

HAGGAI

“Build the House”

PURPOSE OF THE CLASS

- To build a closer relationship with our God
- To encourage us towards God's kingdom
- To encourage us to strive after his character
- To encourage us to work in the service of the truth
- To build friendships with each other which are centred around the word of God
- To learn/improve how to Bible study
- To encourage us in our own personal Bible studies

“And this whole land shall be a desolation and an astonishment; And these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years” JER 25v11

“For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon i will visit you, and perform my good word to you, in causing you to return to this place” JER 29v10

ISAIAH 44+45

FULFILMENT

ISA 44v28 - Cyrus by name = EZRA 1v1

ISA 44v28 - Who will say "Jerusalem shalt be built, and foundation of temple laid" = EZRA 1v2

ISA 45v1 - Subdue nations = Overthrew Babylon

ISA 45v1 - Loose loins of kings = DAN 5v6

ISA 45v1 - Open leaved gates = History supports this

ISA 45v13 - He shall build my city = EZRA 1v2

ISA 45v13 - He shall let go the captives = EZRA 1v3

ISA 45v13 - Not for price nor reward = EZRA 1v4

“**Raised**” - Hebrew word “**Ur**” Means
“*Opening the eyes, to awake, to stir up*”

*“... When ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, **the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe**”*

1 THESS 2v13

*“Blessed are they who are **persecuted** for righteousness sake, for their’s is the kingdom of heaven.... Rejoice and be exceeding glad: For great is your reward in heaven: For so **persecuted** they the prophets before you”*

MATT 5v10-12

*“You have been grieved by various **trials**, so that the tested genuineness of your faith....may be found to result in praise and honour and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ”*

1 PET 1v6-7 (ESV)

The work of the Truth faded away because the people became diverted through the pressure from those opposing them.

This is a danger that has often been experienced by the remnant of the faithful in every age.

LESSONS

- We are called upon to Build the Ecclesia of God
- This work inevitably involves challenges
- These challenges do not show God's disapproval for the work, But are there to grow our faith in God
- The work must continue in the face of opposition
- Strength is drawn from the word of God which provides us with assurance that God is with us

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