

MORE SHAKING, MORE GLORY PENTECOST SUNDAY 2020

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TEXT: Haggai 2:6 “For thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Once more in a little while, I am going to shake the heavens and the earth, the sea also and the dry land. 7 ‘I will shake all the nations; and they will come with the wealth of all nations, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts. 8 ‘The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine,’ declares the LORD of hosts. 9 ‘The latter glory of this house will be greater than the former,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘and in this place I will give peace,’ declares the LORD of hosts.”

INTRO: The whole nation was shocked as George Floyd was choked to death in front of our eyes as we all witnessed this unbelievable video. In light of George Floyd’s tragic death, I decided to change my message. I have to confess that it is hard for me to make sense of everything that is going on. All I can do is go to God’s Word, the Bible, to get some measure of understanding of what is going on, and to draw hope and encouragement in the midst of the most turbulent time in this generation.

I want to take you to one of the last books in the Old Testament, Haggai. Haggai means “festival” and probably was born around one of the three major Jewish festivals: Passover, Tabernacles, or Pentecost, which is today. Pentecost is when Moses went up to Mount Sinai and brought down the Ten Commandments. Lord willing, we will start a new series on the Ten Commandments next week.

Haggai wrote this book around 516 BC during the reign of Darius, King of Persia. The Jewish people had been taken into Babylonian captivity in 586 BC. Ezra and Zerubbabel were contemporaries.

I shared a message a few months ago called “Revival Hope” and I shared the principle that the darkest times take place before the light of revival. Isaiah 60:1-5 was the text that I used. You can also use Haggai 2 as a text. The message is divided into two main points: (1) “I will shake all the nations”; (2) “I will fill this house with glory.”

I. “I WILL SHAKE ALL THE NATIONS”

A. OUR GENERATION’S “PERFECT STORM”

1. COVID-19: over 100,000 dead and counting.
2. Personal depression and anxiety: the lockdown and financial ramifications, all travel plans canceled, anxiety over opening up, etc. Looking back, this has been one of the most stressful times in my 47 years of walking with the Lord!
3. Economic depression: 40 million have applied for unemployment relief.
4. Racism: Ahmaud Arbery’s death in February. Then George Floyd’s death this past week.
5. We talk about heaven and earth theology. If we want to see heaven on earth, we must deal with the issue of racism because there is no racism in heaven.
6. **It begins in the church. 1 Peter 4:17 For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God...**
7. The greater the shaking, the greater the glory.

II. “I WILL FILL THIS HOUSE WITH GLORY”

A. BE THANKFUL

1. 2 Chronicles 5:13 ...and when they praised the Lord saying, “He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting,” then the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.
2. No one, by God’s grace, has died of COVID-19 in our HIM churches.
3. God gave us \$50,000 to sow into our city. Now we have a new ministry called City Care Project.
4. Harvest Rock DTLA was recently launched. We are already preparing to launch two more congregations!

B. A MASSIVE HARVEST

1. Habakkuk 2:14 “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”
2. Revival history: Moriah Chapel. Azusa Street. Spokane, WA.
3. God’s glory will cover the earth through individuals who are full of His Spirit.
4. Revival is here, and it is coming.

C. “AND IN THIS PLACE, I WILL GIVE PEACE”

1. In God’s house, in His church, Jesus the Prince of Peace will reign.
2. Jesus is still seated; He is not standing in heaven nervous.

CONCLUSION: I want to invite you to give your heart to God. “For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness [*justice*] and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17). Justice begins in your heart.