, the Gold is mine says the Lord. The glory of this latter house oh this is a beautiful verse.
Haggai 2:9, the glory of this latter house is going to be greater than of the former. Said the Lord
of hosts and in this place. Will I give peace said the Lord of hosts, what are you saying. You mean the temple of Zerubbabel, Ezra Nehemiah that that House is going to be greater than the former, the Solomonic? Why the Solomonic Temple is amazing not only on a scale of 2 to 1 to the mosaic but the tremendous amount of wealth in it. What does this say? The glory of this latter house is going to be greater than the former. Why? Because in that latter house to that post captivity house came the Lord Jesus Christ yes Prince of Peace. And in this place will I give peace. Said the Lord of Hosts, that's the reason. Yes... Key verse Chapter 1 verse 8 what's the key thought? The people of Israel and their returning remnant from the Babylonian exile don't fall asleep on it. He's arousing him to build God's house and he says I promise you blessing. God never asked you to do anything without telling you the blessing connected with it.

Remember that, yes. The hope of future glory set forth to. Will you believe it, my dear friends in these two chapters of Haggai, 38 verses? You know that we have 15 and 23 that's thirty-eight verses we have 27 times in 38 versus the word consider or set your heart to the message or some such expression. Pay attention be alert. Did you notice it, talk about a historian. That's Haggai. Listen to what he, all 5 messages in this book are dated precisely look at 1:1, in the second year Darius the King. That's 5:20, that would be 5:19 here we go. In the second year Darius the king of a 6 month in the first day of the month, the day, the month, and the year. There you have it. Definitely so. Then, we're going on now. That's not the only place he talks about it. Then look at the second chapter, the first verse in the seventh month in the one and twentieth day of the month again day month and year yes seventh month. And the one that came the word of the Lord.

That's the same year as that other one you see then ten two ten in the four and twentieth day of the ninth month in the second year of Darius there you have it in the second year of
Darius yes. Second year Darius 1:1 his second year same year he is so precise about. And will you please. That was what. In verse, one of chapter 2 Look at Verse 10 of Chapter 2 in the four and twentieth day of the ninth month in the same year of Darius came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet saying, I'm not through friends. Will you please look at the 20th verse of the second chapter and again the word of the word came to Haggai, yes in the fourth and twentieth day of the month saying, when? The same second year of Darius must be important. It is important. People say I know don't you worship God in our house. Called a house of worship. I can worship God anywhere.

You know what I tell them? I ask them a question, two words. Do you [inaudible] I can do this. I didn't ask whether you could, do you? What were you fooling? Least of all God, you can't fool God that way. So here, all five messages in the book are dated. And don't forget chapter one, verse one the first time a gentile King is dates his prophesy is noted in the date of the prophecy I should say showing the times of the Gentiles had begun. I believe there is a note to that effect. In the yes in the new Scofield page 961 the first note, the dating of the Hebrew prophecy by the reign of a gentile monarch in this instance Darius Hystaspis reveals that the times of the Gentiles were in progress. For some instances look at Daniel 2:1 and 7:1. Yes. Definitely. Times of the Gentiles had begun. He rebukes them in chapter 1:2-6 for their inactivity. Their excuse was same you know the old saws are used again and again you know what they said.

The excuse was there wasn't time. That's what they said. Notice this verse two this people say the time has not come the time that the Lord's house should be built and they all they don't think God overhears them. Well you know I'd be more active in the church in the work of God, in missions. In BSF if I had the time. And when you do have the time what do you do with it?
You see after we go out of this life. Time is not a reckoning with us. No, there's no reckoning of time in heaven, your loved ones that have gone on. They don't have clocks where they are, no. [Inaudible] no time is given to do something with it. Use time. Don't abuse it but use it don't make it an excuse. I don't have time. I've seen the little ones talk. I forget which one of ours said so and so you [inaudible] well if I have time. I heard somebody say that if I have time. Isn't it amazing much time people take in making excuses they can get the whole thing done before that? No time. Oh, we intend to do something. We know somebody has to be done but there's no time. Oh, that's so modern. It's enough to make the angels laugh. But they found time to build their own houses. The old house oh not just any kind oh please please. No, he says you eat. You don't have enough you. [Inaudible]. [End]