

DIGGING DEEPER Haggai 2v20-23 – The Signet Ring King

PLEASE READ – Haggai 2v20-23 / Matthew 1v12-16

GETTING STARTED

How do you think God's people were feeling at the end of Haggai's third sermon? Really try and put yourself in their shoes...

Why is the congregation important for Haggai's fourth and final sermon?

ZERUBBABEL – GOVERNOR OR KING?

Zerubbabel is referred to in 2 ways by Haggai. What are they and why are they both significant? See also the genealogy in Matthew's gospel...

1) I WILL SHAKE... THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH (v21-22)

How does v22 help us understand the word 'shake' in v21?

What then is God speaking about and why would that have been an encouragement to Zerubbabel in his role as governor?

As we eavesdrop into the same sermon – how should that same promise encourage us today?

Does it awaken any other feelings or emotions within you?

2) I WILL MAKE ... YOU LIKE MY SIGNET RING (v23)

Check out the background in Esther to understand more of what the signet ring represented...

Esther 8v1-2... Esther 8v8-10...

Also read Jeremiah 22v24-27 which is looking forward to what happened when God's people were exiled to Babylon.

Armed with that information chat about the promise God makes to Zerubbabel in v23...

Talk about where and how that promise is actually fulfilled and let that lead you into prayer and praise...

Meditate on the words of the apostle Paul...

2 Cor 1v20: For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.